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Staff Sergeant Buchan F. McKendrick, 39336328, for heroic action against the [illegible] Germany on 26 March 1945. Staff Sergeant McKendrick advanced [illegible] small arms fire to knock out enemy positions that had been [illegible] one of members of his unit. His successful actions inspired the [illegible] of his squad to follow him in a successful assault on the enemy's positions [illegible] which he secured the right flank of his company. His initiative and aggressive[illegible] in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered [illegible] service from Oregon.

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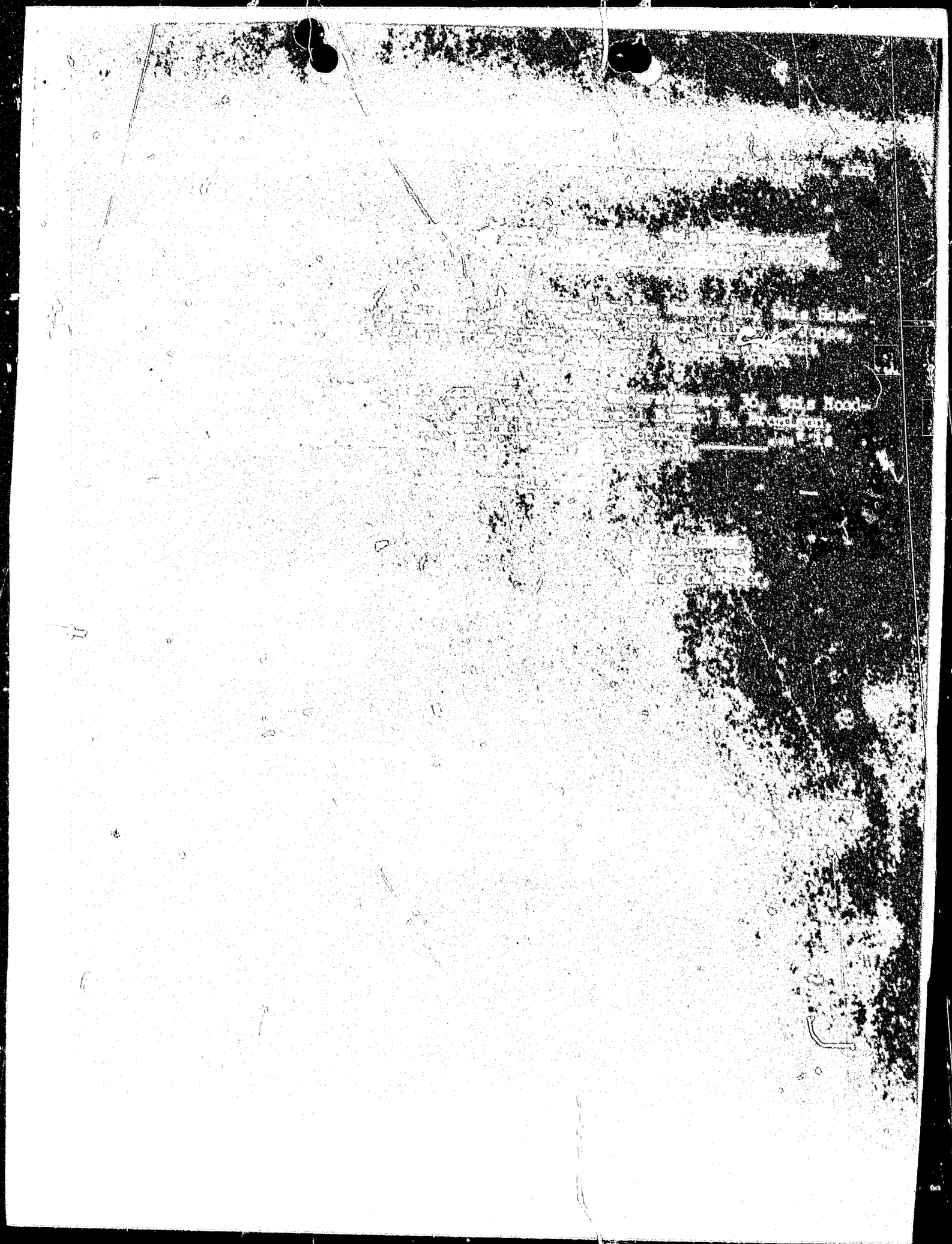
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HEADQUARTERS 17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO 452, U. S. ARMY

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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 Merrett R. Bunge, 36770511, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 29 March 1945. While clearing enemy resistance from a small woods, Staff Sergeant Bunge and his squad were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. Ordering his men to hold their positions and cover him by fire, Staff Sergeant Bunge and a comrade moved forward in an attempt to knock out the enemy machine gun. As he crawled forward under the heavy fire, his route necessitated the crossing of an open road. With complete disregard for his own safety he unhesitatingly rose and dashed across the road. In doing so, he was mortally wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. His staunch fortitude and gallant self-sacrifice on behalf of his men were in keeping with the proudest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

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:

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Ashworth, 021308, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Compogne, Belgium on 16 January 1945. During an attack through a dense woods, his battalion became separated and scattered. Knowing the enemy was occupying the woods in well dug-in positions and in considerable force, Lieutenant Colonel Ashworth, without regard for his personal safety, left his covered position to reassemble his unit. While under enemy observation and fire, he located the separated elements and personally led them to their objective. His courage and tenacity were in accordance with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Montana.

Sergeant (then Private) John L. Smith, 6843521, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Diersfordt, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private Smith set up a machine gun to cover the rear of his company as it moved from the drop zone toward its objective. While he and another man were providing the covering fire for the company, he observed a platoon of the enemy moving toward his position. Sending the other man to warn his platoon leader of the enemy's attack he remained alone at the machine gun to repulse their assault. When the hostile force rushed his position from two directions firing small arms and throwing grenades, Private Smith, with complete disregard for his personal safety,

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remained at his gun in full view of the enemy and manipulated his weapon with such cool skill that the entire enemy force was eliminated. His great personal courage and devotion to duty were in accordance with the proudest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Herbert A. Nebrega, 31102691, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Buldern, Germany on 29 March 1945. In the attack on Buldern, Corporal Nebrega's duties as medical aid man had carried him forward of the main attacking force. Despite the intense enemy armor fire in this advanced position, he administered first aid to a wounded comrade. When he heard a cry for help from a still farther advanced position, he [illegible] dashed across an open field with complete disregard for his own safety. Although wounded in the leg during his rush, he continued on to give his medical services to the injured man. His demonstration of unquestionable courage and determination in carrying out his vital function was an inspiration to all those who saw him. His gallant action was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Curtis Duce, 42117265, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Werden, Germany on 15 April 1945. While defending a bridge, Private First Class Duce observed an enemy artillery position which had been firing at them. After relaying this information back to his platoon command post, he and three of his comrades advanced on the enemy gun. When Private First Class Duce came within range of the enemy strong point, he threw a grenade which knocked out the gun and scattered its crew. After destroying the piece, he covered his comrades with fire while they withdrew. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Delaware.

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:

Staff Sergeant Preston E. Curtis, 33067489, for heroic action against the enemy near Werden, Germany on 13 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Curtis led his squad across a barricaded bridge under heavy enemy small arms, machine gun and artillery fire. While leading his men on a house to house patrol, they were counter-attacked by a superior force. When it became necessary to withdraw to prepared positions, Staff Sergeant Curtis remained behind to cover the withdrawal. With complete disregard for his own safety, he remained in his position until mortally wounded. His courageous self-sacrifice was in keeping with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Virginia.

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:

Major Richard J. Long, 021175, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmannshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Major Long displayed superb leadership

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and courage under heavy enemy fire while leading his party to the assembly area. He then took charge of his artillery battalion in the absence of its commanding officer. So well did he perform his duties that within a short time the battalion was prepared to mass artillery fire in support of the infantry elements. His intelligent leadership was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain Herbert U. Sieben, 0413903, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Brunen, Germany on 26 March 1945. During the attack on Brunen, Captain Sieben personally preceded his company across the line of departure, despite the intense enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he led his men in the assault on the enemy positions. His cool courage in the face of heavy enemy fire so inspired his men that they assaulted the positions with increased enthusiasm and aggressiveness and completely disorganized the enemy. His high conception of leadership and courageous performance were in accordance with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Oregon.

Captain Arthur F. Young, 0469616, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy at Buldern, Germany on 30 March 1945. During the fierce fighting for the town of Buldern, Captain Young personally accompanied the leading riflemen and exposed himself to intense enemy fire to evacuate the wounded. He voluntarily accepted this vital role when his section became so depleted by casualties to make normal evacuation facilities impossible. Captain Young's courage and efficiency unquestionably saved the lives of many men and his actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Frank R. Herbert, 01014167, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Beesensall, Germany on 1 April 1945. In leading a combat patrol with the mission of locating and destroying an enemy road block that had been preventing the advance of an attached tank battalion, First Lieutenant Herbert exhibited superior tactical skill, aggressiveness and personal courage. He personally led the assault on the road block and eliminated it. Later, he located another strong enemy position and again led the assault and cleared the way for the tanks advance. His high personal courage and inspiring leadership reflect highly upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Texas.

Second Lieutenant James D. Phillips, Jr., 0540061, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 28 March 1945. When a tank column was held up by intense small arms, bazooka and artillery fire emanating from a wooded area, Second Lieutenant Phillips and his platoon were assigned the mission of clearing this enemy position. Although his platoon suffered heavy casualties, and despite the fact that he was severely wounded himself, he carried on until the position had been secured. His devotion to duty and loyalty to his men were in accordance with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant Marshall I. Wolper, 01018399, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 28 March 1945. Second Lieutenant Wolper was riding a lead tank with the mission of capturing a bridge south of

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Haltern. As they approached the bridge, the enemy fired a flare followed by intense small arms fire. Glimpsing a demolition charge by the light of the flare he dashed for the bridge. Fully aware that the bridge might be blown under him, he continued his rush, crossed the bridge and routed the enemy covering force while a comrade cut the demolition charge. His unflinching courage was worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Illinois.

Technical Sergeant Roy L. Hendricks, 19079727, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Technical Sergeant Hendricks parachuted into enemy territory that was subjected to intense enemy fire. With the assistance of three men who covered his advance by fire, he attacked an enemy machine gun position. When he was within thirty yards of the enemy position, he threw a hand grenade which destroyed the gun and caused the surrender of six Germans. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant James A. Michienzi, 37570663, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 28 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Michienzi was leading a group of men to establish a defensive position when they were held up by enemy machine gun fire. Unhesitatingly, he worked his way to within extremely close proximity of the enemy gun. Then after throwing a grenade, he rushed the enemy position and eliminated the strong point. His fearless courage was worthy of the highest praise and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence L. Certain, 38[illegible]527, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After parachuting into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Certain assumed command of four men and led them against an enemy position under intense enemy small arms fire. With the aid of grenades, they captured eight Germans. Then while clearing the surrounding woods, he captured seventeen more of the enemy. His determination and bravery were consistent with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Philip Brown, 36069856, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Brown parachuted into Germany during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Immediately after landing, he observed a German soldier about to shoot his platoon leader who was dangling from a tree by his parachute. With complete disregard for his own safety, he rushed from his concealed position, distracted the enemy's attention and mortally wounded him. His unflinching courage saved the life of his platoon leader and was in keeping with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Sergeant (then Private) Harry O. Deaton, 33435447, for heroic action against the enemy in Germany during the period 24 March 1945 to 2 April 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Sergeant Deaton was wounded in the head by small arms fire, but after receiving medical treatment, he returned to his unit. Later he placed himself in an extremely precarious position to deal with enemy snipers who had pinned down his platoon. He then voluntarily crawled forward to drag to safety a wounded comrade, although doing so entailed covering an area under heavy enemy small arms fire. His high personal courage and devotion to duty were in accordance with the proudest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Kentucky.

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Sergeant Richard J. Dunn, 33435447, for heroic action against the enemy near Buldern, Germany on 30 March 1945. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were wounded, Sergeant Dunn took command of his platoon. During the attack on Buldern, he was wounded in the thigh by sniper fire, but continued in the attack, twice reorganizing his platoon. He agreed to be evacuated only when the objective had been taken. His loyal devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Ernest A. Lombard, 12028111, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Lombard parachuted into Germany during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Immediately after landing, Sergeant Lombard organized a small group while under heavy enemy small arms fire and personally led them in an attack on an enemy artillery piece which was laying direct fire on the drop zone. His daring action caused the entire crew to surrender and saved many casualties. His high personal courage was worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from New York.

Sergeant Clinton G. Lynch, 6258150, for heroic action against the enemy near Roxel, Germany on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Lynch and his five man combat patrol were assigned the mission of silencing enemy machine guns and artillery which were interfering with his company's advance. By skillful maneuvering, the patrol knocked out the crew of an enemy machine gun. Then they used the captured machine gun in the destruction of enemy artillery pieces. By his superb leadership, the patrol succeeded in the capture of over two hundred prisoners. His initiative and high personal courage were worthy of the greatest praise. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Edmund C. Powless, 16023392, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 28 March 1945. During the attack on Haltern, Sergeant Powless was assigned the mission of capturing a bridge south of the city. As he approached the bridge, the enemy fired a flare followed by intense small arms fire. Glimpsing a demolition charge by the light of the flare, he dashed for the bridge. Fully aware that the bridge might be blown under him, he continued his rush, crossed the bridge and routed the enemy covering force while a comrade cut the demolition charge. His unflinching courage was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technician Fifth Grade John Grodzicki, 33144235, for heroic action against the enemy at Buldern, Germany on 30 March 1945. While fighting in the streets of Buldern, our troops were held up by heavy enemy fire coming from a house. Efforts to dislodge the enemy by fire were unsuccessful. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade Grodzicki exposed himself on four successive occasions to throw grenades through the windows of the enemy house. By his calm courage and skilled accuracy, our troops were able to assault and knock out the enemy strong point. His bravery was consistent with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Rudolph, 35787025, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Technician Fifth Grade Rudolph worked with another aid man to care for the wounded of several companies despite the attendance of enemy fire in their area

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They organized a small collecting point for the casualties in the safest location in the area. Later they advanced across an open field to administer first aid and evacuate several wounded comrades. Technician Fifth Grade Rudolph's courageous and competent actions reflected high credit upon himself and his unit. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Robert J. Fox, 17069612, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on [illegible] 1945. While leading an assault platoon in an attack on a heavily fortified enemy bunker, Private First Class Fox and a wounded officer were captured by the enemy. By quick thinking and intelligent argument, he convinced the enemy commander to surrender his entire force. The courage and foresight displayed by him resulted in the capture of almost one hundred prisoners in addition to a sizeable group of guns and ammunition. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Fremont J. Nelson, 35276191, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Nelson parachuted into Germany during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Immediately after landing, he assisted in securing communication equipment for his battalion. The heavy enemy fire made it necessary for him to crawl across exposed terrain to reach the equipment bundles. By his diligent devotion to duty and complete disregard for personal safety, he contributed materially to the success of his battalion. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class James L. Winkles, 34766601, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After parachuting into enemy territory during the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Winkles was making his way to an assembly area when his group was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled to the enemy's left flank and opened fire with his automatic rifle. His action so confused the enemy that they were forced to withdraw. His high personal courage was worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private Willard N. Hunter, 6951039, for heroic action against the enemy near Hagen, Germany during the period 14 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. During the action at a bridgehead across the Ruhr River, Private Hunter repeatedly gave aid to wounded men while under heavy small arms, artillery and mortar fire. He frequently exposed himself to this fire to evacuate the wounded across open terrain to a position from which they could be safely evacuated to the rear. His courageous action under fire was in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Texas.

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

Technician Fifth Grade Peter A. Smith, 32930408, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy during the period 1 January 1945 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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By command of Major General MILEY:

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

OFFICIAL:

GABE W. [illegible], Jr.,
Lt. Col., AGD,
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I. 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 Gordon G. Gatch, 01312907, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Captain Gatch and his glider load assaulted a house that was serving as an enemy fortification. Without regard for his own welfare, he continually exposed himself to enemy fire to direct his men to effective firing positions. Although wounded himself, his aggressive and inspiring leadership resulted in overcoming enemy resistance in the sector and permitted his company to form and to successfully continue its mission. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Robert L. Richards, 0523255, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Arnsburg, Germany on 10 April 1945. In intense action against stubborn enemy resistance, First Lieutenant Richards' company was preparing to move into defensive positions when it was pinned down by heavy enemy artillery, flak and machine gun fire. To bring counter fire on the enemy, First Lieutenant Richards exposed himself by crawling across 200 yards of open terrain to establish an observation post. From an exposed position, he directed fire against enemy self-propelled guns and dug-in positions for over two hours. Twice his telephone line to the rear was broken by enemy fire, but with complete disregard for his own safety, he went into the open to splice the wire and continued to direct fire against the enemy. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Marvin L. Baker, 37557797, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, the glider in which Private First Class Baker was riding came under immediate attack by enemy artillery and small arms fire and was assaulted by three enemy infantrymen. Handicapped by a leg injury and armed only with a pistol, Private First Class Baker broke up the enemy attack. Alone, he then charged an enemy artillery position and silenced the gun with grenades.

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Returning to his glider, which was still under fire from other enemy guns, he removed his machine gun and proceeded on his assigned mission. His conduct throughout the campaign was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

II. 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:

Sergeant Hilbert F. Hermann, 35135132, for heroic action against the enemy near Mussenshol, Germany on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Hermann displayed outstanding devotion to duty in the airborne operation across the Rhine River. Upon his own insistance he was released from a hospital to accompany his unit on the operation. As his glider was coming in for a landing during the operation, he exposed himself in a precarious position to aid in his men so as to direct his men in the fight. As a result of his exposure he was mortally wounded. His unfailing service was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Ohio.

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:

Sergeant Laurence S. Erwin, 33597639, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. In the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Sergeant Erwin assisted others in clearing initial enemy resistance from houses bordering the landing zones. He then observed a group of infantrymen pinned down by enemy fire. Voluntarily he moved his artillery piece to within 200 yards of the enemy positions and delivered effective counter fire. The positions were then taken by the infantry without further resistance. Throughout the battle, his aggressive and fearless action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal John W. Cook, 16073133, for heroic action against the enemy near Marchede, Germany on 11 April 1945. Under heavy enemy artillery and mortar concentrations, Corporal Cook went forward on his own initiative to establish communication with the leading elements of his battalion. Upon reaching the forward units, he found that his own platoon leader had been wounded. Without hesitation, he took the platoon leader on his back and carried him through the enemy fire to the rear. He then aided his platoon sergeant with information as to enemy dispositions and strength. The aggressive and fearless action of Corporal Cook was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Charles B. Doyle, 33596841, for heroic action against the enemy near Ruthen, Germany on 7 April 1945. Corporal Doyle was a member of a reconnaissance party that was pinned down by enemy fire. Although the situation of the patrol was grave, he maintained great calmness under fire and fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy fire to obtain observation for the direction of artillery against the enemy positions. In spite of a severe wound, he continued to observe and

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help direct artillery fire and to deliver fire with his own weapon against nearby enemy positions. His conduct throughout the action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Earl Kearley, 14131341, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Kearley was a medical aid man and parachuted into battle with his company during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River. Freeing himself from his parachute harness, he calmly went about treating the wounded disregarding the intense enemy fire all about him. At great risk to his own life, he crawled into an open field under fire to secure a bundle of medical supplies and equipment that had been dropped by parachute. His heroic and unselfish devotion to duty throughout the operation were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Alabama.

Private First Class Arthur H. Graves, 12010620, for heroic action against the enemy near Larchek, Germany on 21 March 1945. Private First Class Graves was wounded in the hand by an enemy machine pistol while advancing on enemy positions. He refused evacuation and continued his job as a machine gunner in support of attacking troops. His squad was forced to take cover during an enemy artillery barrage, but soon after the machine gunners were ordered forward. In spite of his injured hand, he carried his heavy machine gun through the area of bursting shells to a position from which he could cover the rifle troops during reorganization. His fortitude and courage were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

Private Bedey C. Lute, 33506860, for heroic action against the enemy near Bande St. Etienne, Belgium on 7 January 1945. During intense fighting under the most arduous conditions, Private Lute's position was receiving a heavy barrage of artillery and small arms fire. One shell-burst wounded his platoon sergeant and, without hesitation, Private Lute left his covered position and crawled to the man to administer first aid. Although wounded himself in the action, he remained with the sergeant under the heavy enemy fire until help could reach them a few hours later. His superb courage and fortitude were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

IV. ....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:

CAPTAIN	MALCOLM G. HEATH	0477920	MEDICAL CORPS
CAPTAIN	ELMOOD H. MEIER JR	0423050	MEDICAL CORPS
FIRST LIEUTENANT	GORDON W. HIERSON	01052519	COAST ARTILLERY CORPS
Technical Sergeant	Edgar S. Taylor	32021743	
Technical Sergeant	Allen E. Allen	36220320	

V. ....AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE -- Under the provisions of Section II, War Department Circular 66, dated 1 March 1945, the Medical Badge is awarded to the following personnel for service rendered during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 March 1945:

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MAJOR	HENRY B. MOORE	0245313
Technical Sergeant	Francis M. Naccarato	15099566
Technician Third Grade	Evan A. Jones, Jr	33592159
Sergeant	Elmer J. Jakab	35288243
Technician Fourth Grade	Maurice K. Bell	35110926
Technician Fifth Grade	John L. Dickinson	37660579
Technician Fifth Grade	Harry P. Hutchings, Jr	37611529
Technician Fifth Grade	William E. Wood	37521561
Technician Fifth Grade	Samuel A. Evans	33506940
Technician Fifth Grade	Wilbur O. Trussell	37521671

VI. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (GERMANY) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to First Lieutenant Robert McGhee, 01124177, Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 March 1945.

Does not pertain to C 1 Bor Medical

VII. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section I, General Orders Number 12, this Headquarters, dated 19 March 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Paul Morrison, 35607966, reading, "...on 20 January 1945..." is hereby amended to read "... on 29 January 1945...".

Does not pertain to C 1 Bor Medical

VIII. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 40, this Headquarters, dated 14 May 1945, as reads, "Major Carl A. Peterson, 0354163, Infantry, ...Entered military service from Nebraska..." is amended to read, "...Entered military service from Montana...".

Does not pertain to C 1 Bor Medical

IX. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section III, General Orders Number 22, this Headquarters, dated 19 April 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Paul E. Pachowka 33315853, reading, "...the Bronze Star Medal..." is amended to read "...the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal...".

Does not pertain to C 1 Bor Medical

X. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 37, this Headquarters, dated 11 May 1945, as pertains to First Sergeant William H. Lindsey, 6395526, reading, "...the Bronze Star Medal..." is amended to read "...the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal...".

Does not pertain to C 1 Bor Medical

XI. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 40, this Headquarters, dated 14 May 1945, as pertains to Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Booth, 0245519, Field Artillery, reading, "...during the period 26 December 1944 to 12 February 1945..." is hereby amended to read, "...during the period 26 December 1944 to 5 April 1945...".

By command of Major General MILEY:

W. K. LIEBEL,
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V. AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE-- Under the provisions of Section II, War Department Circular 66, dated 1 March 1945, the Medical Badge is awarding to the following personnel for service rendered during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 March 1945:

MAJOR	HENRY B. MOORE	0245313
Technical Sergeant	Francis M. Nacarato	15099566
Technician Third Grade	Evan A. Jones, Jr.	33592159
Sergeant	Elmer J. Jakab	35288243
Technician Fourth Grade	Maurice K. Bell	35110926
Technician Fifth Grade	John D. Dickinson	37668579
Technician Fifth Grade	Harry P. Hutchings, Jr.	37611529
Technician Fifth Grade	William E. Wood	37521561
Technician Fifth Grade	Samuel A. Evans	33506940
Technician Fifth Grade	Wilbur C. Trussell	37521671

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APO 452, U. S. ARMY

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I. 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:

Lieutenant Colonel John W. Paddock, 020913, Coast Artillery Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Landing by glider in the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Lieutenant Colonel Paddock, with complete disregard for his own safety unloaded his glider and took his seriously wounded glider pilot to an aid station. To reach the aid station, it was necessary to go over a mile through territory still infested with the enemy. Lieutenant Colonel Paddock then fearlessly moved about the landing zone under fire encouraging his men and guiding them to their assembly area. Later, upon finding his own command post under fire from an enemy strongpoint in a house, he personally led an attack on the house which resulted in heavy casualties to the enemy. His gallant action and coolness under fire were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Oregon.

II. 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:

Second Lieutenant John L. O'Brien, 01181393, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Landing by parachute in enemy territory, Second Lieutenant O'Brien bravely undertook to reach some equipment bundles that had been dropped in an area under enemy fire. Seriously wounded, he then directed his men in an attempt to reach the equipment. When their efforts failed, he alone then attacked an enemy machine gun that had been hampering his movements and those of men in the area. His unhesitating bravery and selfless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

III. 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:

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Staff Sergeant Frank T. Tomascin, 35291660, for heroic action against the enemy near Ruthen, Germany on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Tomascin was a member of a reconnaissance patrol that was pinned down by enemy fire. Although the patrol was confronted with a numerically superior enemy force, he repeatedly exposed himself to obtain observation for the direction of artillery against the enemy positions. Throughout the action, Staff Sergeant Tomascin's calmness under fire and his staunch fortitude in a precarious situation were worthy of the highest praise. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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 1 March 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Edward F. Kent, 020909, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy at Bulmer, Germany on 31 March 1945. In the attack on the town of Bulmer, Lieutenant Colonel Kent's battalion was temporarily halted by a numerically superior defensive force. Lieutenant Colonel Kent personally went to the foremost positions, organized a continuation of the assault, directed close support artillery fire from exposed positions and encouraged his men to overcome the determined enemy resistance. He was almost continually subjected to enemy rifle, machine gun and, at times, artillery fire. Nevertheless he displayed excellent judgment and a cool bravery that was in keeping with the highest standards of military traditions. Entered military service from New York.

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Captain (then First Lieutenant) Paul M. ~~McGuire~~, ~~0377850~~, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Flamierge, Belgium on 7 and 8 January 1945. In bitter fighting against determined enemy resistance, Captain McGuire's battalion had been isolated from the main body by strong enemy counter attacks. The battalion was under heavy pressure from the enemy and was precariously low on supplies. Captain McGuire voluntarily took a truck load of ammunition to the isolated men passing through the enemy lines and over territory heavily patrolled by enemy forces. His actions called for high courage and exhibited a high sense of duty against discouraging odds. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New Mexico.

First Lieutenant William F. Graves, 0535077, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Shortly after landing by glider in the airborne operation across the Rhine River, First Lieutenant Graves and one platoon of men were surrounded by a numerically superior enemy force. Without artillery support, First Lieutenant Graves continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to direct his men into the most effective firing positions, causing the enemy to be turned back in disorder after heavy casualties were inflicted. His determined leadership and courage made possible his platoon's heroic stand against determined enemy attacks. His actions were in accordance with the highest traditions of military service. Entered military service from Texas.

First Lieutenant Paul N. Lindsey, 01181649, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 3 April 1945. First Lieutenant Lindsey was artillery observer with an infantry battalion that was being held up by a strong enemy force entrenched in concrete emplacements and using anti-aircraft guns as artillery. Selecting an observation post that was only two hundred yards from the enemy positions, First Lieutenant Lindsey skillfully directed artillery fire. Despite his exposed position, he remained at his post until all enemy resistance

had been overcome. His action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Mississippi.

First Lieutenant Richard Ober, 0536983, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. First Lieutenant Ober was acting as an artillery observer for an infantry battalion when the unit came under extremely heavy enemy mortar fire. Without regard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Ober crawled to a point only 150 yards from the enemy positions and directed artillery fire. Although his position was exposed and under fire from the enemy, he remained at his post until the objective was secured. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from New York.

Second Lieutenant Paul R. Berger, 01006168, Coast Artillery Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing in enemy territory, Second Lieutenant Berger and one of his men attacked two enemy artillery pieces that were blocking an important road. While his man remained in position and delivered bazooka fire at the enemy guns, Second Lieutenant Berger made two trips across terrain exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire to secure ammunition. His courageous act was instrumental in the elimination of the enemy artillery and the opening of the area. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Donald R. Gauvin, 32661726, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Gauvin was wounded during the descent by parachute in enemy territory. Despite his wounds, he refused treatment until many more seriously wounded had been treated. He then procured horses and wagons from nearby farms and organized an evacuation train for the injured personnel. His initiative and aggressiveness and his unselfish efforts in caring for his wounded comrades were in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Burl C. Arms, 36332984, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Arms parachuted into enemy territory and landed with others of his unit amidst heavy enemy resistance. A bundle of vital medical supplies and equipment had also been dropped by parachute and had lodged in a tree near the drop zone. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade Arms made his way across open terrain under heavy enemy small arms fire to reach the equipment bundle. He then climbed the tree in full view of the enemy, cut loose the equipment bundle and returned with it across the fire swept field. His action called for high courage and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Robert L. Grubbs, Jr., 33842875, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Grubbs landed by parachute in enemy territory and joined a small group of other men in an assault on an enemy held house. The house was stormed and taken against heavy enemy resistance, but it was located very near an enemy artillery battery and came under direct fire from the artillery as soon as it was occupied. Despite several direct hits by the artillery, Private First Class Grubbs climbed to the second floor of the building and returned the fire with a bazooka. He remained in this position until the enemy fire was neutralized and the defense of the area secured. His action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Maryland.

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Private First Class Arthur A. L. Slawski, 33720514, for heroic action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Slawski was a medical aid man in an artillery battery during the airborne invasion of Germany. Prior to landing his glider came under enemy machine gun fire and he was wounded in both feet. Despite his wounds, he continued with his duties after landing until all the initial casualties had been cared for. He then reported to an aid station to have his own wounds treated. His courage in continuing his duty under handicap was in keeping with the highest traditions of military conduct. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class George S. Traylor, 34831177, for heroic action against the enemy near Bottrop, Germany on 7 April 1945. The battery to which Private First Class Traylor belonged was subjected to heavy enemy fire and unable to maneuver. With bold initiative Private First Class Traylor drove his vehicle under enemy fire to the exposed gun positions, hooked on a gun and maneuvered to a place of safety from which the guns could again be put into operation. His courageous act inspired the remainder of his battery to similar action and the entire unit was able to reach positions from which it could bring fire on the enemy. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

V. 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 William W. Moir, 0321379, Medical Corps, for meritorious service during the period 1 February 1945 to 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant Peter C. Beer, 0555173, Infantry, for meritorious service during the periods 4 January 1945 to 9 February 1945 and 24 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Master Sergeant Roy Chaney, 34234747, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 7 May 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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	JERRY J. CLARK	0557493	INFANTRY
FIRST LIEUTENANT	KENNETH W. MOORE	01313616	INFANTRY
FIRST LIEUTENANT	LEROY V. HUTH	0131248	INFANTRY
First Sergeant	Donald A. Divvens	33191191	
Technical Sergeant	Donald Koskovitz	33351352	
Staff Sergeant	Paul R. Bordor	33676770	
Staff Sergeant	Harry J. Dixon	14092752	
Sergeant	Harry E. Gillespie	39286266	
Sergeant	Ruark O. Todd	33719161	
Sergeant	John Yanok	33371589	
Technician Fourth Grade	Clyde L. Pletcher	33704079	
Technician Fourth Grade	Richard F. Hawley	36616127	
Technician Fifth Grade	John W. Guest	33631609	
Private First Class	Melvin L. Jerks	33738439	

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VII. AWARD OF 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:

First Lieutenant	DEAN N. BRESSLER	026809	24 March 1945
First Lieutenant	DAVID L. BLUNT	01844886	2 April 1945
First Lieutenant	RAYMOND A. AURINGER	026797	7 April 1945
Second Lieutenant	KENNETH STAMUS	0512448	24 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Jack G. Messenger	20544915	3 April 1945
Private First Class	Ben Dollarhide	36982949	11 May 1945
Private First Class	William C. Clark	39690568	30 March 1945
Private First Class	Gilbert D. Cardinez	39532007	26 March 1945
Private	Roland E. Marshall	36858370	24 March 1945
First Lieutenant	ANDREW L LEGARE	01313364	7 April 1945
Private First Class	Jack Ariola	37611065	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Clark Bradley	36217105	24 March 1945
Private First Class	William F. Braesgker	33757331	25 March 1945
Captain	WILLIAM C. MAXWELL JR	0325121	24 March 1945
First Lieutenant	JOSEPH HADDAD	01543543	24 March 1945
Technician Third Grade	Moses G. Antor	35044328	24 March 1945
First Sergeant	James T. Baston	35026737	24 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Eugene O. Adler	35043948	10 April 1945
Sergeant	William N. Galt	6950923	24 March 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	John H. Gallo	20320047	27 March 1945
Private First Class	Robert S. White	34670954	15 April 1945
Staff Sergeant	Charles J. Szulewski	11020256	24 March 1945
Technician Fifth Grade	John W. Guest	33631609	27 March 1945
Private First Class	George Posner	33596843	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Melvin L. Atkins	33632224	24 March 1945
Private First Class	Edward Hilburn, Jr	38514194	24 March 1945

VIII. AWARD OF 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:

Technician Fifth Grade	John W. Oliver	15115473	16 January 1945
Private First Class	Kenneth E. Partridge	17175598	8 January 1945
Technician Fourth Grade	Buford C. Masters	20418520	3 January 1945
Private First Class	Marvin D. Harris	37556554	3 January 1945
Private First Class	William B. Curtiss	33676788	23 January 1945
Second Lieutenant	LEONARD J. HOLLAND	0202199	25 January 1945
Sergeant	Paull H. Murphy	33471747	21 January 1945
Sergeant	Louis H. Daniel	36165724	27 January 1945
Private First Class	Horace Evans	36870490	27 January 1945

IX. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART (GERMANY) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on the dates indicated:

Captain	ALAN S. PRITCHARD	0509751	27 March 1945
Staff Sergeant	Harry L. Fox	37610697	7 April 1945
Corporal	William G. Steward	33757257	25 March 1945

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X. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART (BELGIUM) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart is awarded to the following named personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy in Belgium on the dates indicated:

Private First Class	Robert H. Peck	12080505	14 January 1945
Private First Class	Horace Evans	36870490	27 January 1945

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12 June 1945.

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I. 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:

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth L. Booth, 024519, Field Artillery, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Booth's artillery battalion was part of a combat team during the airborne invasion of Germany. Due to navigational error, the infantry element of the team was dropped some three miles from the artillery battalion. Despite the lack of infantry support, Lieutenant Colonel Booth heroically directed his unit in overcoming intense local enemy resistance and succeeded in assembling the guns of his unit in a minimum of time ready to support the general attack. Unmindful of his own safety, he moved about the drop zone directing his men in silencing enemy resistance and in organizing defenses for his isolated unit. His conduct under fire and superb leadership contributed materially to the unqualified success of the airborne operation. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

II. 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 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain John T. Joseph, 01288063, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing by parachute in the airborne invasion of Germany, Captain Joseph organized a small group of men and led them in an assault on an enemy held woods bordering the landing zone. The group came under fire from five enemy artillery pieces, but despite the superiority of fire power, Captain Joseph led his group to close with the enemy and he personally knocked out the nearest gun with grenades. Under his inspiring leadership, the small band quickly overran the entire area and neutralized all the enemy positions inflicting heavy casualties and taking nearly two hundred enemy prisoners. Captain Joseph's dauntless courage and gallant conduct under fire were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

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:

First Lieutenant Andrew J. Wurtz, 0446070, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 2 April 1945. In the absence of his company

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commander, First Lieutenant Wurtz assumed command and was given the mission of intercepting an attacking enemy column. With little time to prepare either a plan of defense or the defenses themselves, he skillfully deployed his men and, by his heroic example, encouraged them in repulsing determined enemy attacks. His superb leadership and high personal courage in the face of the enemy were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Sergeant Kenneth L. Chrisman, 37460814, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing, during the airborne invasion of Germany, the glider in which Sergeant Chrisman was riding was hit by enemy artillery and destroyed. Escaping from the glider, he joined an artillery crew and took charge of one howitzer bringing it to bear on enemy positions surrounding the landing zone. After several rounds of counter fire, an enemy artillery piece was knocked out and the crew fled into a woods. Sergeant Chrisman led an assault into the woods in pursuit of the enemy. His aggressive and fearless action contributed materially in overcoming local enemy resistance. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Sergeant Louis P. Koski, 33671683, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Sergeant Koski heroically led his men in an attack on enemy artillery emplacements that were causing heavy casualties on the landing zones. One such emplacement he attacked and silenced alone and then led his men in storming a second. His aggressiveness and fearless leadership did much to overcome local resistance. Following this action, Sergeant Koski then directed his men in salvaging ammunition and supplies from gliders that had landed in the area. He returned to his own glider and retrieved ammunition although the field was covered with enemy small arms fire and the glider itself was burning. His conduct throughout the action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Corporal Leroy H. Ulness, 37568686, for heroic action against the enemy near Essen, Germany on 13 April 1945. Corporal Ulness was a member of a squad that crossed the Ruhr River and established a bridgehead against heavy enemy resistance. The enemy counter attacked the squad repeatedly, in an attempt to wipe out the bridgehead, but the stubborn defense of Corporal Ulness and his comrades repulsed every attack. The heroic action of Corporal Ulness in attacking and destroying an enemy observation post contributed materially to the success of the maneuver. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur A. Seid, 32113111, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Technician Fifth Grade Seid landed with two other men immediately in front of an enemy artillery position supported by infantrymen. Despite the intense fire that was brought to bear on them, Technician Fifth Grade Seid led the charge on the enemy position. So rapid was the action and so accurate the fire that the enemy artillery piece was silenced within a few minutes after the men had landed. The rapid liquidation of this artillery position greatly reduced the casualties of men assemblying on the drop zone. The action of Technician Fifth Grade Seid was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from New York.

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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:

Major George F. Robie, 0372433, Field Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 3 January 1945 to 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade William P. Cianci, W2105297, United States Army, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 8 February 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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:

FIRST LIEUTENANT	WILLIAM J. CRONIN	0524347	INFANTRY
Technical Sergeant	Richard L. Blake	35700267	
Staff Sergeant	Leonard Losik	36326738	
Technician Fourth Grade	Julio J. Lococioni	38497253	
Technician Fifth Grade	Bernard J. Gaffney	32849206	

VI. 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 wounds received in action against the enemy on the dates and in locations indicated:

FIRST LIEUTENANT	JOHN W. THORNE	0430032	1 February 1945	Germany
Private First Class	Albert W. Smith	32930055	7 January 1945	Belgium

VII. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 47, this Headquarters, dated 8 June 1945, as reads "...Captain (then First Lieutenant) Paul M. McGuire, 0377450, Infantry..." is hereby amended to read "...Captain (then First Lieutenant) Paul N. McGuire, 0377459, Infantry...".

By command of Major General MILEY:

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I. 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:

Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth P. Trinkley, 33738429, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the first critical hours of the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Technician Fifth Grade Trinkley displayed unusual gallantry. With calm disregard for his personal safety, he retrieved vital equipment from his damaged glider which was under fire from the enemy. With another soldier, he advanced on a house occupied by the enemy and captured nine prisoners. Moving toward his designated assembly area, he rescued the crew of a plane that was pinned down by enemy fire. Throughout the operation his aggressive action and calmness under fire were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

II. 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 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star is awarded to:

Captain John W. Marr, 01292552, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Bottrop, Germany on 7 April 1945. When his company received orders to make an attack across the Rhine-Herne Canal, Captain Marr personally went forward to reconnoiter enemy positions. With two volunteers, he crossed an open field under direct enemy observation and fire to reach the canal. Under covering fire of the two men, he then crossed the canal by climbing over the girders of a demolished bridge in plain view of the enemy. Although enemy sniper fire was heavy, he completed his reconnaissance and returned to his own line. His gallant action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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:

General Orders Number 49, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 13 June 1945, continued:

First Lieutenant Eldon L. Allen, 01997966, Branch Immaterial, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, First Lieutenant Allen immediately came under intense enemy fire from enemy anti-aircraft guns at very close range. The glider was heavily hit and started to burn. Unmindful of the enemy fire, First Lieutenant Allen attempted to rescue other personnel from the glider. In doing so, he was hit and instantly killed. His heroic efforts against intense enemy opposition were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

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

Captain (then First Lieutenant) George E. Mielke, 01300675, Infantry, for heroic and meritorious service in action against the enemy in Germany during the period 26 March 1945 to 4 April 1945. After having been recently transferred to a rifle company, Captain Mielke assumed command of the company during action near Wesel, Germany. With great personal courage and unusual tactical skill, he manoeuvered the company through heavy fighting against the enemy. On one occasion he led his men against a heavily defended wooded area resulting in a large number of casualties to the enemy. Captain Mielke's great personal courage and unhesitating devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant John F. Bailey, 01313707, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 30 January 1945 near Hossingen, Luxembourg. First Lieutenant Bailey showed great heroism in voluntarily going to the rescue of a wounded man. To reach the wounded man it was necessary to traverse open ground under direct observation and fire from heavily entrenched enemy positions in the edge of the Siegfried Line. Unmindful of his own safety, the gauntlet of enemy fire was run and the rescue successfully effected. The conduct of First Lieutenant Bailey was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Edward L. Shivers, 14104335, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany on 28 March 1945. When his unit was pinned down by intense fire from a tank firing at close range, Staff Sergeant Shivers noticed that one of his men had been wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, he left his covered position and dashed through heavy fire to the side of the wounded man. He administered first aid and, with the help of another soldier, moved the man to a safe position from which he could be given further treatment and be evacuated. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Georgia.

Technician Fourth Grade John W. Shoniga, 33084304, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne invasion of Germany, Technician Fourth Grade Shoniga landed by parachute about thirty yards from an enemy anti-aircraft position. Without removing his parachute, he began firing on the position with his carbine. His actions brought the fire of the position upon himself. Despite the vast superiority in fire power, he managed to crawl close enough to the enemy weapon to silence it with grenades. His aggressive and heroic action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

General Orders Number 49, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 142, U. S. Army, 13 June 1945, continued:

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph F. Sutherland, 34095772, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Upon landing by parachute during the airborne invasion of Germany, Technician Fourth Grade Sutherland sustained a severe sprain. Despite this injury, he aggressively attacked a nearby enemy gun and post position inflicting casualties on the enemy and neutralizing enemy fire that had been sweeping the drop zone. He then aided in the assault of another enemy strong point and remained in action until all local enemy resistance had been quieted before reporting to an aid station to have his own injury treated. His conduct was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from South Carolina.

V. 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 Fred F. Gerard, 020160, Field Artillery, for meritorious service during the period 27 February 1945 to 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) John T. Stewart, 01313146, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 1 January 1945 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Washington.

VI. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Vocal order of the Commanding General of 15 May 1945 is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. 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:

Colonel Edson D. Raff, 019261, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 3 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

VII. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Vocal order of the Commanding General of 15 May 1945 is hereby confirmed and made a matter of record. 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:

Colonel Edson D. Raff, 019261, Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in Belgium on 20 January 1945. Entered military service from New York.

VIII. 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, dated 4 March 1945, the Air Medal is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Lathen H. Conner, Jr., 01167370, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a pilot on an artillery observation plane over Belgium and Luxembourg during the period 8 January 1945 to 10 February 1945 and over Germany during the period 25 March 1945 to 17 April 1945. First Lieutenant Conner completed eighty-nine sorties, including both reconnaissance and fire missions, many under enemy ground fire and all under constant danger

General Orders Number 40, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, [illegible], Continued:

of attack by enemy fighter aircraft. Through the many missions he flew during these periods, his observers were able to gain and report information of the enemy not otherwise obtainable and to adjust artillery fires on targets not visible to ground observation, thereby adding to the efficiency of his unit's operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Ohio.

First Lieutenant John H. Sanders, 0523720, Field Artillery, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a pilot of an artillery observation plane over Belgium and Luxembourg during the period 31 December 1944 to 10 February 1945 and over Germany during the period 25 March 1945 to 17 April 1945. First Lieutenant Sanders completed [illegible] sorties, including both reconnaissance and fire missions, many under enemy ground fire and all under constant danger of attack by enemy fighter aircraft. Through the many missions he flew during these periods, his observers were able to gain and report information of the enemy not otherwise obtainable and to adjust artillery fires on targets not visible to ground observation, thereby adding to the efficiency of his unit's operations against the enemy. Entered military service from Michigan.

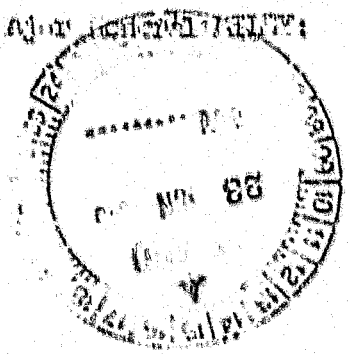
IX. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF MERIT -- Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 21, Headquarters Fifteenth United States Army, dated 4 March 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to:

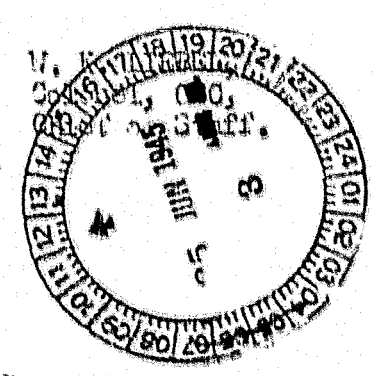
FIRST LIEUTENANT	ELMORE J. OLSON	01309812	INFANTRY
FIRST LIEUTENANT	JOSEPH SCHMEIZA	01313314	INFANTRY
FIRST LIEUTENANT	WILLIAM P. ZEIGLER	01324[illegible]8	INFANTRY
Staff Sergeant	Arthur Garcia	15101231	[illegible]
Sergeant	Reyburn G. Childers	37344532	[illegible]
Technician Fifth Grade	Hunter Gioser	33632215	[illegible]
Private First Class	Carl E. Stevens	37[illegible]1397	[illegible]

X. AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE -- Under the provisions of War Department Circular, Number 408, 17 October 1944, as amended, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following personnel:

CAPTAIN	PHILLIP H. [illegible]	0465162	INFANTRY

By command of Major General [illegible]:





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

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ORIGINAL ORDER

21 June 1945.

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section I
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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 Pete Horick, 33034643, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Horick parachuted into enemy territory during the airborne invasion of Germany. When he and his group were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, he directed two men to attack the enemy position from the flanks. Then with utter disregard for his own safety and armed only with a pistol, he advanced toward the machine gun to keep attention away from th flanks. This maneuver, which cost him his life, enabled the two men on the flanks to attack with hand grenades and force the surrender of the machine gun crew. The noble self sacrifice and courageous devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Horick were an inspiration to all his men and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Charles A. Webster, 35450001, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hussmanshof, Germany on 24 March 1945. During the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Sergeant Webster landed by glider in a field swept by enemy small arms and machine gun fire. He observed an enemy strongpoint from which fire was being directed against incoming gliders and troops already aground. Without regard for his own safety, he rushed the enemy position and diverted their fire upon himself. Although mortally wounded by his heroic act, Sergeant Webster enabled his battery to assemble and quickly render artillery support to the infantry units. His gallant action was in keeping with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Miller, 32579339, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Buldern, Germany on 30 March 1945. As a medical aid man, Technician Fifth Grade Miller was serving with the forward elements of a rifle platoon. During the ensuing action, one of our men was seriously wounded while making a reconnaissance under heavy enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Miller, without hesitation, rose from a covered position and made his way toward the wounded man. He had gotten within five yards of reaching his comrade when he was mortally wounded. His unflinching devotion to duty in the face of extreme danger was an inspiration to all those who served with him and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

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:

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First Lieutenant John J. McNamee, 01648038, Corps of Engineers, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Munster, Germany on 29 March 1945. First Lieutenant McNamee and three men were assigned the mission of blowing up a concrete roadblock that was preventing the advance of armored units. While advancing under cover of darkness, they encountered thirty enemy soldiers marching toward them. Acting quickly, First Lieutenant McNamee succeeded in capturing all of the Germans after firing a short burst with his sub-machine gun. He then continued on to the roadblock and demolished it despite intense enemy fire. His superior initiative and gallant action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

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:

Technician Fifth Grade Byron E. Seward, 37344194, for heroic action against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 6 April 1945 in Germany. While serving as the chief of a wire party, Technician Fifth Grade Seward's courage and leadership were an inspiration to the men of his command. Immediately after landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, he unloaded his jeep and had completed wire communications to his assigned battalion within two hours. He and his group then volunteered to carry ammunition during an enemy attack, and without rest or sleep, they hauled ammunition from the gliders to points where it was needed for 24 hours. While laying a wire line near Munster, Germany, Technician Fifth Grade Seward and his party came across a pocket of enemy resistance, which they cleared and completed their mission. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Colorado.

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:

Major (then Captain) George W. Kross, Jr., 0444851, Corps of Engineers, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. Immediately after the airborne invasion of Germany, Major Kross organized a small force and led them in the attack on two enemy strongpoints. With complete disregard for his own safety, he assumed the most forward position and was the first one to enter these strongpoints. His aggressive leadership was an inspiration to all who saw him and was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain John G. Lee, 01102750, Corps of Engineers, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 7 May 1945 in Germany. After landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Captain Lee collected his section and advanced toward the prearranged area in which he was to establish the division engineer supply dump. Although he encountered heavy enemy opposition, he cleared the area and succeeded in establishing his supply dump. Throughout the entire operation he performed his arduous duties in an outstanding manner. His superior performance of duty was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Captain James C. Olson, 01107008, Corps of Engineers, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy during the period 24 March 1945 to 7 May 1945 in Germany.

Captain Olson exposed himself continually to enemy fire to check and correct the positions of his men who located in advanced locations. On numerous occasions he undertook hazardous tasks rather than delegate them to men in his company. His aggressive leadership earned for him the respect and admiration of all his men and was in accordance with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Captain Cornell Pope, 01310345, Corps of Engineers, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 and 25 March 1945. While landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Captain Pope was wounded twice by enemy machine gun fire. Disregarding his wounds, he refused medical aid that he might devote his full efforts to assembling his men and disposing them to correct strategic positions. After his company had dug in, he received medical aid but refused to enter the aforementioned section until ordered to do so the following afternoon. His heroic action and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who saw him and was in accordance with the highest standards of military conduct. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Rodney F. McLean III, 01166134, Field Artillery, for heroic action against the enemy at Malmedy, Belgium on 7 January 1945. First Lieutenant McLean was artillery observer with an infantry battalion that was surrounded and cut off from contact with friendly troops. Despite the fact that the two roads leading back to friendly lines were under enemy control, he volunteered to take a contact party through enemy held territory. Carrying two seriously wounded men with him and braving heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire, he reached friendly lines with information that was necessary to get supplies to the surrounded battalion. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Arkansas.

First Lieutenant Franklin R. Morris, 01312997, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 26 March 1945. First Lieutenant Morris volunteered to lead a rifle platoon in a heavily defended enemy barrier position. While leading his group toward a secured position, he was painfully wounded in the hand. First Lieutenant Morris refused to be evacuated until he had rallied his platoon and successfully led them in the assault of the enemy positions. His personal courage, aggressiveness and resourcefulness toward his command were an inspiration to all his men and were in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Ernest J. Lachemer, 33525077, for heroic and meritorious action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany 24 March 1945 to 15 April 1945 in Germany. During the airborne invasion of Germany, when his platoon sergeant was wounded and his platoon leader was separated from his group, Technical Sergeant Lachemer immediately took charge of his platoon and moved them successfully through heavy enemy fire to their assembly area. During an attack on a heavily defended wooded area, the platoon leader became a casualty and Technical Sergeant Lachemer promptly carried through the assigned mission to a successful conclusion. During the remainder of the campaign, he served in the capacity of platoon leader and distinguished himself by his splendid example of leadership. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Francis T. Colbert, 17086046, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After the airborne invasion of Germany, Staff Sergeant Colbert, accompanied by one officer and three other enlisted men, had

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advanced about 75 yards into an open field when the officer of the group was wounde by sniper fire. As the officer tried to get back to the cover of a protecting ditch, a group of the enemy to the immediate front opened fire on him. Staff Sergeant Colbert, without regard for his own safety, went to the aid of the wounded officer and dragged him to safety. His heroic action in the face of severe enemy fire was in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Eric L. Frank, 33002099, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Staff Sergeant Frank and his group were pinned down by heavy small arms fire coming from two enemy buildings. Without regard for his own safety, he crossed an open field and singlehandedly entered and neutralized the first enemy strongpoint. His actions demonstrated aggressive and courageous leadership and were in accordance with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Maryland.

Technician Third Grade Irving W. Holcomb, 12103243, for heroic action against the enemy near Dasburg, Germany on 3 and 4 February 1945. Technician Third Grade Holcomb volunteered for a three man patrol to cross the Our River and penetrate the Siegfried Line to obtain information concerning enemy defenses and movement. In constant danger of enemy observation and although twice being pursued by bloodhounds, he succeeded in leading the patrol through the enemy lines and establish two observation posts. To return, it was necessary for them to swim the river in constant danger of ice floes and the swift swollen current, in addition to being subjected to enemy automatic and small arms fire. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the armed forces. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Sergeant Bernice V. LaHue, 20746776, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After parachuting into enemy territory during the airborne invasion of Germany, Sergeant LaHue quickly organized his section and supervised the assembly of his howitzer. Realizing the danger of manning the gun in its exposed position, he ordered his men to pull it to a defiladed spot, and then brought a nearby house from which heavy enemy machine gun fire was coming, under direct fire. His intelligent leadership inspired his men to neutralize the enemy position. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the service. Entered military service from Missouri.

Corporal Henry R. Davis, 6910444, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After parachuting into enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Corporal Davis and a comrade captured an enemy artillery piece and six Germans who had been directing heavy fire against other parachutists before they could get out of their parachutes. By his intelligent handling of the prisoners, he caused many others of the enemy force to surrender and greatly lessened the enemy fire on the drop zone. His action was in accordance with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Rolla D. Everett, 39217646, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Everett made several dashes across an open field under intense artillery and small arms fire to deliver messages to his platoon commander. Under direct artillery fire, he treated the wounds of [illegible]rades and repaired a machine gun that had been damaged by an enemy artillery shell. His superior courage and aggressiveness were in keeping with the highest standards of the armed forces. Entered military service from Washington.

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Private First Class Edward W. Friday, 33670239, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider during the airborne invasion of Germany, Private First Class Friday remained with his glider to unload his jeep and equipment. After his company had moved out to its assigned objective, Private First Class Friday secured his trailer from its glider and loaded badly needed ammunition and supplies under intense enemy fire. While enroute to his company, he encountered a light German tank which he repulsed with heavy machine gun fire. He arrived at his company area in time to distribute ammunition to meet an expected enemy counter-attack. His actions were worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class William S. Schappe, 33621918, 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, his platoon was pinned down by intense artillery and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Schappe moved his machine gun into an exposed position to knock out the artillery firing upon them. During the ensuing action he was seriously wounded by the enemy fire. His courageous devotion to duty was worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Manuel M. Alvarez, 37342538, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany on 24 March 1945. After landing by glider in enemy territory during the airborne crossing of the Rhine River, Private Alvarez was wounded in the shoulder but continued with his squad for three hours before accepting medical aid. Holding a sub-machine gun in one arm, he captured sixty enemy soldiers. His courageous action was an inspiration to all who saw it and was in keeping with the highest tradition of the armed forces. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private Claudell E. Webb, 33716683, 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, his platoon was pinned down by intense artillery and small arms fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Webb moved his machine gun into an exposed position to knock out the artillery firing upon them. During the ensuing action he was seriously wounded by the enemy fire. His courageous devotion to duty was worthy of the highest praise. Entered military service from Maryland.

V. 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:

Technical Sergeant Shannon J. Bane, 35290563, for meritorious service during the period 1 May 1945 to 1 June 1945. Entered military service from West Virginia.

Sergeant Erwin G. Szabo, 32597440, for meritorious service during the period 1 September 1944 to 1 April 1945. 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:

CAPTAIN	VINCENT J. LARKIN	01184869	FIELD ARTILLERY
CAPTAIN	ROLAND E. COOK	01170324	FIELD ARTILLERY
CAPTAIN	RAYMOND G. GRIM	01285232	INFANTRY

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First Sergeant	Alexander Kissel	32003190
First Sergeant	George P Grazul	6940906
First Sergeant	James E. Quinn	20245845
Staff Sergeant	James E. Pigott	32836440
Staff Sergeant	Morris N. Turner	20746325
Staff Sergeant	Eugene O. Adler	35043948
Staff Sergeant	James P. Karabis	36220274
Technician Fourth Grade	Eugene S. Rizzo	32836397
Technician Fourth Grade	John H. Fowler	14094250
Technician Fifth Grade	Adrian L. Lynn	37521009

VII. AMENDMENT — So much of Section I, General Orders Number 16, this Headquarters, dated 12 April 1945, as pertains to Private Earl E. Quillin, 37274449, reading "...on 8 January 1945..." is hereby amended to read, "...on 7 January 1945...".

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28 June 1945.

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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 Henry F. Skiba, 35058259, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Flamizoulle, Belgium on 8 January 1945. During a snow storm in sub-zero weather, Private First Class Skiba exposed himself to close range fire of 18 enemy tanks, knocking out one of the lead tanks with his bazooka, and in so doing, was hit directly with a tank projectile. His calm disregard for his own safety set a fine example to the rest of his comrades, enabling other tanks to be knocked out. This action discouraged the enemy attack, thereby allowing our troops to withdraw to a better position. His gallant action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from Ohio.

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 the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Colonel Willard K. Liebel, 015723, General Staff Corps, for meritorious service during the period 1 March 1945 to 24 March 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

III. 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:

MAJOR	WILBUR L. BARNES	0359109	COAST ARTILLERY CORPS
MAJOR	PETER C. MESSER	0452272	COAST ARTILLERY CORPS

IV. AWARD OF 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 24 March 1945:

LIEUTENANT COLONEL	STANLEY T. B. JOHNSON	019743	CORPS OF ENGINEERS
Private First Class	Daniel J. McCarthy	33927453	

V. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (BELGIUM) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to Private First Clas

General Orders Number 51, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 28 June 1945, continued:

James B. McDonough, 39616910, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Belgium on 15 January 1945.

VI. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART (FRANCE) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to First Lieutenant Frank J. Coppola, 01313718, Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy in France on 14 August 1944.

VII. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section III, General Orders Number 22, this Headquarters, dated 19 April 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Paul E. Pachowka, 33315853, reading "...the Bronze Star Medal..." is hereby amended to read "...the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal...".

By command of Major General MILEY:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Edward G. West, 16040835, Coast Artillery Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Flamizoulle, Belgium on 8 January 1945. Private First Class West acted as loader for a bazooka team that held its fire until the leading one of the eighteen attacking tanks was less than thirty yards away. They then opened fire, fired seven rounds in spite of intense fire from the tanks and knocked out the lead tank. The gallant action of Private First Class West and his companions slowed the tank attack and allowed many of the infantry to withdraw. His intrepid action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Captain Horace J. Cofer, O-1288860, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Vindafontaine, France, on the night of 28-29 June 1944. On the night of 28-29 June 1944, the 507th Parachute Infantry was dug in about two miles south of Vindafontaine, Normandy, and were being shelled by the Germans from a hill just beyond Protot. When a shell landed near the slit trench in which Captain (then First Lieutenant) Cofer and another officer had taken cover, both men were wounded. Captain Cofer, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled back into the trench and carried the other officer to safety away from a white phosphorus grenade which had burst. His heroism was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Captain John W. P. Graham, O-396663, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy at Rhein Herne Canal, Bottrop, Germany, on 6 April 1945. When Captain Graham with two men was making a daylight reconnaissance of the Rhine-Herne Canal preparatory to a crossing the following night, German snipers opened fire on the party severely wounding one of the enlisted men. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Captain Graham ignored heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire and a painful sprained knee, and carried the enlisted man over two hundred yards of nearly flat terrain, which was under heavy fire, to a covered position where he could administer first-aid to the wounded man. He then helped carry the man for one-half mile to a place from which he could be evacuated by motor. His actions saved the man's life, and were in accord with the highest standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from Virginia.

General Orders Number 52, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 10 July 1945, continued:

First Lieutenant Willard E. Chambers, 0-1302429, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Dasburg, Germany, on 28 January 1945. First Lieutenant Chambers, Platoon Leader, was leading his platoon in a night attack against enemy force of unknown strength and disposition and was pinned down by cross-fire. He disregarded his personal safety in locating the enemy machine gun by going forward of the platoon while under heavy fire. After determining the exact location of the enemy gun, he returned to his platoon and directed machine gun and mortar fire on the position, silencing the gun and killing two of the enemy. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Ohio.

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Charles J. Timmes, -204300, for heroic action against the enemy near Schermbeck, Germany, on 27 March 1945. When the advance of the battalion was halted by a road-block along the main highway from Wesel to Munster, Germany, Lieutenant Colonel Timmes, while under heavy artillery, 20mm AA and automatic weapons fire, personally deployed the battalion reserve, and with complete disregard for his own safety led and directed the assault on the enemy positions. His coolness under fire and continuous advance served as an inspiring example for his men who pressed on to their objective and accomplished their mission. His actions were in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Allen C. Miller, II, 0-20342, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Landing by parachute in the airborne operation across the Rhine River, Lieutenant Colonel Miller, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, quickly assembled a large group of his men who had missed the drop zone and personally led them to the assembly area. At this time it was necessary to pass through two miles of enemy territory. He constantly encouraged his men and personally led them on two distinct assaults, knocking out machine gun nests each time. His coolness under fire and his heroic action were an inspiration to all about him, and his initiative and leadership were in accord with the highest traditions of the Military Service.

First Lieutenant Joseph Kornylo, 0-1823745, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing in the drop zone, First Lieutenant Kornylo assembled all the available men of his platoon and led them to the assembly area while under heavy small arms fire. On nearing the designated area he observed an enemy machine gun and supporting riflemen on the drop zone. After placing his men in position to fire on the enemy, First Lieutenant Kornylo completely disregarding his personal safety, assaulted the position while exposed to heavy fire. His assault resulted in the capture of the machine gun and inflicted six casualties on the enemy. This act of personal courage and bravery was an inspiration to the men of his command and was in accord with the highest standards of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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10 July 1945, continued:

Private First Class Carmine D. Piccolo, Jr., 32424465, Medical Co
heroic action against the enemy near Diersfordt, Germany, on 24 March 194
complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Piccolo le
covered position and comparative safety to go to the aid of five wounded me
open terrain which was exposed to heavy machine gun and small arms fire. Af
giving as much assistance as possible under fire, he fearlessly assisted and
carried the men to a covered position where he could complete the first-aid
ment and evacuate the men to an aid station. His actions were in keeping
highest traditions of the Military Service.

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* Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. Smith, 0-444090, Infantry, for heroic actio
against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. After his battalion
been dropped on the wrong drop zone, Lieutenant Colonel Smith organized the
scattered battalion and personally led them in an attack on Diersfordt Castl
had been mentioned in briefing as the best OP and strongpoint in the area.
Although heavy fire soon held up their advance, Lieutenant Colonel Smith mov
among his men without regard for his personal safety, inspiring them to hold
positions and bring fire on the enemy positions in and around the Castle. The
less actions of Lieutenant Colonel Smith were largely responsible for the suc
of his men bringing heavy fire on the enemy which enabled another unit to approa
and assault the Castle successfully. His actions were in keeping with the highest
standards of the Military Service.

Corporal Albert S. Ferry, 39032976, Infantry, for heroic action against the
enemy at Marnach, Luxembourg, on 26 January 1945. While operating a regimental OP
at Marnach, Luxembourg, Corporal Ferry heard noises in a house about two hundred
yards to his front. Next morning he requested assistance from a platoon to invest-
igate the house. This assistance was refused by the platoon sergeant as being too
dangerous. Then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Ferry
advanced by himself knowing that the area was heavily mined and booby trapped
and that this position had repulsed several attacks. He entered the house and
while searching it he heard noises in the cellar. He captured one German soldier
on the stairs and seven more in the cellar along with one machine gun MG. This
action eliminated a roadblock which had held up an advance and enabled our troops
to advance without casualties. His actions were in keeping with the highest
standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from California.

Murray L. Harvey, 0-1284367, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy
near Diersfordt Castle, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing from
the parachute operation, Captain Harvey organized a group of men to clear the drop
zone while under intense enemy small arms fire. His aggressive and courageous
leadership in clearing the area south-east of Diersfordt Castle was largely
responsible for destroying eight field pieces, capturing forty Germans, and kil
ing about twenty and annihilating a bicycle group of approximately thirty m
His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the Militar

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 60
tember 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contain
35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Pre
to:

Captain Robert E. Moylan, 0-509166, for
7 January 1945 to 6 February 1945. Entered

Captain Grover J. Sprague, 0-439363, [illegible] period 24 March 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered [illegible]

Captain Jethro H. Irby, 0-473737, for meritori[illegible] period 4 January 1945 to 12 February 1945. Entered m[illegible]

Captain William F. Jornell, 0-508712, for meritorious servi[illegible] period 24 March 1945 to 23 April 1945. Entered military service from [illegible]

Private First Class Junior Roberts, 18086004, for meritorious service [illegible] the period 24 March 1945 to 20 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklah[illegible]

V. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE HEART (FRANCE) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade	James V. Reeves	33095774	9 September 1944	France

VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (FRANCE) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date and in the location indicated:

Private	Robert K. Titus	38270804	8 July 1944	France

VII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (FRANCE) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date and in the location indicated:

Private First Class	William J. Schoof	6975[illegible]0	8 June 1944	France

VIII. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section IV, General Orders No. 39, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, dated 13 May 1945, as awards the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart Medal to Private First Class Leo H. Hendenon, 39410975, is rev[illegible]

IX. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section IV, General Orders No. 16, Headqu[illegible] 17th Airborne Division, dated 12 April 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal posthumously to Private First Class Leo J. Beaulieu, 31378940, for heroic ac[illegible] against the enemy on 9 January 1945 is amended to read 8 January 1945.

By command of Major General MILEY:

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Private First Class Andrew Sunyak, 33275663, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near La Haye Du Puit, France, on 8 July 1944. When the First Battalion of the 507th Parachute Infantry relieved a unit of the 325th Glider Infantry on the forward slope of La Poterie Ridge, two Staff Officers and a Company Commander were reported seriously wounded while making a forward reconnaissance. Private First Class Sunyak, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to cross open terrain which was under direct enemy observation, and under a murderous barrage of artillery, mortar, automatic weapons, and small arms fire to rescue the three seriously wounded officers. After rescuing these officers, and while the enemy was still counterattacking, and seriously threatening the battalion, Private First Class Sunyak again volunteered to run the gauntlet of enemy fire, and successfully led the reserve company into position. His unswerving devotion to duty, intense loyalty, and dauntless courage led to the saving of three officers' lives, and was highly instrumental in the battalion repelling the fierce enemy counterattack. His actions were in accord with the highest standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Second Lieutenant Bernard Eskin, 01301798, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 27 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire, Second Lieutenant Eskin with complete disregard for his own safety advanced with an enlisted man in the face of intense automatic weapons fire and captured three machine gun positions and fifteen men. They continued on in the woods and again attacking under heavy enemy fire assaulted and captured an 88, two flack guns and twelve enemy, although Second Lieutenant Eskin was severely wounded. With the aid of the enlisted man he rounded up his platoon, organized a defensive position and refused to be evacuated until the company came up. The unswerving devotion to duty and initiative served as an inspiration to the officers and men of his company and resulted in taking the objective with a minimum of delay and casualties. His actions were in accord with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

General Orders Number 53, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 20 July 1945, continued:

Private First Class Richard G. Barick, 35890914, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 27 March 1945. When his company was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire, Private First Class Barick with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced with an officer under intense automatic weapon fire and captured three machine gun positions, and fifteen men. They continued on in the woods and again under heavy enemy fire assaulted and captured an 88, two flack guns and twelve enemy. Private First Class Barick then assisted the officer, who had been badly wounded in the last action, placed the men of the platoon in position. His actions served as an inspiration to the men of his platoon and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from New York.

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Technician Fifth Grade Carl E. Hamrin, 39620559, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Clervaux, Belgium, on 8 February 1945. Company "E" 507th Parachute Infantry, had just established the only bridgehead across the Our River on the Third Army front. When their wire communication was knocked out their position became critical. Technician Fifth Grade Hamrin, with two other men from the Communications Section, set out to repair the line, but before they had progressed very far they were pinned down by flat trajectory 88 fire. His two comrades - too shell-shocked to continue on and complete the mission - were left behind and Technician Fifth Grade Hamrin set about to repair the line on his own. He continued on across the river despite the heavy mortar barrage and accomplished his task. On his return trip, Technician Fifth Grade Hamrin improved the condition of this vital line by putting most of it overhead. Technician Fifth Grade Hamrin's fortitude, perseverance and diligence were of the highest during the whole campaign and in keeping with the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from California.

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Technical Sergeant Dawson S. Hulett, 20310410, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Bottrop, Germany, on 8 April 1945. When an enemy patrol set up a machine gun and bazooka position on our right flank, Technical Sergeant Hulett volunteered to lead a three man patrol to knock the position out. With complete disregard for his personal safety he moved over open terrain under heavy automatic weapon fire until he was within grenade range of the position. Technical Sergeant Hulett then threw a grenade which killed the machine gunner, wounded two soldiers and caused the surrender of a third. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

General Orders Number 53, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 20 July 1945, continued:

Staff Sergeant Howard A. Slocum, 37149352, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Osterfeld, Germany, on 8 April 1945. When Staff Sergeant Slocum received a radio message of the injury of the patrol leader and radio operator, he crossed the canal under extremely heavy mortar and small arms fire and helped the wounded men back across the canal where they could be evacuated. Then with complete disregard for his own safety he returned across the canal with a radio and while under constant enemy fire directed our mortar fire against enemy positions, inflicting many casualties and breaking up all attacks on our bridgehead across the canal. His actions were in accord with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Private First Class Andrew Sunyak, 33275563, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Andouville-la Hubert, France, on 6 June 1944. When Private First Class Sunyak landed by parachute in a flooded area behind enemy lines, he immediately extricated himself from his chute and equipment and proceeded to a defilade position on high ground. From this position he heard cries of two of his comrades who had also landed in very deep water and were unable to free themselves from their parachutes. He immediately left his defilade position and with absolute disregard for his own safety, ran and swam through intense enemy automatic and small arms fire to assist the two drowning men to free themselves from their chutes. His unswerving devotion to duty, dauntless courage, and initiative led to the saving of these two men's lives. His actions were in accord with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant Milton F. Masters, 01550053, Corps of Engineers, for heroic action against the enemy on 8 February 1945 near Diesburg, Luxembourg. On 8 February 1945 while this unit was serving with the 17th Airborne Division in the vicinity of Diesburg and Mesingen in Luxembourg, this organization was assigned the mission of erecting a Bailey Bridge over the Our River at Diesburg. The proposed bridge site was a half or three quarters of a mile in front of our forward infantry positions and was subject to enemy small arms and mortar fire and was under constant enemy observation. The enemy positions were only a few feet from the bridge site. First Lieutenant Masters volunteered and made a daylight reconnaissance of the bridge site. He succeeded in crawling to within a few feet of the bridge site and obtained information invaluable to the assigned mission. Although the actual crossing was later made elsewhere due to a change of plans, the actions of First Lieutenant Masters would have made a material difference in the probable outcome had plans not been changed. Entered military service from California.

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 3, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant John H. Surrey, 14112675, for meritorious service during the period 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Georgia.

Lieutenant Colonel Ward S. Ryan, 0-21339, for meritorious service during the period 26 March 1945 to 3 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

General Orders Number [illegible], Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 45[illegible], U. S. Army, 20 July 1945, [illegible]ued:

[illegible] — AMENDMENT: So much of Section II, General Orders No. 52, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, dated 10 July 1945, as awards the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. Smith, 0-444090, Infantry, is amended to award the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded.

By command of Major General HILEY:

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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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Private First Class Joseph R. Downing, 6916263, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy at Lierneux, Belgium, on 21 January 1945. When Private First Class Downing and another enlisted man became separated from the first patrol into Lierneux, Belgium, they joined with a French paratrooper to continue clearing the town. Upon receiving information from civilians that about 30 Germans wanted to surrender, they went to take them prisoner. As they approached the Germans, the Germans took cover and opened fire on the three men, severely wounding Private First Class Downing. He immediately took cover in a nearby ditch and opened fire on the Germans, shouting to his comrades to fall back while he kept them under fire. His self-sacrifice in continuing to provide covering fire saved the life of the other enlisted man although it cost his own. His actions were in accord with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces.

Private Carl V. Struthers, 37693[illegible], Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Flamierbulle, Belgium, on 12 January 1945. Private Struthers was a member of a bazooka team which was in a company attack on a woods outside of a Belgian town. As Private Struthers advanced, his bazooka was struck by pieces of flying shrapnel that tore holes in the tube. At this point German tanks started counter-attacking. Both Private Struthers and his team-mate knew that the tanks must be stopped. They also knew that their weapon might blow up in their faces due to the holes torn in it. Nevertheless, without thought for personal safety, they fired in an attempt to stop the tanks. The weapon blew up and both were instantly killed. This gallantry inspired their company successfully to repulse the German counter-attack. The Military Service ranks the gallantry of Private Struthers among its proudest traditions. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Roy J. Spencer, 37706873, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Flamierbulle, Belgium, on 12 January 1945. Private Spencer was a member of a bazooka team which was in a company attack on a woods outside of a Belgian town. As Private Spencer advanced, his bazooka was struck by pieces of flying shrapnel that tore holes in the tube. At this point German tanks started counter-attacking. Both Private Spencer and his team-mate knew that the tanks must be stopped. They also knew that their weapon might blow up in their faces due to the holes torn in it. Nevertheless, without thought for personal safety, they fired in an attempt to stop the tanks. The weapon blew up and both were instantly killed. This gallantry inspired their company successfully to repulse the German counter-attack. The Military Service ranks the gallantry of Private Spencer among its proudest traditions. Entered military service from Colorado.

Private William H. Pritchard, 16093911, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Houffalize, Belgium, on 19 January 1945. When the patrol of which he was a member was subjected to intense machine gun and small arms fire which killed or wounded the light machine gun crew, Private Pritchard voluntarily exposed himself to the heavy fire to run the machine gun. With complete disregard for his own safety he placed the machine gun in action knowing that the enemy would concentrate their fire on his position. He continued to fire as rapidly as possible until the patrol had reached a covered position. As he attempted to follow the patrol he was killed by the intense enemy fire. His unflinching courage and willing self-sacrifice for his comrades lived in accord with the highest traditions of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Canada.

General Orders Number 55, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 16 August 1945, continued:

Staff Sergeant Howard H. Kriebel, 39237166, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near St. Martin de Varreville, France, on 6 June 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Kriebel crawled forward and alone silenced two enemy machine gun nests. This action completed, he then continued on and set fire to and destroyed a German ammunition dump. His gallant action silenced the enemy position and inspired his comrades enabling them to complete their mission. His action was in accordance with the highest standards 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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Richard A. Oliver, 12073324, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Dasburg, Germany, on 25 January 1945. Staff Sergeant Oliver volunteered to expose himself and draw enemy machine gun fire. Having succeeded in this mission he continued on and singlehanded wiped out an enemy machine gun nest. Under intense enemy fire he gallantly moved forward and fired his rifle grenades, stunning the enemy, and then rushed in and killed them with his grenades. His actions were in accordance with the highest standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Norman W. Harris, 19095953, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on LaPoterie Ridge, Normandy, France, on 5 July 1944. Technical Sergeant Harris was Platoon Sergeant, Third Platoon, Company "B", which was holding a defensive position it had occupied during the night after infiltrating through the enemy's positions. When the Germans surprised the left flank company of the battalion by attacking from the woods in the left flank company's rear, threatening the entire battalion's position, Technical Sergeant Harris whose platoon leader had just been wounded, gathered a small group of men from within his own platoon and led a daring, stinging surprise counter-attack on the attacking enemy's flank, stunning the enemy long enough for the battalion to organize a defense to meet the onslaught. Technical Sergeant Harris, displaying the example of fine courage and initiative, rushed at the enemy's flank, his Tommy gun spraying death to many startled Germans. With Technical Sergeant Harris as an example, the rest of his group spirited by his aggressiveness followed, and their fire brought a tragic end to many of the bewildered enemy. This group withheld the enemy attack until the battalion was prepared to meet it on an equal basis. Out of ammunition, the group withdrew under Technical Sergeant Harris' covering fire to the newly established defense line that their daring counterattack had made possible. Technical Sergeant Harris' initiative and coolness in a time of crises was the determining factor in saving the battalion's position on LaPoterie Ridge. Entered military service from Washington.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private Thomas O. [illegible], 131[illegible], Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near [illegible], Luxembourg, on 3 February 1945. On the night of 3 February 1945, Private [illegible] volunteered to lead a night combat patrol of which he was volunteer leader. Taking three men, Private [illegible] approached the unfriendly house, sending [illegible] to cover the rear of the house, [illegible] the front door. As he was preparing to force entry, a German officer came out. Private [illegible] killed the officer, and the patrol forced out these inside [illegible] into the upper floors. If then posted his men within the house and covered the rear door without loss. Private [illegible] courage in executing this voluntary mission was a source of inspiration to the entire [illegible] later [illegible] of the house he neutralized.

General Orders Number 55, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, [illegible]

Technician Fourth Grade Julius J. [illegible], 34021610, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on [illegible], on 28 January 1945. Acting on his own initiative, Technician Fourth Grade [illegible] led and drove a jeep up a road which was under continual [illegible] fire from mortar and artillery pieces. The supply jeep of Technician Fourth [illegible] consisted of high explosives which were needed to blow a road block. [illegible] obstructing the flow of supplies to the attacking First Battalion. Acting on the strength of the information given [illegible], Technician Fourth Grade [illegible] initiative and [illegible] of the [illegible] dangerous [illegible] of the military service, [illegible] region thus for delivering ammunition, medical supplies and [illegible] were held up by the roadblock. Entered military service from [illegible].

Corporal Charles J. Becker, 12067793, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Carentan, France, on 9 June 1944. Under intense enemy small arms fire, Corporal Becker disregarding his own personal safety, swam back across a canal to save the life of another enlisted man who was drowning, in an attempt to cross the canal. This heroic action saved the life of the man and enabled the patrol to move on and successfully accomplish the mission.

Private First Class Gordon G. Barrett, 36975175, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Bottrop, Germany, on 8 April 1945. When the enemy attacked our bridgehead across the Rhine-Herne Canal, Private First Class Barrett took every possible advantage of opportunities during the night to bring automatic rifle fire on enemy positions and several times while under heavy fire carried near enemy positions to three grenades. His fearless courage in the face of heavy enemy fire was instrumental in repulsing the enemy assaults. When at dawn light it was discovered that he had knocked out a machine gun position, a bazooka position, and killed six enemy [illegible] at least four. His actions were in accord with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Michigan.

Captain Thomas R. Bennett, O-434855, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on [illegible] March 1945. Having landed by parachute near the DZ, which was covered by [illegible] small arms fire, Captain Bennett immediately secured his aid bundle and disregarding his personal safety, moved across the DZ and set up a temporary aid station in the edge of a wooded area. The casualties on the DZ continued to increase and Captain Bennett coolly and calmly moved from man to man administering medical treatment and supervising the removal of the wounded men to the aid station. His actions were in accord with the highest of military standards of the Army of the United States.

Staff Sergeant Michael Zapf, 33146035, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Duisburg, Germany, on 25 January 1945. Staff Sergeant Zapf courageously drew out enemy fire thereby exposing enemy gun positions. Exposing himself again he boldly charged the enemy positions and knocked out one machine gun and crew. His action greatly aided in the capture of nearby machine gun positions. His conduct in this action was in keeping with the high standards of the United States Army. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Garland L. Wright, O-391132, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. When the 194th Glider Infantry Regiment made its glider landing in enemy held territory near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945, two gliders carrying Regimental Medical Detachment personnel crashed. Captain Wright, assistant to Regimental Surgeon, with utter disregard for his own safety, [illegible] through intense enemy machine gun and 20 mm cannon fire to the wrecked gliders, still under heavy enemy fire, he extricated the wounded from the wreckage [illegible] in carrying them to six relative covered [illegible] sufficient treatment to them and [illegible] medical aid action resulted in saving the lives of four severely wounded men. [illegible] indicated the suffering of numerous others, was in keeping with the high standards of the United States Army Medical Corps. Entered military service from Virginia.

Gen[illegible] 1 Orders Number 55, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 16 August 1945, continued.

First Lieutenant Leonard T. Roberts, 0-1044653, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy at [illegible], Germany, on 14 April 1945. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, First Lieutenant Roberts led a squad of his platoon across a blocked bridge which was under intense fire from 20mm flak guns, 88's, mortars and automatic weapons. After the crossing, First Lieutenant Roberts repeatedly exposed himself to lead men into position to establish strong points; he personally assisted in evacuating casualties; recrossed the bridge and returned with hot food for the men; he directed mortar fire which silenced one machine gun and [illegible] another fire. When a man was wounded by snipers, First Lieutenant Roberts led a rescue party which retrieved and evacuated the wounded man. He later recrossed the bridge again and returned with a resupply of ammunition. Although he could have delegated most of these tasks to anyone in his command, he preferred to take the risks involved. His actions resulted in securing a bridgehead across the Rhine River. His devotion to duty and cool leadership while under fire contributed immensely to the maintenance of the high morale of his unit.

Staff Sergeant Orville E. Paris, 37149351, Infantry, for heroic conduct in action against the enemy near North Steele, Germany, on 17 April 1945. When the attacking elements of Company "H" were held up by heavy fire from two MG's 42, Staff Sergeant Paris went forward with a 300 radio to adjust mortar fire on the positions. He took up a position on a slag pile and without regard for his personal safety exposed himself to the enemy to draw their fire to locate the gun position. After one gun fired upon him he adjusted fire on it and destroyed it and then exposed himself again drawing fire on himself from the other gun. After locating it in this manner, Staff Sergeant Paris adjusted fire and destroyed the gun. His gallant actions were responsible for the destruction of two machine guns and the advancing Company "H" troops. The action was in keeping with the highest standards of military service. Entered military service from South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant Richard A. Oliver, 12073324, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near La Haye Du Puit, France, on 4 July 1944. During the attack on Hill 95, between 1000 and 1200 hours, before a combat patrol which Staff Sergeant Oliver was a part of could consolidate their gains by setting up a defense, the enemy counter-attacked in a large force with superior fire power. Staff Sergeant Oliver had his machine gun set up and manned it while the patrol set up a defense. Staff Sergeant Oliver covered the actions of his patrol by keeping up a constant fire holding the enemy at bay for a short time. His gun was [illegible] without rifle support and stuck out away from friendly forces. Although severely wounded, Staff Sergeant Oliver stuck to his gun knowing full importance of his position. This action [illegible] for the highest [illegible] courage and bravery. Entered military service from New York.

Staff Sergeant Stephen E. Liberty, 20[illegible]5015, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near [illegible], Germany, [illegible] March 1945. Although Staff Sergeant Liberty sprained his ankle on landing, he went forward with a 300 radio with an attached company to act as a forward observer for the mortar platoon. With complete disregard for his own safety he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to adjust fire on them and continuously throughout the day he remained under fire with the troops adjusting fire on enemy targets. [illegible] with the [illegible] giving the [illegible] fire until the following morning, owing to be evacuated until he was relieved by a competent observer. His [illegible] were in accord with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from Montana.

Staff Sergeant Clyde V. Heffren, 38[illegible]2118, Germany, for heroic action against the enemy near [illegible], France, on 15 August 1944. Upon landing he [illegible] nearby struggling to extract himself from his [illegible], fire from enemy held by bushes and utilized against the enemy [illegible] his own safety, a machine gun about 75 yards away. With [illegible] Staff Sergeant Heffren rushed through a hail [illegible] cut him [illegible] his [illegible] [illegible] machine gun [illegible] [illegible] Fort, [illegible]

unflinching courage, devotion to duty and utter disregard for his own safety when going to the aid of his helpless comrade, knowing that five American soldiers had been killed, won him the admiration of all and was greatly responsible for the success of the British in their part of liberating the vicinity of Lelluy, France. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade Rene R. Fritts, Jr., 15118218, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near [illegible], Germany, on 24 March 1945. Immediately after landing across the Rhine River, Technician Fourth Grade Fritts assembled a group of eight men while under enemy fire and attempted to lead them to the assembly area. After a short advance they were pinned down by heavy machine gun fire from their right flank. He then skillfully withdrew the men to a covered position by ones and twos and led them to the assembly area by a covered route, capturing fourteen of the enemy on the way. He then reported the exact location of the machine gun to the mortar platoon which put the position out of action. His unhesitating action in taking command of the group and his skillful and resourceful leadership was an inspiration to all the men under him and was in accordance with the highest standards of the military services. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant Loy F. Durfee, 37066476, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany, on 31 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Durfee exposed himself to intense sniper fire to personally place the men of his platoon in firing positions and divide their fire in such a manner as to completely neutralize the enemy fire, allowing our troops to occupy positions which had been denied them on their objective. Later, during the same day, Technical Sergeant Durfee again exposed himself to heavy enemy timed artillery bursts, automatic weapons, and other small arms fire during a counter-attack by a far numerically superior enemy force, to personally place the men and weapons of his platoon in positions and assign fields of fire which enabled the outnumbered platoon to repel the counterattack with heavy losses to the enemy and light losses to his own troops. During this counterattack the only route of withdrawal was denied by intense enemy fire and the platoon was threatened with annihilation until Technical Sergeant Durfee's action secured its positions. Entered military service from Wyoming.

IV. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Master Sergeant Arthur J. Garaeli, 39023565, for meritorious service during the period 1 February 1943 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service service from California.

Staff Sergeant Harmon R. Walters, 18116083, for meritorious service during the period 1 February 1944 to 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard [illegible] Horton, 0-346562, for meritorious service during the period 24 March 1944 and 12 June 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Captain (Chaplain) Robert F. Crubs, 0-508958, for meritorious service during the period 4 January 1945 to 13 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant James W. Hazell, 0-1319900, for meritorious service during the period 6 June 1944 to 3 May 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

V. 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 individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date and in the locations indicated:

Tec 5	Loren D. Porter	35733221	7 January 1945	Belgium
Pfc	William W. Dusenbury	[illegible]	18 September 1944	France

General Orders Number 55, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 16 August 1945, continued.

VI. AWARD OF MEDICAL BADGE -- WOOD 25 May 45 is confirmed and made of record: UP Sec II Cir 66 HQ ETO 1 Mar 45 following named officers fr 224th Abn Med Co having served with 194th Gli Inf are awarded the Medical Badge eff 25 May 45:

1st Lt	DeVries, Peter	0-1546950	MC
S Sgt	Morgan, Everett	37521010	
Tec 5	Dellott, James	32738493	
Tec 5	Keel, Andrew	35552235	
Tec 5	Stearn, John	37668541	
Tec 5	Williams, Arthur	37521267	
Pfc	Carroll, Albert	32836504	
Pfc	Childress, Billie	33647422	
Pfc	Decker, Raymond E	37611583	
Pfc	Guarniori, James C	35500092	
Pfc	Lower, John S	35140695	
Pfc	Metrick, William	32849508	
Pfc	Nordblum, Theodore	32930302	
Pfc	Sharp, Bernice	37521219	
Pfc	Scagliono, Joseph	37611072	
Pfc	Shindley, Harold	37668519	
Pfc	Tuckey, Earl	33722454	
Pfc	Wesley, Walter	35140755	
Pfc	Witt, Jacob	35729043	

VII. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section II, General Orders No. 35, this Headquarters, dated 9 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal to Colonel Edwin J. Messinger, 018503, General Staff Corps, as reads "for meritorious service during the period 1 March 1945 to 1 May 1945" is amended to read " for meritorious service during the period 30 June 1944 to 14 February 1945".

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AGRS-DA 201 Harris, Norman W.
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7 August 1950

SUBJECT: Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Norman W. Harris
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So much of General Orders 59, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, dated 16 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Silver Star to Technical Sergeant Norman W. Harris, 19 095 953, which reads "Silver Star" is amended to read "First Oak-Leaf Cluster to Silver Star".

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APO 452, U. S. ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 57)

22 August 1945.

Award of Silver Star (Posthumous)	Section I
Award of Silver Star	Section II
Award of Bronze Star	Section III
Award of Certificate of Merit	Section IV
Award of Purple Heart	Section V
Rescission	Section VI
Amendment	Section VII

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

Technical Sergeant John W. Early, 15101921, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy at Duttweiler, Germany, on 7 February 1945. With complete disregard for his personal safety and despite warnings of his comrades, Technical Sergeant Early exposed himself to the full fury of the enemy's devastating fire-power to cross 800 yards of open terrain and bring aid to six of his men who had been seriously wounded. Under constant observation by the enemy, he moved through a hail of small arms and artillery fire without once faltering to reach his destination and return with aid. Upon attaining his own position he was killed by a direct hit of an artillery shell. His action was in keeping with the highest standards of the Military service. Entered military service from Indiana.

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Staff Sergeant Paul P. Blood, 39237628, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 3 July 1944 near La Haye du Puit, France. As part of an attacking battalion, Staff Sergeant Blood's platoon was pinned down by a well-concealed enemy machine gun in a hedgerow. As lead scout, Staff Sergeant (then Private) Blood was pinned down well in lead of the platoon, and was nearest to the enemy. As soon as the platoon picked up the fire, Staff Sergeant Blood rushed toward the hedgerow to get himself out of line of fire by getting almost beside the weapon. Before the enemy could shift to meet the new situation, Staff Sergeant Blood had tossed a white phosphorous grenade into the position, and when the grenade went off Staff Sergeant Blood emptied his Ml into the smoke. The enemy was eliminated and the forward movement of the platoon went on without delay. Staff Sergeant Blood's action was of the highest in military standards. Entered military service from Oregon.

Sergeant Stanley Borkowski, 36450323, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 6 June 1944 near Amfreville, France. Sergeant (then Private) Borkowski, while acting as an advance lookout for his patrol which was holding a vital roadblock on a bridge across the Merderet River, observed a large enemy force supported by three tanks approaching his patrol's position. After alerting his patrol to the imminent danger, he returned alone in the face of almost certain death to his former position. After allowing two tanks to pass his concealed position, Sergeant Borkowski knocked out one tank with a gammon grenade and killed the entire crew as they attempted to escape. The enemy became confused by this unexpected attack and halted to display. Sergeant Borkowski's unselfish and heroic act performed regardless of the knowledge that he faced almost certain death typifies the aggressive spirit of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Sergeant Bernard J. Bollock, 37295138, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 January 1945 near Nonlo, Belgium. When his company was ordered to attack a strategic hill, First Sergeant Bollock, then company supply Sergeant, was ordered to remain in the old Company CP located in a farmhouse at the outskirts of Nonlo St. Etienne, Belgium. As his company moved to the attack sudden and intense enemy small arms and artillery fire inflicted heavy casualties and pinned the remainder of the company to the ground on a range approximately 450 yards forward of First Sergeant Bollock's position.

General Orders Number 57, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 464, U. S. Army, 22 August 1945, continued:

First Sergeant Bellock, observing the engagement and seeing several wounded members of his company lying helpless and exposed on the crest of the ridge voluntarily left his position of safety and coolly made his way to the scene of action. In full view of the enemy and at the height of the barrage, he evacuated a seriously wounded man to the rear. He returned to the ridge at least three additional times, each time with a hail of small arms and artillery fire falling about him, and evacuated other wounded members of his organization. First Sergeant Bellock did not desist in his efforts to rescue the wounded until he himself had been wounded. This gallant, heroic and entirely voluntary performance by First Sergeant Bellock in the face of extremely adverse and hazardous conditions reflects the highest traditions of the United States Army.

Private First Class James H. Shelbourne, 38458532, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near [illegible], Germany, on 24 March 1945. Private First Class Shelbourne, a company aid man, moved with his company by parachute behind enemy lines. Three members of his company were seriously wounded and lying on an exposed ridge about 100 yards away in direct line of enemy fire. After having sought shelter in a ditch from the intense enemy small arms and mortar fire sweeping the landing zone, Private First Class Shelbourne observed the critical situation in which the wounded men had been placed. With utter disregard for his own safety and entirely on his own volition, Private First Class Shelbourne left his position of relative safety and calmly made his way to the crest of the ridge across 100 yards of exposed terrain in direct view of the enemy and under withering small arms and mortar fire. On reaching the men he administered first aid and immediately evacuated the most seriously wounded of the three. On two successive occasions he again returned to the ridge, at all times under continuous and relentless enemy fire, and removed the two remaining wounded members of his company. This gallant and heroic act on the part of Private First Class Shelbourne undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Texas.

Sergeant Albert A. Kurtz, 32258031, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 June 1944 near Bonneville, France. When his company, the assault company of the second Battalion, was held up in an attack, Sergeant (then Private) Kurtz charged forward upon his own initiative through intense grazing machine gun fire from a concealed enemy strongpoint. Hurling a hand grenade into the enemy position and picking up and throwing back an enemy grenade, he killed one gunner and wounded his assistant. When the wounded enemy tried to shoot him, Sergeant Kurtz killed the wounding enemy from a completely exposed position. As a result of Sergeant Kurtz's unselfish gallantry and intrepid initiative, his company was able to continue its advance without further enemy interference in that sector. His actions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania

Staff Sergeant Robert L. Triplett, 31036162, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 9 January 1945 near Flamierge, Belgium. Staff Sergeant Triplett (then Private First Class) and a few men were occupying a house in the outskirts of Flamierge, Belgium, when an enemy force of approximately sixty infantrymen supported by five tanks launched an attack against his position. Immediately sensing the gravity of the situation and the possibility that all might become prisoners or casualties, Staff Sergeant Triplett, without orders and on his own volition, raced out into the open field in front of the advancing enemy and made the enemy to throw away their weapons and surrender. The enemy, recovering from their first moments of surprise, opened fire upon him at a range of approximately 35 yards. Staff Sergeant Triplett immediately returned their fire, killing a number of the enemy and disorganizing the remainder. Supporting fire from his comrades in the house enabled him to withdraw to its relative safety within, but his action had halted and disorganized the enemy that time was had to alert adjacent friendly troops. [illegible] Staff Sergeant Triplett in the face of overwhelming odds was an inspiration to his comrades and enabled them to repulse a strong counterattack. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces.

[illegible] Headquarters, [illegible] Division Artillery, Office of the Division Artillery, APO 452, U. S. Army, 22 August 1945, continued:

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR — Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in General Orders Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Private First Class Richard A. Boe, 39127873, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 25 March 1945 near Wesel, Germany. When his patrol was pinned down by fire from an enemy position about 1000 yards away, it was impossible for the patrol to take a small group of prisoners who were also pinned down by the same fire, but who had shown desire to surrender. Private First Class Boe, with utter disregard for personal safety, crawled to the Germans, stripped them of their weapons, and at the point of a gun, forced them to crawl the 100 yards to the place the patrol was waiting. Taking twenty four prisoners, and displaying a very high standard of military conduct in the face of the enemy, Private First Class Boe has contributed to his fund of fame in the Nation. Entered military service from California.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert C. Canedo, 38497249, Ordnance, for heroic action against the enemy on 24 March 1945 near Wesel, Germany. Technician Fifth Grade Canedo was injured when the glider in which he was riding crashed in landing behind enemy lines. Realizing he was the only qualified man present with his particular skill he refused to be evacuated although in great pain and experiencing great difficulty in moving about. He performed his duties under these conditions for two days and did not desist until ordered by the officer in charge to report to the Division Clearing Station for treatment and evacuation. His conspicuous and outstanding devotion to duty on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces.

Private First Class Clarence A. Collins, 39236605, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy from 8 January 1945 to 11 February 1945 near Chiscone, Belgium. On 8 January 1945 Private First Class Collins carried badly needed water and communications equipment in the bitter cold through a heavy concentration of tank, artillery and rocket fire to the forward elements of his company. He then remained to direct and assist in the evacuation of wounded. Again on the 10 and 11 February 1945, Private First Class Collins, with complete disregard for his own safety, repeatedly crossed the Our River under automatic weapons and artillery fire to deliver food and ammunition to two companies which were holding a bridgehead in Germany. His total disregard for his own safety and personal concern for the men of the line companies were in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Georgia.

Staff Sergeant Ray T. Cook, 12025990, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 16 June 1944 near St. Sauver, France. While crossing a field the platoon of which Staff Sergeant Cook was platoon leader came under an intense and severe artillery barrage. Acting with coolness which inspired his men at all times, Staff Sergeant Cook moved his men out of the barrage to the comparative safety of a small hedgerow. Observing several wounded men lying in the field, Staff Sergeant Cook, with total disregard for his own safety, returned to the field with artillery and small arms fire falling about him and evacuated his wounded comrades. His courageous action on the occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class James G. Curran, 11051825, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 10 June 1944 near Ste Mere Eglise, France. Private First Class Curran on his own initiative went on a one man patrol into enemy territory to seek out the position of a battery of enemy mortars that had been harrassing our columns and defensive lines continually. He successfully got into enemy territory, obtained information of mortar positions, as well as location of enemy defense lines. On his return to friendly lines, he captured a prisoner. This information enabled our attacking forces to annihilate the enemy. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

IV. AWARD OF CERTIFICATE OF merit — Under the provisions of Memorandum Number 5, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Certificate of Merit is awarded to:

FIRST LIEUTENANT	WILLIAM F. LANGSTON	01307981	INFANTRY

General Orders No. 57, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, A.P.O. 462, U. S. Army, 22 August 1945, continued:

V. 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 individual for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date and in the location indicated:

Tec 5	John C. Bro	19115587	15 August 1944	France

VI. RESCISSION — Section III, General Orders Number 40, this Headquarters, dated 28 May 1945, as pertains to Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Barnett, 0-322963, is hereby rescinded.

VII. AMENDMENT — So much of Section IV, General Orders Number 16, this Headquarters, dated 12 April 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal posthumously to Private Stanley H. Tucker, 19170463, as reads "for heroic action against the enemy on 8 January 1945" is amended to read "for heroic action against the enemy on 7 January 1945".

By command of Major General MILEY:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 59)

Award of Silver Star Medal — Section I
Award of Soldier's Medal — Section II
Award of Purple Heart Medal — Section III

I. [illegible] OF SILVER STAR MEDAL — Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 3[illegible], Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 29 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Edward F. Kent, [illegible]20909, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy at [illegible], Germany, on 30 March 1945. His battalion had occupied [illegible] after fierce fighting. The enemy returned with two tanks and had managed to re-occupy some of the houses on the west edge of town. Lieutenant Colonel Kent ordered two companies to retake that portion of town. Enemy artillery fire started falling on the troops and they became intermingled, took cover and control was lost. Lieutenant Colonel Kent, with complete disregard for his own safety, immediately went forward, exposing himself to enemy fire and directed our artillery fire on the tanks. He then rallied his troops and again secured the western portion of the town. His personal courage in the face of enemy fire and his sound judgment of tactics were an inspiration to his men. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New York.

Lieutenant Colonel Paul F. Smith, 0444090, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Haltern, Germany, on 28 March 1945. Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Smith was with the forward elements of his battalion in the attack on Haltern. Enemy resistance had been exceptionally heavy and in several instances the battalion had been pinned down by fire. On each of these occasions Lieutenant Colonel Smith, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire and continuously moved from one flank to the other, maintaining absolute control of his battalion. His personal courage and sound knowledge of tactics served as an inspiration to the officers and men of his battalion and resulted in taking the objective with a minimum delay and casualties. His actions were in accord with the highest standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Colonel Harry F. Kies, 0361302, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 27 March 1945 near Lahder, Germany. Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Kies was with the two leading companies of his battalion when they suddenly came under intense machine gun and rifle fire. Lieutenant Colonel Kies with complete disregard for his own personal safety, immediately went forward, exposing himself to direct enemy machine gun and rifle fire and encouraged his men forward. His personal courage and sound knowledge of tactics were an inspiration to his men and resulted in the enemy being routed. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Barnett, 0322963, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. Although suffering heavy casualties among his staff during the airborne invasion of Germany, Lieutenant Colonel Barnett led his battalion to their objective. Despite the absence of key personnel of his staff, he personally spearheaded attacks on enemy strongpoints under heavy enemy fire. The success of his battalion during the initial phases of the operation was due to his tactical skill and disregard for his own safety and welfare. His untiring efforts and diligent devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest standards of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Mississippi.

General Orders Number 59, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, dated 23 August 1945, continued:

II. 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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

Private First Class Roy L. Perkins, 39104914, Medical Corps, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy near Cotturu, Belgium, on 20 January 1945. When the driver of a jeep, which had exploded a land mine, was saturated with burning gasoline, Private First Class Perkins, completely disregarding his own safety, ran into the mined area and smothered the flames and administered first aid, undoubtedly saving the soldier's life. He then continued through the mined area to find and give aid to another man who had been thrown clear of the jeep explosion. His courage and quick action were in accord with the highest standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Robert F. Werner, 12073216, Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy near Cotturu, Belgium, on 20 January 1945. When the driver of a jeep, which had exploded a land mine, was saturated with flaming gasoline, Private First Class Werner, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, ran into the thickly mined area and tackled the burning soldier and helped smother the flames. His conduct and quick action were in accord with the highest standards of the military service. Entered military service from New York.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on the date and in the locations indicated:

Pvt	Stewart F. Young	34052756	9 January 1945	Belgium
Pvt	Werner J. Fichtner	32043592	21 September 1944	Holland

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25 August 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 61)

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL - Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star is awarded to:

First Lieutenant Lewis L. Harris, 0-1207524, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hotton, St. Etienne, Belgium, on 10 January 1945. First Lieutenant Harris, with complete disregard for his own safety, left the comparative safety of the company area and proceeded into the open area to the front of his platoon sector to investigate the cries for help coming from a depression in the snow midway between the enemy and friendly troops. The distance between forces at this point was about three hundred yards. Finding a wounded officer from the 194th Glider Infantry, First Lieutenant Harris picked him up and carried the wounded man to the safety of our lines, never faltering when the enemy opened fire upon him. Entered military service from Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade Vernon L. Darling, 39839415, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945. With no regard for personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Darling attempted and succeeded in eliminating an enemy strongpoint singlehandedly. Not satisfied with the feat of forcing 30 Germans to surrender, Technician Fifth Grade Darling proceeded to care for the wounded while still under sniper fire, and reported their positions to the Aid Station. His courage and devotion to duty unquestionably saved the lives of many men who had been unfortunate enough to have landed within the zone of fire of this strongpoint. Technician Fifth Grade Darling's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from California.

First Lieutenant Burt A. Hathaway, 0-309169, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Hubermont, Belgium, on 8-9 January 1945. During the Ardennes Campaign it became necessary to withdraw a battalion from an advanced position. First Lieutenant Hathaway, given the mission of contacting the battalion commander, set out in darkness, bitter cold and snow flurries, and, with utter disregard for his own safety, made his way through heavy enemy fire to the battalion. On the way he met members of the battalion who were straggling to the rear. His example so inspired the men that they returned with him and he was able to lead back the entire battalion, saving many lives and helping to bring about a stabilized division front. His action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Service. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Ronan C. Grady, Jr., 0-25985, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Flamierge, Belgium, on 4 January 1945. Lieutenant Grady, a platoon leader, was leading his platoon from [illegible] south of Flamierge, Belgium, and after they and an adjoining platoon had travelled about 400 yards, both units of the company were caught in heavy machine-gun, rifle, mortar and concentrated artillery fire which wounded the company commander. First Lieutenant Grady and the platoon leader of the adjoining platoon with utter disregard for their own safety, and realizing the heavy toll the enemy fire was taking on their men, rose and ran approximately 1000 yards into the town. This act was such an inspiration to the pinned down men that they followed First Lieutenant Grady and his fellow officer and succeeded in taking their objective. During this assault First Lieutenant Grady was armed only with a .45 pistol. He continued fighting until shrapnel from an artillery shell wounded him in twenty different places. This act was in accord with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from California.

General Orders Number 61, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 25 August 1945, continued:

First Lieutenant Ralph Kinnos, 01312662, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 4 January 1945 near Flamierulle, Belgium. First Lieutenant Kinnos, a platoon leader, was leading his platoon from the cover of a woods South [illegible] Belgium, and after they and an adjoining platoon had travelled about 100 yards both units of the company were caught in heavy machine-gun, rifle, mortar and concentrated artillery fire which wounded the company commander. First Lieutenant Kinnos and the platoon leader of the adjoining platoon, with utter disregard for their own safety, and realizing the heavy toll the enemy fire was taking on their men, rose and ran approximately 1000 yards into the town. This act was such an inspiration to the pinned down men that they followed First Lieutenant Kinnos and his fellow officer and succeeded in taking their objective. During this assault, First Lieutenant Kinnos personally killed 15 Germans with his sub-machine gun and was wounded twice by the enemy. His act was in accord with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO SILVER STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum Number 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Private Norman W. Harris, 19095953, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy on 14 June 1944 near LeBonneville, France. When his platoon was held down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private Harris choosing the enemy gun least supported by other enemy weapons, with complete disregard for personal safety, and facing heavy fire, did assault, and eliminate the machine gun and crew, enabling his platoon to penetrate the HLR, and outflank other positions, breaking up the enemy defensive position. His personal courage inspired others in the platoon, and they followed his example in fiercely assaulting the enemy eventually securing the objective. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service. Entered military service from Washington.

III. 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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel Frank L. Barnett, 0-322963, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 1 September 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Mississippi.

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Major James I. Mason, 0-316241, Corps of Engineers, for heroic action against the enemy on [illegible] March 1945 near [illegible], Germany. Major Mason, after landing in enemy held territory by glider, organized and led an eight man party through four miles of enemy territory. When the party was fired upon by heavy small arms fire from a nearby town, Major Mason placed the eight men in a position of relative safety, then alone proceeded to an abandoned 50 caliber machine gun which he put into action and, firing upon the town, [illegible] and aggressively [illegible] his fire caused 60 of the enemy to surrender. While the group was surrendering, heavy small arms fire was received from [illegible] in an open field. Without hesitation, Major Mason directed the [illegible] his heroic actions Major Mason added the successful accomplishment of the airborne mission and was a credit to the traditions of the airborne forces. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private Gerard A. Oslender, 33365171, Infantry, for heroic action [illegible] France. After enduring numerous [illegible] on the Rhine during the service [illegible] by [illegible] was [illegible] with [illegible] machine gun, [illegible]

General Orders Number 61, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, A.P.O. 452, U. S. Army, 23 August 1945, continued:

fire to [illegible] position from where he killed the three-man crew of one gun with two [illegible] killing all four men with his submachine gun. The great courage, aggressive fighting spirit, and initiative demonstrated by Private Calendar throughout this action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Airborne Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Captain Horace J. Cofer, 0-1288332, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 18-19 June 1944 near Vire [illegible], France. During an attack on strong [illegible] the first battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry, Captain Cofer, Regimental Adjutant, led a group of CP personnel across [illegible] River. After encountering heavy small arms, machine gun, and tank fire, and due to the fact that anti-tank forces preceding his group had [illegible], Captain Cofer [illegible] immediately moved at the head of his men, capturing three prisoners. Although entirely unaware of the enemy capabilities, Captain Cofer led his men across 500 yards of open, fire-swept terrain to join forces with the assaulting battalion. With the arrival of Captain Cofer's group, the Battalion Commander was able to commit his reserve company in a final attempt to overrun the strongly defended positions. The success of this attack was due in a large part to the aggressive leadership and great personal courage exhibited by Captain Cofer at a critical juncture in the battle. Throughout the entire action Captain Cofer's leadership was a decided inspiration to his men and reflected high credit upon himself and his organization. Entered military service from Georgia.

Private First Class Joseph O. Vlock, 36316097, Medical Corps, for heroic action against the enemy on 26 March 1945 near Paulenburg, Germany. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Vlock advanced through intense enemy small arms fire and gave medical attention to two seriously wounded men who had been lying in an exposed position for more than ten hours. Private First Class Vlock then carried them back out of the field of fire to a position from which they could be evacuated. His actions were in keeping with the highest standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from Illinois.

Corporal Patrick Sullivan, 39326609, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 11 June 1944 near Carentan, France. Corporal Sullivan, a machine gunner, voluntarily advanced through intense enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire to place his gun in a position from which he could place his fire with the best advantage. Although completely exposed to the full concentration of the enemy fire, Corporal Sullivan covered the advancing enemy infantry with fire causing heavy casualties. In addition, his accurate fire silenced two enemy machine guns, killing the entire crews. While returning to his ILR, Corporal Sullivan was wounded. Despite the pain from his wound, Corporal Sullivan refused medical aid and continued to man his gun with telling effect until his unit was reinforced and the enemy attack broken. Corporal Sullivan's initiative and high order of personal courage was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and typifies the highest standards of the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from Utah.

Staff Sergeant William T. Oughterson, 12080720, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 11 June 1944 near Carfravillo, France. Between the hours of 0600 and 1200, Staff Sergeant Oughterson, while with an isolated group and surrounded by enemy forces, was with the [illegible] forces and trying to break through to get across the Merderet River to reach friendly forces coming in from the beachhead. This isolated group made an all-out assault on one side of a hill. Staff Sergeant Oughterson, armed with a Bar, charged the slope of a hill drawing the enemy fire upon himself. He killed three Germans in an emplacement, knocking this position out. While advancing to another emplacement he was wounded through the arm. In spite of his wound he continued to advance in the face of machine gun fire until he could go no further. Staff Sergeant Oughterson displayed the highest of courage all throughout this engagement. Entered military service from New York.

Technical Sergeant Joseph E. Pesek, 12072694, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 9 January 1945 near Chisagna, Belgium. When Technical Sergeant Pesek saw a wounded man suffering from shock wandering toward the enemy [illegible] left the safety of his foxhole with complete disregard of his personal safety and ran through intense small arms fire to reach the man and bring him back to friendly position. He then took the wounded man back to the first aid station [illegible] a heavy artillery barrage. His courageous actions were in accord with the highest standards of the Airborne Forces. Entered military service from New York.

General Orders Number 61, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 25 August 1945, continued:

Staff Sergeant Carmer Dunkel, 39548097, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 24 March 1945 at Diersfordt, Germany. During the attack on a strongly manned castle, the leading elements of Company "G", 507th Parachute Infantry, were pinned down by intense enemy gun fire. Staff Sergeant Dunkel, realizing the critical situation, quickly and accurately assaying the situation, moved his squad to the extreme left of the enemy stronghold and attacked the position in an effort to relieve the pinned down units. Voluntarily leaving the front of his squad through intense enemy fire, he directed the attack and employed such effective fire upon the enemy positions that heavy casualties were inflicted and the remaining 150 enemy surrendered. This gallant and intrepid leadership was the deciding factor in his company's successful accomplishment of its most difficult mission and by its force of arms and resourcefulness of the United States Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant Orlin E. Stewart, 37070953, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 6 June 1944 near Amfreville, France. On 6 June 1944, Staff Sergeant Stewart (then Private First Class) was out in at a road junction about two miles from Amfreville. He was part of a patrol sent out to hold a bridge nearby, and to secure the road net. Two enemy tanks advanced on his position, and when they were close enough he succeeded in stopping them by throwing Gammon Grenades. The crews then emerged and were killed as they tried to retreat. The remainder of the patrol had begun to withdraw, and Staff Sergeant Stewart was responsible for their withdrawal without casualties. With only 30 caliber ammunition left and at the approach of another heavier tank he was compelled to withdraw also. His success against the tanks and the return of the entire patrol was the result of his personal bravery and determination. His courageous action on the occasion reflects much credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Kansas.

First Sergeant Mitchell C. Reed, 33120508, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 9 June 1944 near Amfreville, France. When the Second Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry, position was mistakenly bombed and strafed by friendly planes causing several casualties, First Sergeant (then Corporal) Reed, upon his own initiative, unhesitatingly left his position of cover and advanced alone for an open field swept by concentrated enemy artillery barrages and machine gun fire. Despite the intensity of this fire, First Sergeant Reed succeeded in laying out identification panels which the friendly planes observed causing them to immediately cease their bombing of the area. First Sergeant Reed's unselfish and gallant act at the risk of his own life undoubtedly saved the lives of many comrades and typifies the highest standards of the Parachute Infantryman. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Walter T. Nikulics, 33080916, Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 18 June 1944 near Origny, France. Private First Class Nikulics volunteered to go on a one man patrol through enemy territory to obtain information as to enemy strength and dispositions. He successfully completed his mission and brought back information which was of great assistance in forming his unit's plan of attack. His success on this mission was due entirely to his own bravery and coolness under enemy observation and fire. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant [illegible], 6984[illegible], Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 24 March 1945 near [illegible], Germany. [illegible] to enemy gun fire, while leading his squad on to the pinned down Company. Master Sergeant [illegible], [illegible] position, firing his machine gun from the hip, he captured [illegible] quick wielding were in accord with the highest standards of the Military Service. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Robert R. Fu[illegible], 38[illegible], Infantry, for heroic action against the enemy on 27 March 1945 near Wesel, Germany. While a squad of [illegible] Private First Class [illegible] was pinned down by [illegible] from a house. Private First Class [illegible]

General Orders No. 61, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, APO 452, U. S. Army, 25 August 1945, continued:

V. 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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star is awarded to:

amend to read "OLC to BSM" by GO 63 - Sept 3, 1945

Lieutenant Colonel Stanley T. B. Johnson, 0-19743, Corps of Engineers, for meritorious service during the period 10 September 1944 to 30 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Lyman E. Slater, 33365135, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 1 April 1943 to 8 May 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant Edward R. Peterson, 37176006, Infantry, for meritorious service during the period 24 June 1944 to 1 February 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

VI. RESCISSION: Section VI, General Orders No. 57, this Headquarters, dated 16 August 1945, is rescinded.

By command of Major General MILEY:

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AGRO-DA 201 Harris, Norman W.
19 095 953

7 August 1950

SUBJECT: Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Norman W. Harris
Post Office Box 301
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So much of General Orders 61, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, dated 25 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star to Private Norman W. Harris, 19 095 953, which reads "First Oak-Leaf Cluster to Silver Star" is amended to read "Silver Star".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. A. Leary
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal---Section I
Amendment----------Section II

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 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to:

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Joseph P. Ahern, 0-23881, Signal Corps, for meritorious service during the period 1 March 1945 to 8 May 1945.

II. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section VI, General Orders Number 57, this Headquarters, dated 22 August 1945, as pertains to the recission of a section of General Orders Number 44, this Headquarters, dated 28 May 1945 as reads "Section IV" is amended to read "Section III".

By command of Major General MILEY:

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3 September 1945

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Award of Silver Star Medal — Section I
Amendment — Section II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum No. 35, Headquarters XVI Corps, dated 25 June 1945, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to:

Colonel Edwin J. Messinger, O-[illegible], General Staff Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Lewis R. Good, O-29[illegible]21, General Staff Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Koester, O-279962, General Staff Corps, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel David F. Schorr, Jr., O-18861, Infantry, for gallantry in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, on 24 March 1945.

II. AMENDMENT -- So much of Section V, General Orders No. 61, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division, dated 25 August 1945, asawards the Bronze Star Medal to Lieutenant Colonel Stanley T. B. Johnson, O-19743, Corps of Engineers, is amended to award the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded.

By command of Major General LILLEY:

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[illegible] changes in assets and duties are directed. EDCMR 27 Apr 45:

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[illegible]	01297177	INF	Hq Sp Tps 17th Abn Div	Hq 17th Abn Div (G-2 Sec)
[illegible]	01002316	ADD	Hq 17th Abn Div Spec Serv Sec	Hq Sp Tps 17th Abn Div.

[illegible] in gr within this bond as indicated. EDCMR 27 Apr 45:

			FROM	TO
[illegible]	11043152		17th Frcht Maint Co	507th Frcht Inf

[illegible] awarding the Combat Infantryman Badge to the following [illegible] the provisions of WD Cir408, 1944 is confirmed and made of [illegible]

[illegible]	01[illegible]75	INF	513th Frcht Inf
[illegible]	01[illegible]979	INF	194th Gli Inf
[illegible]	01[illegible]261	INF	507th Frcht Inf
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[illegible]	01170414	FA	Hq Btry 17th Abn Div Arty	660th Gli FA Bn
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[illegible] 3868,932, 513th Prcht Inf."

By command of Major General MILLER:

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

Attest:

A. SYLVESTER
Captain, AGD
Asst Adj Gen

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1. WOOD 26 Apr 45 is confirmed and made a matter of record. Following [illegible] having reported for dy fr 78th Reinf Co per para 1 and 6 SO 78 Hq 78th Reinf Grp APO 872 U S Army dtd 26 April 1945 are sent to units as indicated:

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Cpl	Dunbar, Charles E	12067108	745	331
Tec 4	Edmerson, William T	12168378	745	010
Cpl	Arenas, George V	31528556	745	010
Tec 4	Bournmaster, Charles R	36175906	745	035
Tec 5	Geiger, Walter J	36420983	745	
Pvt	Dancino, William F	35075087	745	590
Cpl	Lowrwin, Donald L	16067755	745	499
Cpl	Harnell, Wilbert R	13110908	745	690
Sgt	McDaniel, William L	33557145	745	395
Pvt	Horen, Gerald T	32710255	745	010
Tec 5	Young, Gerald E	32914546	745	400
Cpl	Schwartz, Morris	12193138	745	010
Sgt	Thompson, William K	13132131	745	373
Tec 5	Roner, James P	39030030	658	987
Pvt	Wheeler, Clifford O	16056903	745	345
Pvt	Wilson, Lester E	32353235	745	245
Cpl	Wirtenake, John D	35509101	745	356
Pvt	Gallman, Robert E	34147497	745	245
Pvt	Donovan, John E Jr	31353061	745	010
Pvt	LaLonde, Louis M	36561138	745	010
Pvt	Weatherby, Charles E	37494055	745	244

[illegible] ARM BND CO

Pvt	Robertson, Donald W Jr	16171498	745	010

NO [illegible] ARM DIV (Civil Affairs Sec)

M/Sgt	Sandner, William A	11048571	745	014

2. WOOD 26 Apr 45 is confirmed and made a matter of record. Following [illegible] having reported for dy fr 78th Reinf Co per par 1 SO 77 Hq 78th Reinf Grp APO 872 U S Army dtd 26 Apr 45 is sent to units as indicated:

	[illegible]		**[illegible]**	**[illegible]**
Pvt	Lanfey, John F	33478885	745	010

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[illegible]

GO 77 Hq 17th Abn Div APO 468 U S Army Wd 27 Aug 45 [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Sgt	Brinkman, Dale [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	350
([illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]			
Sgt	[illegible]	16001764	745	590
Pfc	Wyhner, Joseph G	35165543	745	036
(sent to Civil Affairs Section)				

[illegible] ID

Sgt	Hoffaker, Leslie E	18314457	745	036
Sgt	Weller, Carl K	16063495	745	067
Cpl	Johnson, Carl D	37235460	745	534
Pvt	Anderson, John E	35791448	745	010
Pvt	Tomolaitis, John	35529829	745	302
Pvt	Velmer, Ralph L	35545195	745	010
Pfc	Darrell, Ken D	37504434	745	
Pvt	Lanier, William T	39461855	745	171
Pfc	Kategwyon, John	35403013	745	590
Pfc	Pearson, Leslie E	35096138	745	590
Sgt	Pantsoost, Thomas A	33535470	745	590
Pvt	Pitts, Frank G	14013800	745	314
Pvt	Porter, Joseph M	35751721	745	590
Pfc	Reynolds, George T	35648557	745	010
Pfc	Smith, Herbert A	35678585	745	050
Pvt	Sprunar, Teddy F	39679325	745	302
Pvt	Zell, Joe F Jr	35679867	745	316
Sec 5	[illegible], Philip L	31101482	745	344
Pvt	Dupre, [illegible]	34800751	745	499
Pfc	Crumph[illegible]ard E	35798543	745	010
Pfc	Drent, [illegible]or	35707075	745	480
Sgt	Fuller, Ber[illegible]	19079887	745	590
Cpl	Gran, John V	16018145	745	345
Pvt	Guidi, Leon	33467179	745	345
Pvt	Gynin, Willard	16171639	745	
Cpl	Haymbaugh, Charles E Jr	16109275	745	
Pfc	Hulings, James E	35561932	745	590
Pfc	Moore, James U	37408773	745	345
Pfc	Moreno, Tony N	39853075	745	499
Pfc	Noyes, Truman E	32743249	745	
Pfc	Nottanson, Charles E	39922396	745	499
Pfc	Murphy, Earl F	37503851	745	590
Sec 5	Naylor, Lester E	32757950	745	499
Pvt	Nickerson, Kenneth S	31993044	745	080
Sgt	Prim, V M	34037719	745	251
Cpl	Ramirez, Francisco N	36061644	745	199
Sec 4	Shifflett, Wilton L	8827747	745	308
Pfc	Snyder, Merle	16087715	745	010

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]	Lynch, John J.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Schmer, Joseph	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	Simon, David E.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

By command of Major General [illegible]:

W. K. [illegible]
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff.

[illegible]

NEWELL V. ALFORD,
Captain, AGD,
Asst. Adj. General.

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17th AIRBORNE DIV.

DIVISION ARTILLERY

1945

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

2 June 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDER)
:
NUMBER 1)

I. 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 enlisted man for wounds received in action against the enemy in Germany on 24 March 1945:

Technician Fifth Grade Paul Boyajian, 35044643

By command of Brigadier General PHELPS:

RAYMOND L GENTRY,
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

RAYMOND L GENTRY,
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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

12 June 1945

GENERAL ORDERS:

NUMBER 2)

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:

Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) Calvin L. Studts, 39568103, for wounds received in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany 24 March 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert H. Brown, 37558313, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Haltern, Germany 30 March 1945.

By command of Brigadier General PHELPS:

RAYMOND L GENTRY,
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Raymond L Gentry

RAYMOND L GENTRY,
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant.

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

21 June 1945

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GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER 3)

I -- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (BELGIUM) -- Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to:

Major (then Captain) Roy W. Owen, 01174095, FA, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Belgium, 15 January 1945.

By command of Brigadier General PHELPS:

RAYMOND L. GENTRY,
1st Lt., FA
Adjutant.

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RAYMOND L. GENTRY,
1st Lt., FA,
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17TH AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 452, U. S. Army

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26 June, 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 4)

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:

Technician Fourth Grade Lyle W. Slizewski, 36280122, for wounds received in action against the enemy near Wesel, Germany, 24 March, 1945.

By command of Brigadier General PHELPS:

RAYMOND L. GENTRY
1st Lieut., FA,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

Raymond L. Gentry
RAYMOND L. GENTRY
1st Lt., FA,
Adjutant.

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EM concerned	(3)
File	(1)

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

25 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 5)

Paragraph 1 General Orders Number 4, Headquarters 17th Airborne Division Artillery, dated 26 June 1945, as awards the Purple Heart Medal to Technician Fourth Grade Lyle W. Slizewski, 36280122, is revoked.

By command of Brigadier General PHELPS:

RAYMOND L GENTRY
1st Lieut., FA
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

RAYMOND L GENTRY
1st Lieut., FA
Adjutant.

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82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY

1944 - 1945

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH SECOND ARMORED DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U.S. Army

ASH/slp

6 December 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
)
NUMBER ISSUE 2)

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual, for injuries received due to enemy action in Kassel, Germany, on 10 October 1943.

T/5th [illegible] 34255733 Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the purple Heart is awarded, posthumous, to the following named individual for injuries received in action against the enemy in [illegible] on 14 September, 1944. Not extracted — nf 4-9-45

Pfc. [illegible] 37[illegible] Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for injuries received in action against the enemy in [illegible] on 14 September 1944.

S/Sgt [illegible] 35044[illegible] Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY
T/5th [illegible] 34136[illegible] Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY
T/5th [illegible] 34[illegible]205 Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY

By order of Colonel [illegible]:

[illegible] S. [illegible], Jr.
Major, Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[illegible] S. [illegible], Jr.
Major, Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

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CO Hq Btry	1
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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND ARMORED DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 429, U.S. Army AGH/clp

6 December 1944

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER ..... 2)

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual, for injuries received due to enemy action in [illegible], Italy, on 10 October 1943.

T/Sgt [illegible] 36255733 Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded, posthumous, to the following named individual for injuries received in action against the enemy in [illegible] on [illegible] September, 1944. Not extracted — [illegible] 4-9-45

[illegible] [illegible] 36390[illegible] Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY

3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for injuries received in action against the enemy in [illegible] on 13 September 1944.

S/Sgt [illegible] 35044[illegible] Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY
T/5th [illegible] 35136[illegible] Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY
T/4th [illegible] 34123[illegible] Hq Btry, 82d AB DIV ARTY

By order of Colonel [illegible]:

AUGUSTIN S. HART, Jr.
Major, Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

[signature]
AUGUSTIN S. HART, Jr.
Major, Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army

ORIGINAL ORDER

16 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER..... 2)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL

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

320TH GLIDER FA BATTALION

2ND LT ANDREW L WEIL [illegible]514436 23 SEPT 44 HOLLAND

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY DIVISION ARTILLERY

T SGT LESLIE W KICK [illegible]07261 30 APR 45 GERMANY

By command of Brigadier General MARCH:

AUGUSTIN S. HART, JR.,
Major, Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL: [signature]

AUGUSTIN S. HART, JR.,
Major, Field Artillery,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army

7 June 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NUMBER [illegible]

1. Under the provisions of Letter File No. AG 200.6 GNMA, Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, dated 5 April 1945, Subject: "Individual Service Award of the Bronze Service Arrowhead," the following Officers assigned and attached to Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery are authorized to wear the Bronze Service Arrowhead for participation either by parachute jump or landing by glider in the Airborne operations in the Nijmegen and Arnhem area, Germany Campaign, 17-18 September 1944:

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
COLONEL	WILBUR M GRIFFITH	0-20250
LT COLONEL	JOHN W SMILEY	0-240989
MAJOR	AUGUSTIN S HART JR	0-350665
MAJOR	JAMES A HUFFORD	0-397920
CAPTAIN	TONI J RAIHL	0-338345
CAPTAIN	HENRY MOYER	0-375078
CAPTAIN	WALTER H BRUINGFIELD	0-[illegible]947
CAPTAIN	WILLIAM J REID	0-434990
CAPTAIN	HARRY JASPIN	0-1640284
CAPTAIN	[illegible] H FRENCH	0-1172018
1ST LT	THOMAS E SHOCKLEY	0-453296
1ST LT	JOSEPH S CLAWSON	0-1179188
2ND LT	THOMAS C PATTISON	0-117713[illegible]
2ND LT	[illegible] L NEIL	[illegible]34435
2ND LT	[illegible] V BENALLY	[illegible]

[illegible]

GEORGE L GUNNER
2nd Lt., FA
Acting Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

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2nd Lt., FA
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS EIGHTY SECOND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army GLG/mfm

7 June 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER..... 4)

1. Under the provisions of Letter File No. AG 200.6 (GA), Headquarters European Theater of Operations United States Army, dated 9 May 1945, Subject: "Individual Service Award of the Bronze Service Arrowhead," the following officers assigned and attached to Headquarters 82d Airborne Division Artillery are authorized to wear the Bronze Service Arrowhead for participation either by parachute jump or landing by glider in the Airborne operations in the Normandy Campaign, 6-7 June 1944:

BRIG GENERAL	FRANCIS A MARCH	0-12238
LT COLONEL	JOHN W SMILEY	0-240582
MAJOR	AUGUSTIN S HART JR	0-350663
MAJOR	JAMES A HUFFORD	0-397920
CAPTAIN	TONY J RADEL	0-334346
CAPTAIN	ROBERT H FRENCH	0-1172014
CAPTAIN	WALTER H BEDINGFIELD	0-438947
CAPTAIN	FRANK E JOHNSON	0-294033
CAPTAIN	PAUL H BROOK JR	0-367146
CAPTAIN	WILLIAM J REID	0-434590
1ST LT	THOMAS E CHOCKLEY	0-453196
2ND LT	JOHN V MCNALLY	0-1997753
2ND LT	TOM F SERGEANT	0-2011118
2ND LT	CHARLES F HOFFINGER	0-2011127

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MARCH:

GEORGE L GUTHER
2nd Lt., FA
Assistant Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

George L. Guther
GEORGE L GUTHER
2nd Lt., FA
Assistant Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY
APO 469, U. S. Army

14 June 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
:
NUMBER .... 7)

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART MEDAL

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

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY DIVISION ARTILLERY

PFC	ERVIN L ARKENS	36413761	17 SEPT 44	HOLLAND

By order of Colonel GRIFFITH:

GEORGE L. CUIHER
2nd Lt, FA
Ass't Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

George L. Cuiher
GEORGE L. CUIHER
2nd Lt, FA
Ass't Adjutant

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1 - Pfc Arkens
1 - CO & Staff
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82D AIRBORNE DIV SPECIAL TROOPS

1945

GENERAL ORDERS

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HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION.
APO 469 U. S. ARMY

1 December 1945

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 14

	SECTION
AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE	I
AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL	II

I --AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE:

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 229, 1945, the Combat Medical Badge is awarded to the following named individuals, 307th Airborne Medical Company, (then members of the 224th Airborne Medical Company), for satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions on 4 January 1945:

Technician third grade	Edwin L. Jones	33436170
Technician third grade	William G. Hunt	37667997
Sergeant	Charles H. Free	33621548
Sergeant	William F. Sundstrom	37668024
Corporal	Louis Quirogs	35553359
Corporal	Wesley Vryhof	36463140
Private First Class	Jack S. Brouhard	37667926
Private First Class	James W. Burchett	37611748
Private First Class	Thomas R. Hanna	35757162
Private First Class	William P. Laquitara	32836466
Private First Class	Jack L. Shortsleeve	32549423
Private First Class	Earl R. Smith	33436155
Private First Class	Robert J. Smith	33679429

II--AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-68, the following named Enlisted men, units indicated, 82d Airborne Division in recognition of their exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity and having one years active military service since 7 December 1941, with character excellent, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Pending the availability of the Good Conduct Medal the wearing of the Good Conduct Ribbon is authorized.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Staff Sergeant	Carl J. Nowacki	36956579

82D AIRBORNE SIGNAL COMPANY

Technician Fifth Grade	George H. Burnett	33851585
Private First Class	Robert A. Bushyeager	33917270
Private First Class	Donald L. Chichester	42160472
Private First Class	Hudon Conway	44033694
Private First Class	Fred E. Dunnaway	33879035
Private First Class	Paul V. Licicha	33957690
Private First Class	John N. Miller	33879059
Private First Class	John H. Nolan	33957756

General Order Number 14, Headquarters Special Troops, 82d Airborne Division, APO 469, U. S. Army, 1 December 1945 (contd)

By Order of Lieutenant Colonel ROMAN:

HUGH ROBINSON
1st. Lt. INF.
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

Hugh Robinson
HUGH ROBINSON
1st. Lt. INF.
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION
APO 462, U. S. ARMY

5 December 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER (15)

	SECTION
AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE	I
AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 14, 1945	II

I -- AWARD OF THE COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular Number 349, 1945, the Combat Medical Badge is awarded to the following named individuals, 307th Airborne Medical Company, (then members of the 224th Airborne Medical Company), for satisfactory performance of duty under actual combat conditions from 24 March 1945 through 10 April 1945. Eff date: 1 Aug 1945.

CAPT	HIDEO H. KATO	MC	0[illegible]26608
CAPT	FRANK PARISI	MC	0[illegible]5573[illegible]3
2D LT	ALBIN F. NOVAK		02016454
S/Sgt	William F. Acker		33758061
S/Sgt	Basil B. Georgeff		35140246
S/Sgt	Andrew P. Padish		35140652
S/Sgt	Abe Streisin		33599073
Tec 3	Francis J. Brennan		32336452
Tec 3	Ralph W. Fernsweyhough		37610694
Tec 3	Meyer H. Goldstein		[illegible]6776[illegible]
Tec 3	Valco J. Marrivittori		32670357
Sgt	Salvitore R. Deporro		[illegible]2930102
Sgt	George Diab		35216757
Tec 4	Ernest B. Church		3[illegible]36[illegible]3[illegible]
Tec 4	Willie F. Fitts		37523632
Tec 4	Robert B. Hess		32849527
Tec 4	William L. Jones		32732492
Tec 4	Sam Littman		32677906
Tec 4	Dulcie A. Montanari		32929793
Tec 4	Francis R. Stanton		[illegible]621875
Tec 4	Edmund A. Wientczak		[illegible]105826[illegible]
Cpl	Lawrence A. DeBoy		35140[illegible]94
Cpl	Peter S. Farese		11111[illegible]635
Cpl	Edgar W. Webb		16114327
Tec 5	Francis C. Canfield		32336402
Tec 5	Raymond E. Hurd		33753132
Tec 5	James C. Cart		37611052
Tec 5	Thomas C. Manger		32934[illegible]
Tec 5	Arne M. Robinson		35693772
Tec 5	Newell G. Robison		375293[illegible]
Tec 5	Joseph F. Smith		31283865
Tec 5	James H. Varcoe		[illegible]60[illegible]67
Pfc	Leonard C. Bollman		[illegible]757251
Pfc	James E. Cooney		32835972
Pfc	Everett E. Gibson		37473143
Pfc	Robert J. Ramsaw		37606833
Pfc	George T. Steven		37662303
Pfc	Alfred L. Yesko		[illegible]410279

II -- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER 14, 1945:

Gen O No 14, this Hq dtd 1 Dec 1945 is amended as follows:

So much of Section I, awarding the Combat Medical Badge to individuals named of 307th Abn Med Co is amended to add, "Eff date: 1 August 1945."

GO 15, Hq Sp Trps 82nd Abn Div 5 Dec 1945 (cont'd)

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MCCAUL:

DAVID R. COGGINS
1st Lt. Infantry
Acting Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

DAVID R. COGGINS
1st Lt. Infantry
Acting Adjutant

82nd ABN. DIV.

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

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Fort Bragg, North Carolina,
January 30, 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 4)

Under the provisions of Paragraph 6a(3), Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following officer:

HERBERT G. SITLER, MAJOR, Army of the United States. For heroism displayed in attempting to rescue a soldier from drowning in Little River, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, on January 15, 1943. While a group of soldiers were making a stream crossing on a foot-bridge, Private Peter Huibregtse fell into the river. MAJOR SITLER, who was observing the crossing from the bank, saw the man struggling in the water. Fully clothed, and with utter disregard for his own safety, MAJOR SITLER plunged into the cold water and attempted to save the soldier. MAJOR SITLER continued his efforts until he himself submerged and had to be pulled from the water by other soldiers.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

R. P. EATON,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

R. M. BRITTON,
Captain, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

A.P.O. 469, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.,
July 14, 1943.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 22)

AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals for wounds received in action:

				MEDAL NO.
2d Lt	Delor M. Perow	01101615	307th A/B Engr Bn	178200
Sgt	Wesley C. Hines	13058132	504th Prcht Inf	174818
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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Wesley C. Hines
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So much of General Orders 22, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, Office of the Division Commander, dated 14 July 1943, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Sergeant Wesley C. Hines, 13 058 132, is amended by adding the following:"For wounds received in action in Sicily on 11 July 1943".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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I ---- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Announcement is made of the award of the Silver Star to the following named individuals with citations as indicated:

CARL COMSTOCK, (O-469597), Captain, Medical Corps. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, South of ******, Captain (then First Lieutenant) COMSTOCK repeatedly, without regard for personal safety, risked his life in the recovery of wounded on the battlefield. Under heavy hostile fire he brought medical aid to those in need of it and was himself wounded while attempting to rescue his Battalion Commander in the face of a hostile tank attack. Entered military service from Saratoga Springs, New York.

RAYMOND F. CROSSMAN, (O-453115), Captain, Field Artillery **** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943. Captain CROSSMAN did order up a section of his battery to the forward slope of *** ***, and in plain view of the enemy and under heavy enemy fire, order the gun to open fire upon an enemy pillbox which was causing heavy casualties. After three (3) rounds were fired the pillbox was destroyed. During the entire time of the action this officer was among his men, correcting fire, and observing forward for other targets. Captain CROSSMAN's cool conduct and splendid courage under fire proved an inspiration to his men, whose gallant action at this time proved a decisive factor in stalling the enemy attack. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska. (Medal #18573)

AUGUST C. FALEN, (O-1288725), First Lieutenant, Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, about five miles West of **** ****. Lieutenant AUGUST C. FALEN, commanding a light machine gun platoon of *** Parachute Infantry, participated in the attack on hill *** near route *** which drove back a superior force approximately ½ mile. The enemy counter-attacked with support from heavy artillery, mortars, and *** ** and *** ** tanks. Lieutenant FALEN personally led his platoon in the face of the heavy enemy fire through county orchard cover to within 50 yards of the tanks. He directed the fire of his men to such effect that the tanks were prevented from crossing the ridge, where they could have inflicted severe casualties on his battalion. In this gallant action Lieutenant FALEN acquitted himself in a manner reflecting credit upon himself and his country. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

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JAMES T. LAILY, (0-1286145), First Lieutenant, Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, South of **** ****. Although injured while landing by parachute under fire at night in hostile territory, Lieutenant LAILY, *** Parachute Infantry, refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his men in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire in repeated assaults on the enemy. Entered military service from Milford, Connecticut. (Medal #20020)

DEAN McCANDLESS, (0-414073), First Lieutenant, Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, South of ****, ****. Lieutenant McCANDLESS of *** Parachute Infantry, landed by parachute in hostile territory with his section and immediately proceeded to secure his communications equipment in the face of intense machine gun fire. After destroying what he was unable to salvage, he organized his communications group as a rifle unit and led them through the subsequent action to successful completion of assigned missions. Entered military service from Manhattan, Kansas. (Medal #20075)

ANTHONY J. PAPPAS, (0-4387155), First Lieutenant, Infantry. For gallantry in action, South of ****, ****, on the *** day of ***, 1943. Lieutenant PAPPAS of *** Parachute Infantry, jumped with his serial at night and was immediately engaged by the enemy. In the course of the subsequent action, Lieutenant PAPPAS was wounded, but refused to be evacuated and led his men in repeated assaults against the enemy in the face of severe rifle and artillery fire, inspiring them to resist until contact was effected with friendly forces. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois. (Medal #20062)

GORDON C. STENHOUSE, (0-327543), First Lieutenant, Medical Corps. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, South of ****, ****. Lieutenant STENHOUSE of *** Parachute Infantry, having jumped with his serial, repeatedly risked his life by entering hostile territory under rifle and artillery fire to rescue men who had been wounded as the unit was withdrawing to contact friendly forces. He rendered medical aid to the wounded with total disregard for his own safety, and by his courageous actions stimulated comrades to fight against superior odds. Entered military service from Bronxville, New York.

MICHAEL C. CHESTER, (0-1307460), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, South of ****, ****. Lieutenant CHESTER of *** Parachute Infantry, aggressively killed several of the enemy in hand to hand encounters. His courageous example was instrumental in preventing a general withdrawal when his unit was attacked by hostile tanks. Entered military service from Selma, Alabama. (Medal #20249)

REX D. CRAWFORD, (0-1012819), Second Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action of the *** day of ***, 1943, South of ****, ****. Lieutenant CRAWFORD, *** Parachute Infantry, rallied those around him to resist a hostile tank attack, and was eminently instrumental in preventing a general withdrawal. When his commanding officer was hit by a shell, Lieutenant CRAWFORD attempted to render first aid under fire, and later, though wounded, refused to be evacuated until he had seen to the disposition of effects and burial of his commanding officer. Entered military service from Ventura, California.

RAYMOND A GROSSMAN, (0-465095), Second Lieutenant, Field Artillery. For gallantry in action on ****, 1943. Lieutenant GROSSMAN, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, while acting as Assistant Battery Executive Officer, and while under heavy counter-battery fire and having been forced to abandon the position because of direct fire by *** *** guns, led his crew back to the original position and resumed firing into enemy positions on ******, 5 miles northwest of ****, ****. This officer's personal leadership and courage were an inspiration to all members of his gun crew. Entered military service from Omaha, Nebraska. (Medal #30140)

GLEN (NMI) HALL, (ASN 6296335), Staff Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles West of ****, **** Sergeant GLEN HALL, a platoon Sergeant of ****, personally led one section of eight machine guns in a group, under command of Lieutenant FALEN, against a vastly superior force of the enemy. During the attack in which he participated the enemy was driven back ½ mile and then counter-attacked with heavy artillery barrages, and **** and ***** tanks. Sergeant HALL took a rocket-launcher and fired it point blank at a *** tank, hitting it squarely, but apparently ineffectively. He then fired a light machine gun at enemy infantry, around a corner until the belt mechanism was ruined by a sniper's bullet. Throughout the engagement, Sergeant HALL stayed in the forepart of the fighting, directing his platoon and attacking with any weapon that came to hand. In this gallant action, he acquitted himself in a manner to reflect credit on self and country. He entered military service from Lake Wales, Florida. (Medal #30163)

ROBERT H. MATTESON, (740836?4), Staff Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action, on the morning of *** **, 1943, Sergeant MATTESON's unit was preparing to stage an attack on a fortified garrison. This attack could not be launched until a pillbox which was covering the avenue of approach to the garrison was silenced. Staff Sergeant MATTESON and four (4) privates crawled over two yards until within about 10 yards of the enemy emplacement. While the privates covered the pillbox, Staff Sergeant MATTESON ran alone to the side of the pillbox and threw two (2) hand grenades in the door, killing two of the enemy and capturing the other three. Staff Sergeant MATTESON and his men were under heavy fire from machine guns in the pillbox during this entire action. Entered military service from Carlton, Georgia. (Medal #35687)

JOSEPH H. THOMAS (ASN 20566688), Staff Sergeant, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, approximately 5 miles Northwest of ****, ****. Sergeant THOMAS did bring up his gun and gun crew to the forward slope of ****** and while under heavy machine gun fire and in plain view of the enemy did lay direct fire into the enemy positions. One *** tank was destroyed and another damaged. Several *** *** gun positions were hit and some machine gun nests destroyed. The effective employment of this weapon at this time proved a decisive factor in stalling the enemy attack. In this gallant action Sergeant THOMAS acquitted himself in a manner reflecting credit upon himself and his country. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia. (Medal #30406)

LEE E. LOVELADY, (ASN 19075539), Sergeant, (then Corporal). For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, at a point 5 miles North of *** *** ***, ***. Sergeant LOVELADY, then a Corporal, *** Parachute Infantry, leading a small group of men, attacked an enemy pillbox. When their advance was halted, Sergeant LOVELADY, without cover or natural protection, and in utter disregard for his own safety, advanced alone toward enemy, firing his light machine gun from the hip. He forced the enemy to surrender the position he assaulted. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington. (Medal #30303)

JOHN J. SABO, (ASN 20318232), Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the *** day of ***, 1943, six miles Northeast of ***, ***. Sergeant SABO was seeking to rejoin his regiment, having become separated during a night parachute descent on *** *** 1943. In response to the request of the Commanding Officer, *** Infantry, *** Division, Sergeant SABO organized and led a squad of parachutists in a flanking attack on a strongly-held enemy position. Sergeant SABO led his squad across the open terrain despite intense mortar and machine gun fire. They drove the enemy from the position, killing sixteen and capturing five *** soldiers. The success of this attack was, in large part, due to the personal example and courage of Sergeant SABO, and enabled the *** Infantry to resume its advance. Entered the military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Medal #35826)

RAYMOND W. WHITE, (ASN 18060878), Sergeant, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ****, 1943, about three miles South of ****, ****. Another soldier was seriously wounded and on hearing the wounded man call for help, Sergeant WHITE, disregarding his personal safety, crawled in the open under heavy machine gun fire and rendered first aid. Again risking his own life he carried the man about twenty-five yards down the hill to safety, and then together with another soldier, he carried the man for about two hours over a distance of one and one-half miles, moving and fighting in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire. Sergeant WHITE entered military service from Houston, Texas. (Medal #29917)

FRANKLIN H. SPRINGER, (ASN 33001486), Technician Fourth Grade. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, five miles North of *** ** ***, ****. Technician Fourth Grade SPRINGER, ***, with a small group of men, attacked an enemy position at the base of a hill, advancing to their objective under heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons and across open terrain. When the group encountered [illegible], he covered the withdrawal of his men to a tenable position. For the greater part of this action, he was without cover or concealment and met it with remarkable coolness and with utter disregard for his own personal safety. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland. (Medal [illegible])

CHARLES T. HILL, (ASN 34018771), Corporal, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about three miles South of ****, ****, a soldier, having been seriously wounded and given immediate first aid, required further medical attention in order to save his life. Corporal HILL, together with another soldier carried this man on an improvised stretcher through a heavy rifle and machine gun fire, fighting and carrying the wounded man for about two hours, over a distance of about a mile and one-half to the first aid station. Corporal HILL entered military service from Biloxi, Mississippi. (Medal #30407)

EARL F. McNELLY, (ASN 18046551), Corporal, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about five miles Southeast of ****, ****, and later about six miles Northwest of ****, ****. In both instances Corporal McNELLY manned his gun against low-flying ***** planes strafing the gun positions of his battery. Corporal McNELLY remained at his post in the face of heavy strafing and fired at the planes. Two of the planes fired upon began to smoke heavily, rapidly lost altitude and are believed to have crashed. Later in the day, at another location, and again in the face of heavy strafing, a third ***** plane was hit and was observed rapidly losing altitude. In each instance the remaining planes flew away, permitting his battery to continue its mission. Corporal McNELLY entered the military service from Grand Junction, Colorado. (Medal #30341)

TROLLEY G. SNELL, (ASN 20745568), Corporal, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles Northwest of ****, ****, Corporal SNELL, with the rest of his gun crew, moved to the forward slope of *** ** and while under heavy machine gun fire in plain view of the enemy served his gun in a superior manner by laying fire directly into the enemy positions. One **** tank was destroyed and another damaged by his fire. Several hits were scored on ***** gun positions and some machine gun nests were destroyed. The effective employment of this field piece at this time proved a decisive factor in stalling the enemy attack. In this gallant action Corporal SNELL acquitted himself in a manner reflecting credit upon himself and his country. Entered military service from Lemoure, North Dakota. ([illegible])

OTT J. CARPENTER, (ASN 20735928), Technician Fifth Grade. For gallantry in action, on the *** day of ***, 1943, South of ****, ****. Technician Fifth Grade CARPENTER, *** Parachute Infantry, held fast to his post of duty in the face of attack by *** tanks, continuing effective fire at the enemy with a *** *** Gun. His example encouraged comrades to stand fast, hold the ridge and knock out several of the tanks. Entered military service from Fayetteville, Arkansas. (Medal #18648)

MANUEL E. BUENO, (ASN 37332796), Private First Class, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about five miles Southwest of ****, ****, and later about six miles Northwest of ****, ***. In both instances, Private First Class BUENO, assistant gunner on a .50 caliber anti-aircraft machine gun crew, helped operate his gun against low-flying **** planes that were strafing the gun positions of his battery. Private First Class BUENO remained at his post in the face of heavy strafing. Two of the planes fired upon began to smoke heavily, rapidly lost altitude and are believed to have crashed. Later in the day, at another location, and again in the face of heavy strafing, a third ***** plane was hit and observed rapidly losing altitude. In each instance the remaining planes flew away, permitting his battery to continue its mission. Private First Class BUENO entered the military service from Brush, Colorado. (Medal #29817)

JOSEPH L. DELESCLEUSE, (ASN 11046602), Private First Class, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about five miles Southwest of ****, ****, and later about six miles Northwest of ****, ****. In both instances, Private First Class DELESCLEUSE, assistant gunner on a .50 caliber anti-aircraft machine gun, helped operate his gun against low-flying ** **** *** planes strafing the gun positions of his battery. Private First Class DELESCLEUSE remained at his post in the face of heavy strafing. Two of the planes fired upon began to smoke heavily, rapidly lost altitude and are believed to have crashed. Later in the day, at another location, and again in the face of heavy strafing, a third ** ***** **** plane was hit and observed rapidly losing altitude. In each instance the remaining planes flew away, permitting his battery to continue its mission. Private First Class DELESCLEUSE entered the military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts. (Medal #30005)

ROBERT T. DODSON, (ASN 38233768), Private First Class, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles Northwest of ****, ****. Private First Class DODSON did, with the rest of his gun crew, move to the forward slope of **** **** and while under heavy machine gun fire and in plain view of the enemy serve his gun in a superior manner by laying fire directly into the enemy positions. One *** tank was destroyed and another damaged by this fire. Several hits were scored on **** *** gun positions and some machine gun nests were destroyed. The effective employment of this field piece at this time proved a decisive factor in stalling the enemy attack. Entered military service from Paris, Arkansas. (Medal #35666)

JOHN E. FENCIK, (ASN 17056713), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the morning of *** ***, 1943, an attack was being launched on a fortified garrison by about ** men of *** Parachute Infantry. Because of rough terrain, effective machine gun fire could not be brought upon the garrison from any covered position. Private First Class FENCIK, with Private First Class ROBERTS, placed a machine gun on open ground and in plain view of enemy gun emplacements, then put down such a volume of fire that enemy machine gun fire was ineffective, thereby allowing other men in his unit to advance to enemy emplacements. Entered military service from Kansas City, Kansas. (Medal #35832)

RAYMOND F. HAENER, (ASN 19079777), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action, on the *** of ***, 1943, six miles Northeast of ***, ****. Private First Class HAENER voluntarily entered an attack upon an enemy position holding back the advance of the *** Infantry, *** Division. During the attack a *** machine gun placed flanking fire upon Private First Class HAENER's squad and pinned it down. Private First Class HAENER fired his rocket launcher at the enemy machine gun nest, but the launcher exploded. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class HAENER, crawled two hundred yards across open terrain under increased enemy fire, secured another rocket launcher and returned to his squad. Firing a second time, Private First Class HAENER blew up the enemy machine gun nest, killing its crew of four. This action permitted Private First Class HAENER's squad to resume its advance to the successful accomplishment of its mission. Entered the military service from Inglewood, California. (Medal #35675)

ESTES W. HARDWICK, (ASN 35324409), Private First Class, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, five miles Southeast of ****, ****, and later about six miles Northwest of ****, ****. In both instances Private First Class HARDWICK, assistant gunner, on a .50 caliber anti-aircraft machine gun, helped operate his gun against low-flying ** *** **** planes strafing the gun positions of his battery. Private First Class HARDWICK remained at his post at the gun in the face of heavy strafing. Two of the planes fired upon began to smoke heavily, rapidly lost altitude and are believed to have crashed. Later in the day, at another location, and again in the face of heavy strafing, a third ** *** **** plane was hit and observed rapidly losing altitude. In each instance the remaining planes flew away, permitting his battery to continue its mission. Private First Class HARDWICK entered the military service from Kidder, Kentucky. (Medal #29866)

ANDREW H. KONKOL, (ASN 35043594), Private First Class, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 4 miles Southeast of ****, ****. Private First Class KONKOL fractured his knee in a combat parachute jump Southeast of ****, ****, on the **** day of ***, 1943. He marched across country, taking part in guerrilla skirmishes until the night of ****, 1943, at which time he took part in the engagement Northwest of ****, ****, against a portion of the **** **** **** division. He made no complaint of the fractured knee during the two days of fighting. The morning of ****, 1943, he reported to the medical aid station and was sent to the hospital to be treated for a fractured knee. In this gallant action Private First Class KONKOL acquitted himself in a manner reflecting credit on himself and his country. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio. (Medal #.0067)

FAY C. McINTYRE, (ASN 12071952), Private First Class, **** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the *** of ***, 1943, on Route ***, five miles West of ****, ****. Private First Class McINTYRE did participate in the attack against a superior force on **** ****. During the attack, Private First Class McINTYRE with a group of Paratroopers assisted in driving the enemy back. The enemy counter-attacked with the aid of *** and *** tanks, heavy artillery, mortars, and small arms. Private First Class McINTYRE displayed extreme courage and gallantry in his actions following his being wounded by an exploding *** shell. He entered the military service from Niagara Falls, New York.

BOLESCK S. MOROZ, (ASN 35200410), Private First Class, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles Northwest of ****, ****. Private First Class MOROZ did, with the rest of his gun crew, move to the forward slope of **** **** and while under heavy machine gun fire and in plain view of the enemy serve his gun in a superior manner by laying fire directly into the enemy positions. One **** tank was destroyed and another damaged by this fire. Several hits were scored on **** **** gun positions and some machine gun nests were destroyed. The effective employment of this field piece at this time proved a decisive factor in stalling the enemy attack. Entered military service from Weirton, West Virginia. (Medal #35681)

JAMES E. ROBERTS, (ASN 17052810), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the morning of ****, 1943; an attack was being launched on a fortified garrison by about *** men of **** Parachute Infantry. Because of rough terrain, effective machine gun fire could not be brought upon the garrison from any covered position. Private First Class ROBERTS, with Private First Class FENCIK, placed a machine gun on open ground and in plain view of enemy gun emplacements, then put down such a volume of fire that enemy machine gun fire was ineffective, thereby allowing other men from his unit to advance to enemy emplacements. Entered military service from Hot Springs, Arkansas. (Medal #35836)

MICHAEL A. SCAMBELLURI, (ASN 32225165), Private First Class, **** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the **** of ****, 1943, near ****, ****. Private First Class MICHAEL A. SCAMBELLURI alone attacked an enemy fortified position under heavy machine gun and rifle fire and destroyed it with hand grenades. This position was strategically located on a hill above the main road of approach to the city of ****, ****. Private First Class SCAMBELLURI was wounded seven times in this encounter. Entered military service from Albany, New York.

EDWIN (NMI) AMES, (ASN 11034257), Private. For gallantry in action on the **** day of ****, 1943, five miles North of **** ** ****, ****. Private AMES, **** Parachute Infantry, with complete disregard for his own safety, gave medical aid to two wounded men under heavy enemy machine gun fire. He stayed with them until he constructed a barrier giving them cover from enemy fire. Private AMES made his way back to the Battalion Command Post, reported the position of the men, gave information concerning the enemy, and returned to areas dominated by enemy fire in search of more wounded. Entered military service from Wareham, Massachusetts.

JAMES D. BATES, (ASN 7083079), Private, **** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles Northwest of ****, ****. Private BATES did, with the rest of his gun crew, move to the forward slope of **** **** and while under heavy machine gun fire and in plain view of the enemy serve his gun in a superior manner by laying fire directly into the enemy positions. One **** tank was destroyed and another damaged by this fire. Several hits were scored on **** *** gun positions and some machine gun nests were destroyed. The effective employment of this field piece at this time proved a decisive factor in stalling the enemy attack. Entered military service from Wadesboro, North Carolina. (Medal #30024)

PHILLIP J. FOLEY, (ASN 11050693), Private, *** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the *** of ***, 1943, five miles West of ****, ****. Private FOLEY, acting as second in command of a rifle squad, assumed command of it when his squad leader was killed and moved it toward enemy positions. Under heavy rifle, machine gun, and artillery fire he directed effective fire on the enemy position. Although wounded by shrapnel, Private FOLEY continued to direct the fire of his squad effectively on the enemy. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts. (Medal #35829)

JOHN L. HINSTON, (ASN 14129962), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 8 miles Southeast of ****, ****. Private HINSTON, *** Parachute Infantry, was acting as a point for a patrol which included the Combat Team Commanding Officer and his staff, operating many miles behind enemy lines. Private HINSTON was ambushed and fired upon by superior forces, but immediately engaged them at point blank range, killing and wounding several. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private HINSTON voluntarily exposed himself to draw enemy fire and thus warn the patrol of the enemy's location and disposition. In this gallant action Private HINSTON acquitted himself to reflect credit on self and country. Entered military service from Vicksburg, Mississippi.

BENJAMIN F. OLSHFSKI, (ASN 12034966), Private, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles Northwest of ****, ****. Private OLSHFSKI did, with the rest of his gun crew, move to the forward slope of **** **** and while under heavy machine gun fire and in plain view of the enemy serve his gun in a superior manner by laying fire directly into the enemy positions. One *** ***was destroyed and another damaged by this fire. Several hits were scored and some **** **** gun positions and machine gun nests were destroyed. The effective employment of this field piece at this time proved a decisive factor in stalling the enemy attack. Entered military service from Madrid, New York. (Medal #35825)

OSCAR L. QUEEN, (ASN 18012246), Private, **** Parachute Infantry Regiment. For gallantry in action, on the morning of ***, 1943, 5 miles West of ****, ****. An attack was launched on a fortified garrison by Private QUEEN's unit, during which Private QUEEN after a hand-to-hand fight with two enemy soldiers, captured a light machine gun. Immediately following this action, a counter-attack was launched by the ***** on the position and, under heavy artillery fire, the unit was forced to withdraw. Private QUEEN and Lieutenant ****** volunteered to stay in position until their unit completed withdrawal.

Private QUEEN and Lieutenant GORDON manned their post with enemy machine guns until another assault was made by the enemy. Seeing that their unit had by this time contacted friendly forces, Private QUEEN, and Lieutenant GORDON, although surrounded, began to withdraw. Lieutenant GORDON was killed. By passing through enemy lines, Private QUEEN was able to rejoin his unit. Private QUEEN entered military service from Houston, Texas. (Medal #35802)

CALVIN J. BILLMAN, (0-1307793), Second Lieutenant, Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, North of ****, ****. The unit to which Lieutenant BILLMAN had become attached withdrew from its position in the face of artillery and mortar fire. Lieutenant BILLMAN remained at his post of observation and directed mortar fire which destroyed two 20mm ammunition carriers. Entered military service from Jamaica, New York. (Medal #30190)

CECIL W. ANDERSON, (ASN 20364683), Staff Sergeant. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, North of ****, ****. The unit to which Staff Sergeant ANDERSON had become attached withdrew from its position in the face of artillery and mortar fire. Staff Sergeant ANDERSON held his position and put out of action two 20mm gun carriers with 81mm mortar fire. Entered military service from New Boston, Virginia.

GEORGE H. SUGGS, (ASN 18079501), Sergeant. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Sergeant SUGGS, Section Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Sergeant SUGGS knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from Marshall, Texas. (Medal #18554)

CHARLES E. SWOPE, (ASN 33131602), Corporal. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Corporal SWOPE, Squad Leader, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two enemy anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Corporal SWOPE knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania. (Medal #29803)

JAMES M. HARDIE, (ASN 15075050), Private First Class. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Private First Class HARDIE, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two enemy anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Private First Class HARDIE knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio. (Medal #30336)

BILL (NMI) BARBOUR, (ASN 33154732), Private. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Southeast of ****, ****. Private BILL (NMI) BARBOUR, *** Parachute Infantry, along with eight other enlisted men and one officer, attacked an infantry column halted along the road. With utter disregard for personal safety, Private BARBOUR and his group caused disorganization and confusion in the enemy column, delaying its movement into ****. Entered military service from Gate City, Virginia. (Medal #30254)

EDMUND F. COLLINS, (ASN 33154541), Private. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Private COLLINS, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two enemy anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Private COLLINS knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from Salem, Virginia. (Medal #30413)

THOMAS E. LANE, (ASN 18083351), Private. For gallantry in action, on the *** day of ***, 1943. Private THOMAS E. LANE, *** Parachute Infantry, with utter disregard for his personal safety, provided water to *** soldiers of his company during the hours **** - ****. During most of this time he was exposed to heavy machine gun and small arms fire of the enemy and was subject upon many occasions. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas. (Medal #29928)

EDMUND A. McCANN (ASN 32238022), Private. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Private McCANN, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two enemy anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Private McCANN knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from New York, New York. (Medal #30322)

STANLEY M. MEDENIS, (ASN 20301877), Private. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Private MEDENIS, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two enemy anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Private MEDENIS knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvania (Medal #30444)

ROBERT W. NEWSOME, (ASN 6968080), Private. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Private NEWSOME, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two enemy anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Private NEWSOME knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from Monroe, Georgia. (Medal #29873)

JOHN M. POWER, (ASN 13056022), Private. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Northwest of ****, ****. Private POWER, *** Parachute Infantry, together with seven other men, manned two enemy anti-tank guns which had previously been captured from the enemy. The seven men and Private POWER knocked out an *** "tankette" while they were exposed to heavy enemy machine gun fire. This "tankette" was leading an estimated enemy battalion in the approach march. These men had no previous experience in the operation of the anti-tank guns. By their action the enemy battalion became disorganized and withdrew. Entered military service from Scranton, Pennsylvani

RICHARD W. RUSS, (ASN 19061037), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, North of ****, ****. The unit to which Private RUSS had become attached withdrew from its position in the face of artillery and mortar fire. Private RUSS held his position and kept his light machine gun firing to cover the withdrawal until his position was hit by mortar fire, wounding him. The actions of Private RUSS were without regard to personal safety. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

WILLIAM P. WOODWORTH (ASN 36316160), Private. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, Southeast of ****, ****. Private WILLIAM P. WOODWORTH, *** Parachute Infantry, along with eight other enlisted men and one officer, attacked an infantry column halted along the road. With utter disregard for personal safety, Private WOODWORTH and his group caused disorganization and confusion in the enemy column, delaying its movement into ****. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

II ---- CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Announcement is made of citation for Gallantry in Action to the following named individuals with citation as indicated:

CAPTAIN DANIEL B. McILVOY	0-417858	***** Parachute Infantry
CAPTAIN DONALD L. SAVOIE	0-463596	***** Parachute Infantry
CAPTAIN LEWIS A. SMITH	0-416614	***** Parachute Infantry
CAPTAIN ALEXANDER T. SUER	0-400651	***** Parachute Infantry
1ST LIEUTENANT LEE F. SCARBOROUGH	0-469353	***** Parachute Infantry
1ST LIEUTENANT CHARLES R. ZIRKLE	0-459809	***** Parachute Field Artillery Battalio
TECHNICAL SERGEANT PAUL B. BACON	37191879	***** Parachute Infantry
STAFF SERGEANT MURRAY GOLDMAN	7074380	***** Parachute Infantry
TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE OTIS C. COLLINS, JR.	14080591	***** Parachute Infantry
CORPORAL JAMES M. CURRY	20415840	***** Parachute Infantry
TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE GEORGE M. PATRICK	15077137	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE E. ADKINS	20362515	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS BALLARD C. BLEIGH	15013524	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THEODORE L. KOWALSKI	32382067	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ANGELO C. MULEY	14081216	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALTON C. SCHROETER	14062662	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JAMES V. VERTI	36628960	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE ERVIN L. CROSBY	20468515	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE MARIANO J.CUCCIO	32158778	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE CARL A. GUIDO	33141343	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE JESS (NMI) ENGLAND	35425063	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE HARRY H. GALINSKI	36628467	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE THOMAS F. MAGUIRE	12028681	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE DONALD A. McCLURE	39240176	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE CHRISTOPHER J. PERRY	12057532	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE JESSE L. REEVES	20819167	***** Parachute Infantry
PRIVATE WILLIAM A. SMITH	36413585	***** Parachute Infantry

CITATION:

For gallantry in action, on the *** day of ***, 1943, five miles West of ****, ****. These men, from the Medical Detachment, *** Parachute Infantry while under heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, with utter disregard for their personal safety, did repeatedly go forward to treat and evacuate the wounded, on many occasions, being within 50 yards of enemy tanks attempting to overrun the position. Their courage and devotion to duty reflects credit upon themselves and upon the Army of the United States.

III - CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Announcement is made of citation for Gallantry in Action to the following named individuals with citation as indicated:

SERGEANT JOHN W. FRYE	18083443	***** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion
PRIVATE WILLARD H. LEARN	16095464	***** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion

CITATION:

For gallantry in action, on the *** day of ***, 1943, about three-quarters of a mile West of *****, *****. These men, together with one other man, fired on an enemy patrol of four soldiers from a nearby pill-box, killing two of them. The remainder of the patrol was quickly reinforced by about **** ***** and ***** soldiers from the pill-box. In the fight that ensued, the other man was killed. These men fought the enemy garrison for about four hours until they ran out of ammunition, during which time they killed an estimated 20 or 25 enemy soldiers. They were then trapped in a corner of one of the many stone fences which covered the scene of the fight and were taken prisoners by the enemy and jailed in the town of ********. These men escaped from this jail about four hours later when the *** Division fired on the town and the jail. Sergeant Frye entered military service from Dallas, Texas, and Private Learn entered military service from Edgerton, Wisconsin.

IV - CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Announcement is made of citation for Gallantry in Action to the following named individuals with citation as indicated:

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE MICHAEL J. KELLY	32402466	**** Chemical Battalion
PRIVATE JOHNNY GOODWIN	33197023	**** Chemical Battalion

CITATION:

For gallantry in action, on the *** day of ***, 1943, on the road leading into and during the assault on the city of ****, ****. When it was found impossible, because of heavy artillery and small arms fire, to move the company 4.2 inch mortars forward by large truck or by hand, these men, without hesitation or personal regard for their own safety, shuttled forward safely two platoons of mortars by means of their quarter-ton 4 x 4 truck, a distance of approximately two thousand yards, on a road which was under heavy artillery and small arms fire. Technician Fifth Grade Kelly entered military service from Bronx, New York, and Private Goodwin entered military service from Sterling, Virginia.

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Announcement is made of the award of the Silver Star to the following named officers with citations as indicated:

RICHARD E. GERARD, (O-328275), Captain, Infantry, Headquarters *** Airborne Division, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action at the Island ***, ***, on ***, 1943. Captain GERARD, of the G-3 Section, Headquarters *** Airborne Division, accompanied by Lieutenant TESTA, proceeded from the Port of ***, in a small boat through mined waters to the Island of *** in the *** group, west of ***, to demand the surrender of the Island. The Island was known to be well fortified and strongly garrisoned, but Captain GERARD landed on its shore and proceeded across a heavily mined beach, exposing himself to enemy action with utter disregard for his own personal safety. By his coolness and courage in voluntarily accomplishing his mission of securing the surrender of the island, he was instrumental in bringing the last area of enemy resistance in Western *** into American hands. Entered the service from Lake Charles, Louisiana. (Medal Number 35816)

LOUIS P. TESTA, (O-1285846), First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters *** Airborne Division, Army of the United States. For gallantry in action, at the Island of ***, on ***, 1943. Lieutenant TESTA, interpreter, Headquarters *** Airborne Division, accompanied Captain GERARD in a small boat from the Port of ***, ***, through mined waters to the Island of ***, west of ***, to demand the surrender of the Island. The Island was known to be well fortified and strongly garrisoned, but Lieutenant TESTA landed on its shore and proceeded across a heavily mined beach, exposing himself to enemy action with utter disregard for his own personal safety. By his coolness and courage in accomplishing the mission for which he had volunteered, the surrender of the Island was secured. He was thus instrumental in bringing about the termination of active resistance in Western ***. Entered the service from Vineland, New Jersey. (Medal Number 35673)

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I ----- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

MAXWELL D. TAYLOR, (O-14898), Brigadier General, U. S. A., *** Airborne Division. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, in the vicinity of ****. On ***, 1943, General TAYLOR left *** and was met off *** by an *** which took him to ****, where he travelled through hostile territory, to the *** of *** for the fulfillment of his mission. General TAYLOR, in volunteering for the mission, did so with complete disregard of the imminent danger involved and without thought of personal safety. The gallantry displayed by General TAYLOR in the successful completion of his hazardous mission is worthy of emulation. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri. (Serial #35014)

ALFRED W. IRELAND, (O-951113), Captain, Infantry, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles West of ****. Captain IRELAND assembled a small group of men, and under intense rifle and machine gun fire moved to the right flank of his unit and organized effective flank protection against an enemy envelopment. During an enemy counter-attack, when tanks were starting to overrun the position, Captain IRELAND, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to rally nearby troops. During the period, Captain IRELAND moved about talking to the men, issuing orders where necessary, and taking appropriate action to make the defense effective. The leadership ability, initiative, and coolness under fire shown by this officer in his gallant actions was an inspiration to all. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

THOMAS H. HIGGINS, (ASN 13054417), Corporal, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the morning of ***, 1943. Corporal HIGGINS and about 40 members of the *** Parachute Infantry, advancing ahead of an infantry battalion to which they were attached, attacked a hill about 5 miles South of ****. This hill was defended by a company of Germans, but despite heavy opposition the hill was taken. Before it could be fully reorganized, the Germans counter-attacked with the support of four *** tanks. During this action an enemy tank stormed within fifteen yards of Corporal HIGGINS position and began to fire its cannon at the slit trenches and gun emplacements on the hill. Corporal HIGGINS exposed himself to the fire of the tank, and threw a grenade at the tank. It burst just under the cannon and the explosion caused the gun to cease firing, and the tank withdrew from the hill. After two tanks were knocked out and others damaged, the enemy withdrew. Corporal HIGGINS and other members of his party used only small arms and one antitank grenade launcher against tanks, cannon, and machine guns. Entered military service from Conshocken, Pennsylvania.

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LEWERN H. MILLER, (ASN 39157152), Technician 5th Grade, Medical Detachment, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action, on ***, 1943, at ****, 13 miles Northwest of *****. Technician 5th Grade MILLER was attached to ***** Parachute Infantry, as Medical Aid man, when this organization, approaching *****, was pinned down by heavy machine gun, rifle, mortar, and artillery fire, at a range of approximately four hundred yards. During this fire fight, four men of Technician 5th Grade MILLER's organization were seriously wounded, requiring immediate medical attention. These men were exposed with no cover nearby. Technician 5th Grade MILLER, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself, and braving enemy fire, moved to the position of the wounded men and gave them the necessary medical aid. This gallant action reflects great credit to his profession and his country. Entered military service from Long Beach, California.

ABRAHAM GURLEY, (ASN 15090647), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of **, 1943, Southeast of ****. Private First Class, then Private, GURLEY, *** Parachute Infantry, along with eight other privates and one officer, crept up under the natural cover of trees and bushes to a position next to a road where an enemy column had been passing and had halted. He served as protection for the rocket launcher and with his rifle fire kept the enemy from getting too close to the rocket launcher team. He disregarded his own safety to allow the rocket launcher team to get back from its forward position. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

MIKE (NMI) MASTROMATTEO, (ASN 35003529), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, five miles North of ****. Private First Class MASTROMATTEO was a member of a patrol that first captured a pillbox containing 1 Italian Lieutenant and 6 enlisted men. Private First Class MASTROMATTEO, who speaks Italian fluently, took command, and with the Italian Lieutenant and enemy enlisted men marched toward other enemy positions. Wherever enemy fire was encountered, he and the Italian Lieutenant gave the command to surrender. On numerous occasions heavy enemy fire was encountered and it was necessary for Private First Class MASTROMATTEO to advance in the face of this fire in order that the surrender orders might be heard inside the concrete pillboxes. During the entire action Private First Class MASTROMATTEO had no concern for his personal safety and it was not until the area was cleared of enemy installations and 63 prisoners captured that he ceased his efforts. Private First Class MASTROMATTEO's action enabled his battalion to advance without suffering the numerous casualties that would have resulted had not the enemy surrendered. Entered military service from New London, Ohio.

NICHOLAS H. STAMPONE, (ASN 32245716), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, Southeast of ****. Private First Class STAMPONE, *** Parachute Infantry, along with eight other enlisted men and one officer, crept up under the natural cover of trees and bushes to a position next to a road where an enemy column had been passing and had halted. He served as protection for the rocket launcher and with his rifle fire kept the enemy from getting too close to the rocket launcher team. He disregarded his own safety to insure the withdrawal of the rocket launcher team from its forward position. Entered military service from Ballington, New Jersey.

GEORGE T. BEAN, (ASN 13031127), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, about five miles South of ****. Private BEAN participated in an attack against a company of German Infantry and after the fierce fight that ensued drove the opposition from their positions on a hill. Before they could fully reorganize, the Germans counter-attacked with the support of four *** tanks. During this action Private BEAN fired his rifle at tanks until they were approximately twelve yards from his position, then exposed himself by standing up in his slit trench and threw four grenades at the tracks of the tanks, causing them to veer, and preventing accurate fire on his small group. He continued the fight despite the fact that he had only small arms and grenades against cannon and heavy machine guns. Two of the enemy tanks were knocked out and the rest of the enemy withdrew. Entered military service from Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. HARRISON, (ASN 14097381), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, Southeast of ****. Private HARRISON, *** Parachute Infantry, along with eight other privates and one officer, crept up under the natural cover of trees and bushes to a position near to a road where an enemy column had been passing and had halted. He served as protection for the rocket launchers and with his rifle fire kept the enemy from getting too close to the rocket launcher team. He disregarded his own safety to insure the withdrawal of the launcher team from its forward position. Entered military service from Fowlon, Mississippi.

[illegible] W. HARTMAN, (ASN 18[illegible]), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, about five miles South of ****. Private HARTMAN participated in an attack against a company of German Infantry and drove the opposition from their positions on a hill. Before they could fully reorganize, the Germans counter-attacked with the support of four *** tanks. During this action Private HARTMAN fired his rifle at the tanks until they were approximately fourteen yards from his position, then exposed himself by standing up in his slit trench and threw three grenades at the tracks of the tanks. Each grenade forced a tank to veer, making it unable to bring accurate fire on other members of Private HARTMAN's organization. Private HARTMAN continued the fight despite the fact that he had only small arms and grenades against cannon and heavy machine guns. Two of the enemy tanks were knocked out and the rest of the enemy withdrew. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

DANIEL B. [illegible]SON, (ASN 39[illegible]), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, approximately six miles East of ****. Private [illegible]SON, *** Parachute Infantry, volunteered to go forward with Lieutenant WILLIS and locate gun positions of a strong force of German Infantry which was holding back the *** Infantry, *** Division. Lieutenant WILLIS was killed by a sniper. Private [illegible]SON sought out the enemy and killed him with a .45 caliber pistol, then continued forward on his own initiative under heavy fire to locate the positions, and brought back valuable information to the commanding officer of the *** Infantry. Entered military service from Santa Barbara, Cal.

II ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded, posthumously, to the following named individuals:

[illegible] C. PERRY, (O-11[illegible]), First Lieutenant, Field Artillery. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about three miles South of ****. First Lieutenant PERRY, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, together with two other men were on a mission reconnoitering and seeking a point of observation for directing artillery fire. They pushed ahead in German occupied positions, moving in dangerously close (75 yards) to a German three gun battery whose strength was approximately one hundred (100) men. In this action, First Lieutenant PERRY was able to complete his mission, accurately locating the enemy battery position, as a result of this action, First Lieutenant PERRY lost his life. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. [illegible] Derby, 149 Belvedere Road, Worcester, Massachusetts.

WARREN A. RIFFLE, ASN 0-453233, Second Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles Northwest of *****. Lieutenant RIFFLE, commanding a platoon of *** Airborne Engineer Battalion, *** Airborne Division, together with 15 men of his command, did approach a group of German *** Tanks which were being utilized as pill-boxes to prevent the advance of his troops. In the face of intense machine-gun fire, he personally advanced to within 25 yards of one of the tanks to attempt to silence its machine-gun. In this gallant action, Lieutenant RIFFLE acquitted himself in a manner reflecting credit on himself and on his country. He lost his life in the action. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. Mary Jane Riffle, Winfield, Kansas.

CORNELIUS J. MOYNIHAN, JR., (ASN 12063157), Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, approximately 5 miles West of *****. Sergeant MOYNIHAN, *** Parachute Infantry, moved his rifle squad across open terrain under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire to a point less than 50 yards from a hostile machine gun nest and reduced the enemy position. Sergeant MOYNIHAN continued his advance on enemy positions, and, although mortally wounded in a counter-attack by enemy *** tanks, refused to be evacuated, but remained in action with his squad, against superior enemy forces. Next of kin: His father, Mr. Cornelius J. Moynihan, Sr., 323 Lincoln Place, Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES R. DANIELS, (ASN 13106027), Corporal, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, on ***, five miles West of *****. Corporal DANIELS, *** Parachute Infantry, did participate in the attack against a superior force on ****. In the attack, Corporal DANIELS with a group of Paratroopers assisted in driving the enemy approximately one-half mile back, at which time the enemy counter-attacked with the aid of *** and *** tanks, heavy artillery, mortars, and small arms. Though the cover was extremely light and he was opposed by a far superior force, Corporal DANIELS and his gun crew continued to fire at the tanks. As a result of this action, Corporal DANIELS lost his life. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Frances E. Daniels, Box 42, Dookville, Texas.

HARRY A. GORDON, (ASN 20311826), Corporal, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, North of *****. The unit to which Corporal GORDON, *** Parachute Infantry, had become attached withdrew from its position in the face of artillery and mortar fire. Corporal GORDON held his position and kept his light machine gun firing to cover the withdrawal until his position was hit by mortar fire. Corporal GORDON was killed in this action. Next of kin: His uncle, Mr. A. L. Irbin, 24 Pike Street, Bradford, Pennsylvania.

THEODORE (NMI) CABALI, (ASN 34150914), Technician 5th Grade, *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about three-quarters of a mile West of *****. Technician 5th Grade CABALI, a member of *** Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, along with two men from *** Battery, and while separated from their own forces, did attack an enemy pill-box. They fired on a patrol of four soldiers which had come from the pill-box, and killed two of them. The remaining two enemy soldiers were reinforced by about 35 Germans and Italians from the pill-box. Without thought of retreat or of the odds against them, Technician 5th Grade CABALI and his two companions fought the enemy for four hours and decisively defeated them, killing an estimated 20-25 soldiers. In this action Technician 5th Grade CABALI lost his life, having displayed those qualities of courage and devotion to duty which reflect credit to himself and his country. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. D. Bombalis, 1468 Dorgenois Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

GEORGE BELAY, (ASN 13[illegible]), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, on ***, five miles West of *****. Private First Class BELAY, *** Parachute Infantry, did participate in the attack against a superior force on *****. During the attack, Private First Class BELAY with a group of Paratroopers assisted in driving the enemy approximately a half mile back, at which time the enemy counter-attacked with the aid of *** and *** tanks, heavy artillery, mortars and small arms. Private First Class BELAY displayed extreme courage and gallantry in this action, remaining at his post of the gun, firing at the tanks until a shell from a *** tank struck and killed him. Next of kin: His father, Mr. Michael Behary, 96 Miller Avenue, Glenrton, Pennsylvania.

[illegible] C. [illegible], (ASN 36162452), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 3 miles Northwest of *****. Private First Class [illegible], *** Parachute Infantry, attempted to cover an abandoned machine gun which was needed to maintain fire superiority against a German-manned pill-box. Although sufficient cover and concealment were lacking, he unhesitatingly exposed himself to hostile fire. Private First Class DONNEY received severe wounds which later resulted in his death. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Myrtle Donney, 1562 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

[illegible] V. [illegible], (ASN 3[illegible]), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, near *****. Private First Class [illegible] V. [illegible], *** Parachute Infantry, a rifleman, attacked an Italian fortified position destroying it with hand grenades, killing two of the enemy. Private First Class [illegible] was mortally wounded in this action and died a short time later. This fortified position was so located on the side of a hill that before it was destroyed it prevented the entire company from moving forward. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Margie Smith, 521 Baxter Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

[illegible] R. SMITH, (ASN 12072073), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, on ***, five miles West of *****. Private First Class SMITH, *** Parachute Infantry, did participate in the attack against a superior force on *****. During the attack, Private First Class SMITH, with a group of Paratroopers, assisted in driving the enemy approximately one-half mile back, at which time the enemy counter-attacked with the aid of *** and *** tanks, heavy artillery, mortars, and small arms. Private First Class SMITH, a radio operator who was unable to secure his radio from his lost equipment bundle, volunteered to act as an ammunition carrier. He carried ammunition for one of the gun crews throughout the entire attack until he was killed. Private First Class SMITH displayed extreme courage and gallantry during this action as he was not a trained ammunition bearer, but a member of the ***** Platoon. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Marion T. Smith, 123 Main Street, [illegible], New York.

[illegible] (ASN [illegible]). Pvt to First Class, *** Parachute [illegible]. [illegible] day of ***, 1943, in ***, five [illegible] of ****. [illegible], *** Parachute Infantry, did [illegible] in the attack [illegible] ****. During the attack, [illegible] of Parachutes, resulted in driving [illegible] counter-[illegible] *** [illegible] heavy artillery, mortar and small [illegible]. Private [illegible] the disposed [illegible] and gallantry in [illegible], remaining [illegible] the gun, firing on the tanks until a shell [illegible] tank stopped and killed him. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth [illegible], [illegible], Pennsylvania.

[illegible] (ASN [illegible]), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For [illegible] in action, on the *** of ***, 1943, 5 miles east of ****. Private [illegible], *** Parachute Infantry, [illegible] with other men from **** Company, [illegible] in an attack on a strong point held by one battalion of the **** Division reinforced by *** troops. Pvt [illegible] MARK did attack and effect [illegible] *** tanks [illegible] pill-box, thus [illegible] enemy positions. [illegible] positions. Private [illegible] killed in action. Next of kin: His mother, [illegible], [illegible], Alabama.

[illegible] (ASN [illegible]), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For [illegible] in action, [illegible] 5 miles east of ****. Private FULTON, *** Parachute Infantry, [illegible] attack included the [illegible] and machine guns, [illegible], very alert behind enemy lines. Private [illegible] by superior forces, but [illegible] and wounding several. [illegible] Private [illegible] voluntarily exposed [illegible] the enemy location and [illegible]. In this [illegible] Private FULTON [illegible] his life, and acquitted [illegible] country. Next of kin: His mother, [illegible] Street, Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts.

[illegible] (ASN [illegible]), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For [illegible] in action, on the *** day of ***, 1943, 3 miles north of ****. Private [illegible], *** Parachute Infantry, [illegible] to his own safety, [illegible] enemy snipers who had been seriously [illegible] of his squad. During the action, Private HARRIS [illegible] his squad, thereby receiving several wounds from which he [illegible]. His mother [illegible] to out his assignment. Next of kin: [illegible], [illegible] Street, East Point, Georgia.

[illegible] (ASN [illegible]), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For [illegible] in action, on the *** of ***, 1943, 5 miles east of ****. Private [illegible], *** Parachute Infantry, [illegible] with other men from *** Company, [illegible] in an attack on a strong point held by one battalion of the *** Division reinforced by *** troops. Pvt [illegible] did attack and effect [illegible] *** tanks [illegible] pill-box, thus enabling [illegible] enemy positions. In this [illegible] Private [illegible] killed in action. Next of kin: His aunt, Mrs. Harry [illegible], [illegible], [illegible].

JOHN J. [illegible], (ASN 32613[illegible]), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, [illegible] East of ****. Private [illegible], *** Parachute Infantry, together with other men from *** Company, participated in an attack on a strong-point held by one Battalion of the *** Division, reinforced by *** tanks. Private [illegible] did attack and effect casualties on members of *** tank that was being used as a pillbox, thus enabling his company to continue the offensive against strong enemy positions. In this gallant action, Private [illegible] lost his life. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. [illegible], 1 [illegible] Swain Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

[illegible] H. WILSON, (ASN 20416324), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, on Route ***, 5 miles West of ****. Private WILSON, *** Parachute Infantry, did participate in the attack against a superior force on ***. During the attack, Private WILSON with a group of Paratroopers assisted in driving the enemy approximately one-half mile back, at which time the enemy counter-attacked with the aid of *** and *** tanks, heavy artillery, mortars, and small arms. Private WILSON displayed extreme courage and gallantry in this action, remaining at his post at the gun, firing at the tanks until a shell from a *** tank struck and killed him. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. Ruby Wilson, 1527 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

RICHARD W. ROZZELL, (ASN 14097520), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the ***, 1943, Southeast of ****. Private First Class ROZZELL, Company "H", Third Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, with eight other privates and one officer, crept to within close range of an enemy column which had halted for rest. Discovered by the enemy, the officer used a rocket launcher to destroy an armored car in which all occupants were killed. Private First Class ROZZELL and his comrades effectively covered the withdrawal of the rocket launcher team with rifle fire and created such confusion among the enemy that it refused to exploit its numerical superiority. In this action, Private First Class ROZZELL lost his life, having displayed high courage and devotion to duty that gave no thought to self in the performance of his task. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Bertha Rozzell, General Delivery, Renolara, Mississippi.

III --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

SIDNEY [illegible]. JAHAY, (ASN 32064961), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the ***, 1943, Southeast of ****. Private JAHAY, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, with eight other privates and one officer, crept to within close range of an enemy column which had halted for rest. Discovered by the enemy, the officer used a rocket launcher to destroy an armored car in which all occupants were killed. Private JAHAY and his comrades effectively covered the withdrawal of the rocket launcher team with rifle fire and created such confusion among the enemy that it refused to exploit its numerical superiority. In this action, Private JAHAY displayed high courage and devotion to duty that gave no thought to self in the performance of his task. Since this action Private JAHAY has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Jennie May Jahay, General Delivery, Fargo, Oklahoma.

JOHN J. McGUIGAN, (ASN 32012329), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, 5 miles West of *****. Private McGUIGAN, *** Parachute Infantry, together with other men from **** Company, participated in an attack on a strong-point held by one Battalion of the ***** Division, reinforced by *** tanks. Private McGUIGAN did attack and affect casualties on members of *** tank that was being used as a pillbox, thus enabling his company to continue the offensive against strong enemy positions. In this gallant action, Private McGUIGAN lost his life. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. J. J. McGuigan, 1623 Swain Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BRADY H. WILSON, (ASN 20416324), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, on Route ***, 5 miles West of *****. Private WILSON, *** Parachute Infantry, did participate in the attack against a superior force on *****. During the attack, Private WILSON with a group of Paratroopers assisted in driving the enemy approximately one-half mile back, at which time the enemy counter attacked with the aid of *** and *** tanks, heavy artillery, mortars, and small arms. Private WILSON displayed extreme courage and gallantry in this action, remaining at his post at the gun, firing at the tanks until a shell from a *** tank struck and killed him. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. Ruby Wilson, 1527 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

RICHARD W. ROZZELL, (ASN 14097520), Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the ***, 1943, Southeast of *****. Private First Class ROZZELL, Company "H", Third Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, with eight other privates and one officer, crept to within close range of an enemy column which had halted for rest. Discovered by the enemy, the officer used a rocket launcher to destroy an armored car in which all occupants were killed. Private First Class ROZZELL and his comrades effectively covered the withdrawal of the rocket launcher team with rifle fire and created such confusion among the enemy that it refused to exploit its numerical superiority. In this action, Private First Class ROZZELL lost his life, having displayed high courage and devotion to duty that gave no thought to self in the performance of his task. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Bertha Rozzell, General Delivery, Renalara, Mississippi.

III --- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals:

SIDNEY A. JAHAY, (ASN 38084961), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the ***, 1943, Southeast of *****. Private JAHAY, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, with eight other privates and one officer, crept to within close range of an enemy column which had halted for rest. Discovered by the enemy, the officer used a rocket launcher to destroy an armored car in which all occupants were killed. Private JAHAY and his comrades effectively covered the withdrawal of the rocket launcher team with rifle fire and created such confusion among the enemy that it refused to exploit its numerical superiority. In this action, Private JAHAY displayed high courage and devotion to duty that gave no thought to self in the performance of his task. Since this action Private JAHAY has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Jennie May Jahay, General Delivery, Fargo, Oklahoma.

PAUL G. KICHMAN, (ASN 32363159), Private *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the ***, 1943, Southeast of *****. Private KICHMAN, Company "H", Third Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, with eight other privates and one officer, crept to within close range of an enemy column which had halted for rest. Discovered by the enemy, the officer used a rocket launcher to destroy an armored car in which all occupants were killed. Private KICHMAN and his comrades effectively covered the withdrawal of the rocket launcher team with rifle fire and created such confusion among the enemy that it refused to exploit its numerical superiority. In this action Private KICHMAN displayed high courage and devotion to duty that gave no thought to self in the performance of his task. Since this action Private KICHMAN has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs Irene Kichman, 407 Morrowfield Avenue, Elmira, New York.

ELMER E. LINDSEY, (ASN 14098204), Private *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the ***, 1943, Southeast of *****. Private LINDSEY, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, with eight other privates and one officer, crept to within close range of an enemy column which had halted for rest. Discovered by the enemy, the officer used a rocket launcher to destroy an armored car in which all occupants were killed. Private LINDSEY and his comrades effectively covered the withdrawal of the rocket launcher team with rifle fire and created such confusion among the enemy that it refused to exploit its numerical superiority. In this action Private LINDSEY displayed high courage and devotion to duty that gave no thought to self in the performance of his task. Since this action Private LINDSEY has been reported missing in action. Next of kin: His brother, Mr. Samuel Lindsey, Mulga, Alabama

IV --- CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual is cited for Gallantry in Action:

RAYMOND G. QUEEN, (ASN 34008911), Technician 5th Grade, Medical Detachment, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, five miles West of *****. Technician 5th Grade QUEEN, Medical Detachment, *** Parachute Infantry, while under heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, did repeatedly go forward to treat and evacuate the wounded. On many occasions, Technician 5th Grade QUEEN was within 50 yards of enemy tanks attempting to overrun the position. Entered military service from Mooresville, North Carolina.

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I ----- AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

ROBERT S. PALMER, O-20611, Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action, from ***** to *****, 1943, during operations of the ** Airborne Division in Western ***. Lieutenant Colonel PALMER, Commanding the *** Airborne Engineer Battalion, personally led his men on aggressive reconnaissance, seeking and destroying mine fields and road traps under hostile artillery fire, scouting in advance of friendly forward units to locate destroyed bridges and prepare detours and safe lanes for infantry and artillery around or through every obstacle. Lieutenant Colonel PALMER'S utter disregard for his own personal safety while directing and execu[illegible]e operations, inspired and encouraged his men to surmount every dif[illegible] facilitate the rapid advance of the Division from *** to *** with[illegible] of casualties. His effort was an outstanding contribution to the [illegible]ful subjugation of Western **. Entered Military Academy from RENO, NEVA[illegible]

JAMES E. DUNN, O-463917, First L[illegible]ant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on **********, ab[illegible] 1½ miles from ***. Lieutenant JAMES E. DUNN, Platoon Leader, "C" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, by his own courageous conduct and his direction of the fire of his platoon from an exposed position, successfully repelled two determined enemy attacks, thus making it possible for friendly troops to retain possession of hill ***. Entered military service from NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

SAUL (NMI) FRAINT, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, *** Engineer Regiment. For gallantry in action on *** 1943 [illegible] *. Lieutenant FRAINT, *** Engineer Regiment, with utter disregard for [illegible]n personal safety, entered a hotel reported as mined by retreatin[illegible] forces, and removed approximately 1500 pounds of explosives, booby trapped with pull type firing devices. His action saved the building from injury and allowed its use by our own forces. Entered the military service from BURLINGTON, VERMONT.

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WESLEY D, HARRIS, O-453241, First Lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action during the period, *** to ***, 1943, in the area between *** and ***. Having successfully parachuted during the night of ***, 1943, through concentrated enemy anti-aircraft and automatic weapons fire, Lieutenant HARRIS assembled all the men he could locate and successfully guided them through hostile territory to reach friendly troops near ***, by 1800, ***, 1943, without suffering any casualties. Lieutenant HARRIS brought b k accurate information about the disposition of enemy troops, armor and artillery that proved of inestimable value in subsequent operations. Throughout this operation, Lieutenant HARRIS personally scouted all terrain through which he moved with utter disregard for his own safety in order to insure his men against unexpected attack. Entered military service from LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO.

HENRY S. FURST, 13048622, Master Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about ½ mile from ***. Master Sergeant FURST, Headquarters Company, *** Parachute Infantry, when his unit was surrounded and enemy troops were filtering through the lines, was instrumental in effectively organizing the positions of his unit and checking further hostile advance. Master Sergeant FURST directed activities without regard for personal safety under heavy machine gun, rifle and artillery fire. His action was an inspiration to his men to successfully repulse all attacks. Entered military service from HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

EDMUND Q. MOOREHEAD, 14079988, Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 mile from ***. Sergeant MOOREHEAD, in charge of a mortar squad, removed his jump coat and exposed himself on top of a hill to draw enemy fire and pick out their gun positions. His courageous action and his excellent direction of the close up fire of his squad aided materially in the repulse of all enemy counter attacks. Entered military service from NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

PAUL (NMI) NIGRA, 6831739, Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, at 1030, in the *** of ***. Sergeant NIGRA of Regimental Headquarters Company, *** Parachute Infantry, with utter disregard for personal safety, entered ***, which was reported as mined by retreating German forces, neutralized, and removed 2000 pounds of high explosives, booby trapped to a pull-type firing device. His action saved the building from injury and prevented probable loss of life. Entered military service from WESTVILLE, ILLINOIS.

PETER R. SCHNEIDER, 32349740, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about ¼ mile from ***. Private First Class PETER R. SCHNEIDER, "A" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, by his knowledge of the German language was able to inform his squad leader of the enemy's intentions. He also confused the enemy by shouting commands at them. In one instance he shouted, "Move to the left", and when two of the enemy did so, he and another soldier killed them. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

DANIEL W. SHEFFER, 15077820, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about ¼ mile from ***. Private First Class SHEFFER, rifleman, "A" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, deliberately exposed himself to enemy small arms fire to locate and point out enemy dispositions to his squad leader. He killed two enemy soldiers, which action enabled his squad leader to properly dispose his squad and repulse attacks on his squad front. Entered military service from CANTON, OHIO.

WILLARD N. YOUNG, 39827457, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about ¼ mile from ***. Private First Class YOUNG, "A" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, in action Northeast of ***, on hill ***, crawled forward of the front lines and tossed a grenade into a machine gun position. This action helped to break up an attack on his squad front. Entered military service from ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO.

HOWARD (NMI) ALBERT, 20204068, Private, Medical Corps, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about ½ mile North of ***. Private ALBERT, medical aid man, Medical Detachment, *** Parachute Infantry, First Battalion, administered first aid and carried injured men to safety under extremely heavy and accurate artillery fire without regard for his own personal safety. His courageous conduct was instrumental in saving the lives of many wounded comrades. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

CLYDE A. FARRIER, 39380352, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about one mile from ***. Private CLYDE A. FARRIER, rifleman, "B" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, was in front of his own lines when the enemy opened fire. He ran back, alerted his front lines, and returned to his exposed post, under hostile rifle, mortar and 88mm gun fire. Private FARRIER was shot in the leg, but refused medical aid and continued fighting until action was successfully terminated after daylight. Entered military service from KITZVILLE, WASHINGTON.

EDWARD F. HILL, JR., 14037404, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1/3 mile from ***. Private HILL, rifleman, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, voluntarily covered the flank of his patrol of five men when it encountered an enemy position of an estimated hundred men. Private HILL, in a position of little cover, remained in position under heavy automatic fire and protected the patrol in its withdrawal. Entered military service from CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI.

GUY L. STOKES, 34135553, Private, Medical Corps, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943 about two miles from ***. Private STOKES, "B" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, under heavy 88mm gun and mortar fire in direct view of the enemy on the forward slope of a hill, repeatedly went forward to wounded men and bring back wounded men and officers to the Battalion Aid Station 1½ miles behind the ridge of the hill. Previous to this action, [illegible], having jumped by parachute on ***, worked through the darkness to find injured troopers, render first aid and evacuate them to safety. Entered military service from SUMNER, TENNESSEE.

II ---- CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are cited for Gallantry in Action:

ALBERT (NMI) HENRY, 11063238, First Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about one half mile from ***. First Sergeant HENRY, with a force of nine men successfully repelled three enemy flank attacks. His courageous leadership from an exposed position contributed largely to the success of this action, thereby enabling our forces to retain possession of hill ***. Entered military service from PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND.

WILLIAM H. WEATHERMAN, 20454269, Staff Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about one mile from ***. Staff Sergeant WEATHERMAN, Platoon Sergeant, under 88mm gun and mortar fire, exposed himself in order to obtain better observations for a mortar squad which he voluntarily operated at a critical time after its mortar Sergeant had been hospitalized. Entered military service from WINSTON SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA.

EDWARD E. ADAMCZYK, 6878538, Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about ¼ mile from ***. Sergeant ADAMCZYK, Squad Leader, "A" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, beat off four attacks by the enemy. Without regard for personal safety, Sergeant ADAMCZYK moved around placing his squad members in the best positions from which they could operate. His leadership and example inspired his men to hold their positions, and because of his good judgment, none of his men were casualties. Entered military service from BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

LAWRENCE J. ADAMS, 18096661, Sergeant, ***Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1½ miles from ***. Sergeant ADAMS, Squad Leader, "C" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, voluntarily led a patrol against a hostile machine gun position holding up our forces. He was instrumental in successfully reducing the enemy position. Entered military service from HIBBING, MINNESOTA.

JOHN T. DICKMYER, 31007245, Technician Fourth Grade, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Technician Fourth Grade DICKMYER and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS.

BONAVENTURE E. HLINCIK, 33142677, Technician Fourth Grade, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Technician Fourth Grade HLINCIK and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

ROY M. PHILLIPS, 33132524, Corporal, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Corporal PHILLIPS and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from COVINGTON, VIRGINIA.

WALLACE E. BRUMFIELD, 17033465, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about ¼ mile from ***. Private First Class BRUMFIELD, rifleman, "A" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, and a comrade, moved their Browning Automatic Rifle to four different positions under heavy small arms fire, knocked out one machine gun and stopped an enemy flanking unit. They killed three enemy soldiers and wounded four others. This action helped to stop the first of four attacks on their squad front. Entered military service from DAVENPORT, IOWA.

WILLIAM L. CLAY, 35157607, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 mile from ***. Private First Class CLAY, Assistant Browning Automatic Rifle Gunner, was manning a Browning Automatic Rifle during an enemy 88mm and mortar barrage concentration on his position. He remained in this position continuing destructive fire on the enemy until he was ordered to withdraw to another position, where he took up the fire on the enemy once again. Later in the same day he manned an observation post on an exposed flank under fire to observe and warn the company of enemy movements. Entered military service from BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.

DONALD Y. FRANKLIN, 12043429, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Private First Class FRANKLIN and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from KINGSTON, NEW YORK.

NORMAN H. PLAISTED, 11035770, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 mile from ***. Private First Class PLAISTED, Assistant Gunner for mortar, while out on open position observed enemy movement. He opened fire, causing the enemy to disperse and stay put until other men could get up on line to fire at them. He was under Arms fire while performing this act. Private First Class PLAISTED drew the enemy's attention to himself, thereby giving our riflemen a chance to build up an effective firing line. Entered military service from DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

ERVIN E. SHAFFER, 38286950, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 mile from ***. Private First Class SHAFFER, rifleman, "A" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, and a comrade, moved their Browning Automatic Rifle to four different positions under heavy small arms fire, knocked out one machine gun and stopped an enemy flanking unit. They killed three enemy soldiers and wounded four others. This action helped to stop the first of four attacks on their squad front. Entered military service from DALLAS, TEXAS.

ROBERT L. TAYLOR, 18085876, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Private First Class TAYLOR and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

WILLIAM H. BENNETT, 13069351, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Private BENNETT and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

HAROLD (NMI) KEMPLER, 32232103, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Private KEMPLER and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

FRANCIS A. LIGGET, 33316489, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Private LIGGET and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from GLENSIDE, PENNSYLVANIA.

CHARLES B. TOTTY, 19079583, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***, 1943, about 1 to 3 miles from ***. Private TOTTY and eight other wiremen laid 8 miles of W-110 wire by hand up rugged mountainous terrain under heavy machine gun, artillery, and sniper fire enabling the Regimental Commander to communicate with the Division Commander in time to rescind an order to withdraw from an objective already held by the Regiment. Entered military service from LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

III --- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following enlisted men:

BOBBY BOYD LARSEN, 34234993, First Sergeant, *** Airborne Quartermaster Company. For heroism on the **, 1943, in the *** of ***. At approximately 0900, a truck loaded with gasoline was pinned against a wall by an explosion and caught fire. A second truck behind it was caught and covered by falling stone and debris. One of the two soldiers in the second truck was killed instantly. With the first truck burning and gasoline cans exploding, First Sergeant LARSEN, with two other soldiers, dug through the wreckage to the cab and removed the dead soldier and extricated the living one, thereby saving his life. Although they knew that they were in great danger of losing their lives from flaming and exploding gasoline, these men went to the rescue of their fellow soldier without thought for their personal safety. Entered military service from SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

NICHOLAS (NMI) POZONITZ, 35043103, Private First Class, *** Airborne Quartermaster Company. For heroism on the *** of ***, 1943, in the *** of ***. At approximately 0900, a truck loaded with gasoline was pinned against a wall by an explosion and caught fire. A second truck behind it was caught and covered by falling stone and debris. One of the two soldiers in the second truck was killed instantly. With the first truck burning and gasoline cans exploding, Private First Class POZONITZ, with two other soldiers, dug through the wreckage to the cab and removed the dead soldier and extricated the living one, thereby saving his life. Although they knew that they were in great danger of losing their lives from flaming and exploding gasoline, these men went to the rescue of their fellow soldier without thought for their personal safety. Entered military service from ALMON, OHIO.

WILLIAM B. GROSE, 13006449, Private, *** Airborne Quartermaster Company. For heroism on the *** of ***, 1943, in the *** of ***. At approximately 0900, a truck loaded with gasoline was pinned against a wall by an explosion and caught fire. A second truck behind it was caught and covered by falling stone and debris. One of the two soldiers in the second truck was killed instantly. With the first truck burning and gasoline cans exploding, Private GROSE, with two other soldiers, dug through the wreckage to the cab and removed the dead soldier and extricated the living one, thereby saving his life. Although they knew that they were in great danger of losing their lives from flaming and exploding gasoline, these men went to the rescue of their fellow soldier without thought for their personal safety. Entered military service from WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

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I ——— AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

GEORGE E. LYNCH, O-17715, Lieutenant Colonel, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action. On *****, 1943, Lieutenant Colonel LYNCH, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Headquarters *** Airborne Division, in an armored jeep, carried a message to the Commanding Officer of the Italian Forces in the City of ***, demanding the surrender of the City and troops under his command. Lieutenant Colonel LYNCH volunteered for this mission and accomplished it with coolness and courage and total disregard for his own personal safety. The performance of this action and the resultant surrender of *** hastened the termination of active enemy resistance in Western ***. Entered the United States Military Academy from NEW YORK CITY.

LONNIE J. CRISP, O-404801, First Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, North of *****. Lieutenant CRISP, Battalion Communication Officer, Headquarters Company, *** Glider Infantry, volunteered to repair a broken telephone line to an isolated platoon, and in the accomplishment of this mission he not only traversed 400 yards of open fire-swept terrain but moved about on exposed positions to collect the necessary wire, and repair the line under close range small arms fire. Entered military service from TRYON, OKLAHOMA.

RICHARD M. GIBSON, O-378585, First Lieutenant, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about 5 miles from *****. First Lieutenant GIBSON, Commanding Company "B", *** Glider Infantry, observed one of the platoons of his Company falling back in the face of heavy mortar and automatic weapons fire. Having given no orders for withdrawal, he crawled forward through the zone of hostile fire, rallied the platoon, and by his own inspiring behavior, encouraged the men to hold fast and enable the company to accomplish its mission. During this action First Lieutenant GIBSON was seriously wounded. Entered military service from GOWER, MISSOURI.

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WADE M. MEINTZER, O-1311321, First Lieutenant, Infantry *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, North of *****. First Lieutenant MEINTZER, then Second Lieutenant, Platoon Leader, Company "E", *** Glider Infantry, led his platoon, under cross fire of hidden snipers, across 400 yards of open terrain to reinforce First Platoon of Company "E", *** Glider Infantry, whose position was in jeopardy, and by so doing the enemy was held in check and later driven off a critical terrain feature which was the objective of the enemy attack. Entered military service from MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

ADOLPH L. SHEALY, O-377417, First Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, North of *****. Lieutenant SHEALY, then Mortar Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, *** Glider Infantry, during the heat of the enemy attack, after artillery observers were forced to withdraw, remained at the Command Post and then moved closer to the enemy under heavy fire to gain better observation and direct his mortar fire more effectively. The enemy attack of eight hours duration was thus successfully repelled. Extremely mountainous terrain had made it impossible for supporting artillery to bring fire upon the enemy, and Lieutenant SHEALY's action contributed materially to the success of the unit mission. Entered military service from LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA.

IVAN F. WOODS, O-455327, First Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of ***, 1943, in the ***** Islands, Bay of *****. Having been assigned the mission of consolidating the ***** Islands after the capture of *****, Lieutenant WOODS moved a detachment of 20 men through mined waters to the island of *****, restored order in the islands and collected more than 400 enemy prisoners. Lieutenant WOODS was obliged to traverse mined waters between the islands of *****, *****, and *****. Without thought of personal safety and without waiting for minesweepers, he successfully completed his assignment, although the boat he used was damaged by a mine explosion while in use on the mission. Entered military service from HELENA, TENNESSEE.

KENNETH E. BURTESS, O-2055831, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, North of *****. Second Lieutenant BURTESS, then Staff Sergeant, Company "E", *** Glider Infantry, displayed superior courage and leadership by continually making the rounds of positions of his men, pointing out terrain features for them to watch, and filling vacancies in the line. He crawled to a ditch that was under enemy observation and fire and neutralized, with hand grenades, an enemy machine pistol. Entered military service from CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

KENNETH L. HARRIS, 16111280, Private, Company "G", *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action lasting throughout the daylight hours on the *** day of *** 1943, approximately five (5) miles West of *****. Private HARRIS held and helped drive back a superior force of the enemy while under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire of German Infantry and in the face of counter-attacks led by German Mark VI tanks. Private HARRIS armed with only a bazooka crawled forward to within sixty (60) yards of an advancing Mark *** tank and after firing one (1) short round placed his second, third and fourth rounds on the body and turret of the tank. His ammunition being expended, Private HARRIS crawled to cover as the tanks came directly at him and passed him. Private HARRIS coolly and courageously displayed exceptional gallantry in action throughout the day's fighting and by his courageous action helped achieve success in the face of superior odds. Entered military service from FORT HURON, MICHIGAN.

RALPH S. MULLINAX, 6927933, Staff Sergeant, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about 5 miles from *****. Staff Sergeant MULLINAX, Platoon Sergeant, Company "A", *** Glider Infantry, by cool leadership and daring example, encouraged all squads in his platoon to press home a successful attack after being bogged down under heavy hostile fire. He emerged from his fox-hole, moved about among the men and directed their fire. On one occasion, he went for a German grenade thrown in front of one squad, and quickly tossed it back to explode among the enemy. Staff Sergeant MULLINAX's courageous action contributed greatly to the accomplishment of the unit mission. Entered military service from ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

ROBERT K. COOPER, 36376928, Sergeant, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Sergeant COOPER, then Private First Class, Second Battalion, *** Glider Infantry, together with three other soldiers, held an isolated and exposed flank position through thirty-six (36) hours of small arms, mortar and artillery fire, and turned back constant enemy attempts at infiltration, thereby rendering material aid to the successful accomplishment of the unit mission. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

CARL L. DAVIS, Sergeant, 35135917, *** Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action ***** 1943, near *****. When concentrated hostile artillery fire hit three stacks of 105mm Howitzer M-3 ammunition in "A" Battery positions, 34 rounds were split open, the powder scattered and set afire. Close by was another stack of ammunition in wooden cases. Without hesitation, Sergeant DAVIS of *** Glider Field Artillery Battalion and one officer and four enlisted men left their slit trenches, seized extinguishers and put out the fires. Being under continuous enemy shelling, another direct hit on these fires would have been fatal to them. This prompt and effective action kept the flames away from the boxed ammunition, which otherwise would have detonated from heat. The heroic action of Sergeant DAVIS prevented great damage to the battery position and possible injury to members of his battery. Entered military service from MANSFIELD, OHIO.

EDWARD F. WITSMAN, 35044467, Sergeant, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. While advancing on a security mission, Sergeant WITSMAN's squad came under heavy automatic fire of a superior enemy force. When his squad was pinned down by the enemy fire, Sergeant WITSMAN, his rifle ammunition exhausted, moved to a nearby machine gun which he operated with the one remaining crew member. This action made it possible for the remaining personnel to move to a position of cover. The initiative and courage displayed by Sergeant WITSMAN was an inspiration to his comrades. Entered military service from DECKER, INDIANA.

LOUIS (NMI) YARCHAK, 33143760, Sergeant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one mile from *****. Sergeant YARCHAK, with a squad of six men, was ordered to hold a strategic bridge one-half mile in advance of his platoon. Upon moving into this position the night of ***, Sergeant YARCHAK discovered that the far end of the bridge was held by the enemy in force. Undaunted by superior odds he proceeded to set up his squad in a defensive position. The morning of *****, at 0600 hours his position was discovered by the enemy and was subjected to machine gun, mortar and heavy small arms fire. The enemy flanked him on both sides. During this engagement two men were killed and two wounded, but Sergeant YARCHAK held his squad together and refused to be driven out. He was successful in holding this position until support was moved up and, thereby, aided materially the accomplishment of his company's mission. Entered military service from PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

HAROLD E. KNODE, 35288815, Corporal, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Corporal KNODE, mortar squad leader, Company "E", *** Glider Infantry, efficiently and effectively directed mortar fire within hearing and under fire at the enemy, thereby saving the left flank of the position by knocking out an enemy mortar and two machine guns. He returned several times under fire from his position in the front lines to make sure the correct ranges were being passed by telephone to the Platoon Command Post. Entered military service from EAST PALESTINE, OHIO.

WINFIELD (NMI) DAVIES, 32255259, Technician Fifth Grade, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of *** 1943, about three miles Northwest of *****. Technician Fifth Grade DAVIES, Medical Detachment, *** Parachute Infantry, observing a wounded soldier lying in an exposed position in front of our troops, crept forward in the face of heavy small arms fire and administered first aid. He then proceeded to move the wounded soldier to a position of cover. Technician Fifth Grade DAVIES' actions, accomplished with coolness and deliberation in the face of almost certain death, are a tribute to the tradition of the Medical Corps. Entered military service from ELMIRA, NEW YORK.

TONY D. AUGUSTINE, 35521807, Private First Class, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about 5 miles from *****. Private First Class AUGUSTINE, Company "A", *** Glider Infantry, did voluntarily initiate an assault on enemy positions by dashing forward alone, calling to his comrades to follow, inspiring them and setting the pace for a drive which enabled the company to accomplish its mission. The situation required acceleration of the attack. Private First Class AUGUSTINE's timely action gave it the needed momentum to start rolling. Entered military service from MANSFIELD, OHIO.

RICHARD D. FRAVEL, 35291836, Private First Class, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. When part of his platoon was obliged to withdraw to better positions before superior enemy forces and firepower, Private First Class FRAVEL, first gunner in a machine gun platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, First Battalion, *** Glider Infantry, voluntarily and single-handedly set up his machine gun above an ammunition box and held up the attacking hostile troops until withdrawal had been effectively accomplished. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

ROBERT W. SMITH, 36639236, Private First Class, *** Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action ***** 1943 near *****. When concentrated hostile artillery fire hit three stacks of 105mm Howitzer M-3 ammunition in "A" Battery position, 34 rounds were split open, the powder scattered and set afire. Close by was another stack of ammunition in wooden cases. Without hesitation, Private First Class SMITH of *** Glider Field Artillery Battalion and one officer and four enlisted men left their slit trenches, seized extinguishers and put out the fires. Being under continuous enemy shelling, another direct hit on these cases would have been fatal to them. This prompt and effective action kept the flames away from the boxed ammunition, which otherwise would have detonated from heat. The heroic action of Private First Class SMITH prevented damage to the battery position and possible injury to members of his battery. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

WILTON A. BAKER, 20342245, Private *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about 1/2 mile from *****. Under observed enemy rifle and machine gun fire Private BAKER placed explosives on a bridge, demolishing it and rendering it useless to the enemy, contributing to the successful withdrawal of the Company to which he was attached. Entered military service from CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND.

EDWARD F. BROWN, 35267979, Private, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action from ***** 1943 to ***** 1943, about 5 miles from *****. Private BROWN, radio operator and telephone orderly, on his own initiative moved to the forward Observation Post of the 2d Battalion, *** Glider Infantry, and there calmly and efficiently kept communications open under heavy shell fire and within 200 yards of enemy snipers. Although wounded by shell fragments, Private BROWN refused to leave his post until specifically ordered to do so. Entered military service from CINCINNATI, OHIO.

CLAUD F. CARLSON, 37337496, Private, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Private CARLSON, Company "H", *** Glider Infantry, under heavy rifle and artillery fire, left his foxhole and moved forward to where a soldier had tied a white handkerchief to his rifle in token of surrender, knocked down the rifle and encouraged the remaining soldiers to hold in spite of overwhelming enemy opposition. His courage and inspirational leadership were outstanding. Entered military service from DAYTON, OHIO.

CLIFF A. CLAGG, 36552103, Private, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Private CLAGG, Second Battalion, *** Glider Infantry, together with three other soldiers, held an isolated and exposed flank position through thirty-six (36) hours of small arms, mortar and artillery fire, and turned back constant enemy attempts at infiltration, thereby rendering material aid to the successful accomplishment of the unit mission. Entered military service from MONROE, MICHIGAN.

OVA JOHNSON, 35134705, Private, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Private JOHNSON, Second Battalion, *** Glider Infantry, together with three other soldiers, held an isolated and exposed flank position through thirty-six (36) hours of small arms, mortar and artillery fire, and turned back constant enemy attempts at infiltration, thereby rendering material aid to the successful accomplishment of the unit mission. Entered military service from PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY.

HERBERT G. SANDERSON, 35614818, Private, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Private SANDERSON, Second Battalion, *** Glider Infantry, together with three other soldiers, held an isolated and exposed flank position through thirty-six (36) hours of small arms, mortar and artillery fire, and turned back constant enemy attempts at infiltration, thereby rendering material aid to the successful accomplishment of the unit mission. Entered military service from WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO.

II ---- AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named individuals:

IVEY K. CORNELL, O-1288863, First Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one mile South of *****. Lieutenant CORNELL, Platoon Leader, 81mm Mortar Platoon, voluntarily and of his own initiative moved his platoon forward to gain a more advantageous point from which they could cover the withdrawal of Company "F", *** Parachute Infantry, by establishing a forward observation post where accurate observed fire could be placed upon the enemy's position. Normally unobserved area fire would have been sufficient but due to the seriousness of the situation, accurate observed fire was advisable. With utter disregard for his personal safety he

continued into the city of ***** which was still under intense enemy artillery and small arms fire and established an observation post and mortar position from which controlled fire was delivered. At this point he was killed by an enemy mortar shell which landed in his position. His courageous action contributed to the successful withdrawal of our forces and is a credit to the service. Next of kin: His father, Mr. B. R. Connell, Route Number 2, CAMDEN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

BENJAMIN L. FITZGERALD, O-445349, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Glider Field Artillery Battalion. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, at *****. Lieutenant FITZGERALD, Reconnaissance Officer, Battery "B", *** Glider Field Artillery Battalion, with a group of soldiers acting as forward observers in *****, was forced by concentrated artillery and rifle fire to evacuate the post. He covered the departure of his group through sniper fire directed against the only door of the house they occupied. Throughout their movement from *****, Lieutenant FITZGERALD kept his men ahead of him and served as a rear-guard against snipers. When they reached their rendezvous, Lieutenant FITZGERALD was missing and later found dead. With coolness, courage and unswerving devotion to duty, he had set the safety of his men above his own in manner after the highest traditions of the Army. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. Joanne M. Fitzgerald, 117 West Myrtle Street, FORT COLLINS, COLORADO.

GUST W. SANDIN, O-1310768, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one mile from *****. Lieutenant SANDIN, Assistant 81mm Mortar Platoon Leader, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, entered the town of ***** against concentrated artillery fire to establish an advanced observation post for direction of observed mortar fire on enemy positions. He successfully accomplished this mission and manned the post which was under constant enemy fire. Lieutenant SANDIN was killed when an enemy shell registered on his position, but with fearlessness and courage of outstanding quality he had already directed the controlled fire of his platoon from his perilous vantage point so that it was enabled to achieve its purpose. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. Gust W. Sandin, M Street, AURORA, NEBRASKA.

JOSEPH F. ROVINSKI, 32056369, First Sergeant, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action ***** 1943, about 5 miles Northeast of *****. First Sergeant ROVINSKI, Company "E", *** Glider Infantry, voluntarily undertook to take a badly needed radio forward to the First Platoon Command Post. The route was swept by the fire of automatic weapons and hidden snipers. First Sergeant ROVINSKI lost his life while engaged in this voluntary mission. Next of kin: His widow, Mrs. Jean A. Rovinski, 115 Manor Avenue, HARRISON, NEW JERSEY.

WILFRED E RACINE, 36145442, Sergeant, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Sergeant RACINE, Company "E", *** Glider Infantry, under heavy fire, carried a message to his Company Command Post, then led his own squad out to reinforce a hard pressed front line squad. Sergeant RACINE, advancing ahead of his men thru a clearing in the woods, was killed by enemy fire which revealed the hostile positions and enabled his squad to accomplish its mission. Next of kin: His sister, Miss Cecilia Racine, 16885 Prairie Street, DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

[illegible] (NMI) LYONS, 19096535, Corporal, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of *** 1943, five miles West of *****. Corporal LYONS led his rocket launcher team to a point of vantage well in advance of his own forces. Although exposed to enemy fire, and regardless of the ineffectiveness of his own rocket fire, Corporal LYONS held his position and continued to direct his crew's fire upon the target, a Mark *** ***** tank. Corporal LYONS was still directing his crew when the tank advanced to within fifty yards and killed them all with a single shot from its turret gun (88mm). Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Lomie Boyer Anderson, KAMIAH, IDAHO.

NOEL M. WHEALTON, 7082768, Corporal, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of *** 1943, five miles West of *****. Corporal [illegible], Squad Leader of a Light Machine Gun Squad, Company "G", *** Parachute Infantry, with his Gunner Private and Assistant Gunner Private moved across open terrain and through a relatively open vineyard in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire to a tactical machine-gun position, placed machine gun fire on an enemy machine gun nest, destroying it and allowing his unit to advance. Corporal WHEALTON moved his gun forward again through heavy rifle and machine gun fire to place fire on an enemy prime mover preventing it from displacing an artillery field-piece to the rear. Corporal WHEALTON and his men held this position in spite of intense fire from Mark ** and Mark ** tanks until he and his men were killed. Next of kin: His father, Mr. John D. Whealton, General Delivery, MESIC, NORTH CAROLINA.

WOOE (NMI) BOOTHE, 38053069, Private First Class, Company "H", *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of *** 1943, five miles West of *****. Private First Class BOOTHE placed his rocket launcher in a position of vantage well in advance of his own forces. Although exposed to heavy enemy fire and, regardless of the ineffectiveness of his own rocket fire, Private First Class BOOTHE held his position and continued to operate his launcher against a Mark *** ***** tank until the tank, at a distance of fifty feet, fired its main turret gun (***) and killed him. Next of kin: His father, Mr. Joe Boothe, FREER, TEXAS.

[illegible] LAYE, 32252291, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of *** 1943, five miles West of *****. Private First Class LAYE placed his rocket launcher in a position of vantage well in advance of his own forces. Although exposed to heavy enemy fire and regardless of the ineffectiveness of his own rocket fire, Private First Class LAYE held his position and continued to operate his launcher against a Mark ** ***** tank until the tank, at a distance of fifty feet, fired its main turret gun (***) and killed him. Next of kin: His father, Mr. Harlan C. Laye, Box [illegible], [illegible], NEW YORK.

[illegible] L. [illegible], 32294819, Private First Class, Company "F", *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, in the city of ***** Private First Class [illegible], of Company "F", *** Parachute Infantry, volunteered to take a message to the Company Command Post informing the command that his platoon was under an extremely heavy concentration of small arms and

artillery fire in the town and was unable to move. The only route was under direct observation of the enemy, who deliberately directed mortar and small arms fire against Private First Class MALLY. With grim determination and courage he carried on and delivered the message. He returned to his platoon through the same hazards and was seriously wounded, later dying as a result of these wounds. His brave and gallant devotion to duty inspired his comrades to emulate his courage in successfully fulfilling their mission. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret [illegible] Mally, his mother, Bullis Road, ELMA, NEW YORK.

ARTHUR H. HOUSER, 6946279, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of *** 1943, five miles West of *****. Private HOUSER, Assistant Gunner of a Light Machine Gun Squad, Company "G", *** Parachute Infantry, with the Squad Corporal and Gunner Private moved across open terrain and through a relatively open vineyard in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire to a tactical machine gun position, placed machine gun fire on an enemy machine gun nest destroying it and allowing his unit to advance. Private HOUSER assisted in moving his gun forward again through heavy rifle and machine gun fire to place fire on an enemy prime mover preventing it from displacing an artillery field piece to the rear. Private HOUSER assisted in holding this position in spite of intense fire from Mark ** and Mark ** tanks until he and his Squad Corporal and Gunner Private were killed. Next of kin: His father, Mr. Clyde Houser, Hamilton Road Number 1, SUNBURY, PENNSYLVANIA.

JASPER (NMI) LUCERO, 39018223, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about two miles from *****. Private LUCERO, radio operator, Company "D", *** Parachute Infantry, was a member of a patrol detailed to neutralize an enemy machine gun position holding up the right flank of his company. The only available vantage point was a house under direct mortar fire, but Private LUCERO crawled to it and from its walls delivered such effective protective fire that his patrol was enabled to cross the open ground and wipe out the machine gun. A direct mortar hit on the house killed Private LUCERO, but his coolness and courage in the face of almost certain death contributed materially to the successful execution of his company's mission. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Concepcion Lucero, 1711 Orange Avenue, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

CARROLL W. MEILE, 20343348, Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** of *** 1943, five miles West of *****. Private MEILE, Gunner of a Light Machine Gun Squad, Company "G", *** Parachute Infantry, with the Squad Corporal and Assistant Gunner Private moved across open terrain and through a relatively open vineyard in the face of heavy rifle and machine gun fire on an enemy machine gun nest destroying it and allowing his unit to advance. Private MEILE assisted in moving his gun forward again through heavy rifle and machine gun fire to place fire on an enemy prime mover preventing it from displacing an artillery field piece to the rear. Private MEILE assisted in holding this position in spite of intense fire from Mark ** and Mark ** tanks until he and his Squad Corporal and Assistant Gunner Private were killed. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Lula S. Meile, 2615 Dulaney Street, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

III --- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

ALVIN R. MILLER, W-2109616, Warrant Officer, Junior Grade, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroism on the *** of *** 1943, in the city of *****. At approximately 0900 hours there was an explosion in a building occupied by American soldiers. The explosion set fire to a nearby gasoline dump, leaving no route of escape for two men in a truck adjacent to the burning gasoline. Warrant Officer MILLER and an enlisted man, having had previous experience in fire fighting, immediately took charge of fighting the fire. Without regard for his own personal safety Warrant Officer MILLER handled hose lines and fought the fire from a dangerously close position, being driven back several times when gasoline cans exploded. His heroic action aided in saving the life of one of the men trapped in the truck; prevented the spread of fire to adjacent gasoline storage; and his timely and fearless command of the situation prevented injury to men engaged in rescue work in other parts of the explosion area. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

JOHN M. WRIGHT, 34235096, Staff Sergeant, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroism on the *** of *** 1943, in the city of *****. At approximately 0900 hours there was an explosion in a building occupied by American soldiers. The explosion set fire to a nearby gasoline dump trapping two men in a truck adjacent to the flaming gasoline. Although he knew that he was in great danger of losing his life from flaming and exploding gasoline, Staff Sergeant WRIGHT went immediately to the truck and, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, assisted in extricating the two men from the truck thereby saving the life of one of the men. Entered military service from JACKSON, LOUISIANA.

CLARENCE A. ROHRBACHER, Sergeant, 35291487, Headquarters *** Glider Infantry. For heroism on the *** of *** 1943, near *****. At about 1400, attracted by the signals of a diving plane offshore, Sergeant ROHRBACHER saw an individual drifting in a life jacket a considerable distance away. He made repeated efforts to swim through a heavy sea to reach the drifting individual. Finally, after several hours, Sergeant ROHRBACHER reached the individual, an injured aviator, and swam with him through 800 yards of rough sea to the shore. On the beach he gave artificial respiration to the unconscious aviator and succeeded in resuscitating him, thereby saving his life. The heroism displayed by Sergeant ROHRBACHER reflects the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from COLUMBUS, OHIO.

JOHN J. LYNCH, 36395268, Corporal, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroism on the *** of *** 1943, in the city of *****. At approximately [illegible] hours there was an explosion in a building occupied by American soldiers. The explosion set fire to a nearby gasoline dump, leaving no route of escape for two men in a truck adjacent to the burning gasoline. Corporal LYNCH,

having had previous experience in fire fighting, immediately assisted an officer in taking charge of fighting the fire. Without regard for his own personal safety, Corporal LYNCH handled hose lines and fought the fire from a dangerously close position, being driven back several times when gasoline cans exploded. His heroic action aided in saving the life of one of the men trapped in the truck; prevented the spread of fire to adjacent gasoline stores; and prevented injury to men engaged in rescue work in other parts of the explosion area. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

LLOYD M. SMITH, Technician Fifth Grade, 35110805, Company "B", *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroism on the *** of *** 1943, in *****. At approximately 0900 hours, a severe explosion destroyed a building occupied by American soldiers. Many of its occupants were killed or injured and trapped in the wreckage. Gas fumes made breathing difficult. Debris was still falling and there was danger of further explosions or collapse of the structure. Technician Fifth Grade SMITH immediately and voluntarily entered the building and extricated men from the center of the damage, rendered first aid to many and brought others out to safety. This daring act, executed by Technician Fifth Grade SMITH with prompt and fearless initiative at a crucial moment, saved the lives of at least two fellow soldiers for whom delayed attention might have had serious consequences. Entered military service from CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

ANTHONY (NMI) DEGASPARI, Private, 32518351, Medical Detachment, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For heroism on the *** of *** 1943, in *****. At approximately 0900 hours, a severe explosion destroyed a building occupied by American soldiers. Many of its occupants were killed or injured and trapped in the wreckage. Gas fumes made breathing difficult. Debris was still falling and there was danger of further explosions or collapse of the structure. Private DEGASPARI, immediately and voluntarily entered the building and extricated men from the center of the damage, rendered first aid to many and brought others out to safety. This daring mission, executed by Private DEGASPARI with prompt and fearless initiative at a crucial moment, saved the lives of at least two fellow soldiers. Entered military service from ASTORIA, NEW YORK.

IV ---- CITATION FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individuals are cited for Gallantry in Action:

ALEX (NMI) BISHOP, O-358204, Captain, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** 1943, about five miles from *****. When the two senior officers of "B" Company, *** Glider Infantry, were wounded and their soldiers leaderless, Captain BISHOP, Commanding "A" Company, assumed command of "B" Company in addition to his own. He quickly reorganized "B" Company, and by fearless, inspiring leadership encouraged the men to re-attack the hostile positions and drive out the enemy. His coolheadedness and quick-thinking at a critical moment contributed materially to the successful accomplishment of of the unit mission. Entered military service from ONEIDA, KENTUCKY.

JAMES B. HELMER, O-453688, First Lieutenant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from ***** *****. Lieutenant HELMER, *** Glider Infantry, exposed himself without regard to personal safety in order to lay vitally needed wire and to maintain communication within the Battalion. Under constant enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Lieutenant HELMER succeeded in keeping communications open. His action made it possible for the Battalion Commander to bring immediate and effective mortar fire upon the enemy, a factor which contributed materially to the Battalion's success. Entered military service from COUNCIL, IOWA.

HARVEY J. ZIEGLER, O-1296234, First Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, in the city of *****. Having accomplished his mission of seizing and securing an important water reservoir in *****, Lieutenant ZIEGLER learned from civilians that the enemy had mined a bridge on the only North bound road from the city. Although located two miles within enemy territory, he led a patrol of four men to the bridge and found it prepared for demolition. Under fire from Mark ** tanks, he established a bridgehead on the far side and held it through the night while Engineer elements neutralized the demolition. The courage, initiative and judgment shown by Lieutenant ZIEGLER on this voluntary mission enabled the ***** ARMY to continue its Northward movement at dawn over this route. Entered military service from BOWLING GREEN, OHIO.

DENTON F. RANEY, 34273292, *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Sergeant RANEY, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, *** Glider Infantry, exposed himself without regard to personal safety in order to lay vitally needed wire and to maintain communication within the Battalion. Under constant enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Sergeant RANEY succeeded in keeping communications open. His action made it possible for the Battalion Commander to bring immediate and effective mortar fire upon the enemy, a factor which contributed materially to the Battalion's success. Entered military service from BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

OTIS L. SAMPSON, 31087205, Sergeant, Company "E", *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one half mile from *****. When he saw that his platoon leader had been killed, Sergeant SAMPSON, squad leader, 60mm mortar squad, "E" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, went forward across open terrain to a point where he could reorganize the platoon. Under the heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons which had pinned down the bulk of the platoon, Sergeant SAMPSON assumed command of its forward squads. His own initiative, coolness and aggressiveness set the example for many individual voluntary and heroic deeds on the part of his comrades. The hostile machine gun positions were quickly neutralized and the leaderless platoon enabled to continue its mission. Entered military service from NORTHEAST POINT, MASSACHUSETTS.

LLOYD J. GERMANN, 37[illegible]18, Private First Class, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** 1943, about one mile from *****. Private First Class GERMANN, ammunition bearer, 81mm Mortar Platoon, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, advanced into the town of *****, to assist in the establishment of an observation post to direct observed mortar

fire on enemy positions. This mission was successfully accomplished and the post manned under intense artillery and small arms fire. Private First Class GARMAN was wounded when an enemy shell registered on the observation post, but throughout the operation his fearless and courageous behavior was outstanding in maintaining controlled fire for his platoon from a perilous vantage point. Entered military service from MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

[illegible] POPILSKY, 39023776, Private First Class, Company "E", *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one half mile from *****. When he saw that his platoon leader had been killed, and the men were pinned down by heavy fire, Private First Class POPILSKY, Browning Automatic Rifle gunner, acting as scout in "E" Company, *** Parachute Infantry, exposed himself and charged across an open area to a position where he could direct covering fire against the enemy machine gun position that was blocking his platoon. With great courage, initiative and aggressiveness, he succeeded in neutralizing the hostile fire and enabled the leaderless platoon to bring its crew weapons into position where they could be effectively utilized. This gallant action contributed materially to the execution of its mission. Entered military service from DEL MONTE, CALIFORNIA.

RCY L. WATTS, 39023210, Private First Class, Company "E", *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one half mile from *****. When he saw that his platoon leader had been killed, and the men were pinned down by heavy fire, Private First Class WATTS, assistant gunner, 60mm Mortar Squad, carried his ammunition and bipod across an open area swept by severe automatic weapon fire, and assisted his gunner in bringing effective fire against the enemy positions. Courageous devotion to duty and prompt action by Private First Class WATTS, at a vital moment, made it possible to bring a crew weapon into action against the hostile positions which were menacing the leaderless platoon. Entered military service from BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA.

DALE H. WOOD, 37332954, Private, *** Airborne Engineer Battalion. For gallantry in action from ***** 1943 to ***** 1943 between ***** and *****. Having received a leg wound in a parachute jump at *****, Private WOOD kept the fact secret for six days until the limb became immovable. During this period, he participated in every action, including action against tanks at *****, manning a light machine gun which he had carried with his own equipment the entire time. For six days, Private WOOD uttered no word of complaint, and by sheer grit, courage and devotion to duty endured the pain that he might render full service to his unit and his country. Entered military service from MAYWOOD, MICHIGAN.

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Office of the Division Commander

A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army,
14 November 1943.

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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual:

ROBERT L. DICKERSON, O-23615. Captain, Infantry, Company "E", *** Glider Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about five miles from *****. Commanding Company "E", *** Glider Infantry, in its first engagement, he successfully defended a salient 800 yards into enemy lines against a bold and aggressive foe through eight hours of continuous attack. Although seasoned artillery observers were forced to withdraw from the locality, and he was deprived of artillery support, Captain DICKERSON remained in his forward Command Post, in a position declared untenable by the forces he relieved. By his own high courage, indomitable will and inspiring leadership, he encouraged his out-gunned and out-numbered company to stand fast and repel repeated enemy assaults aimed to dislodge them. Under concentrated hostile machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, he held the salient and enabled his battalion to accomplish its mission. Entered military service from HENDERSON, KENTUCKY.

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HEADQUARTERS, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army,
1 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of the Purple Heart.

TO : See Distribution.

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

505TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Name	Rank	ASN	Medal No.
McLaughlin, Robert E.	2d Lt	0-1308754	164845
Postelek, George E.	1st Lt	0-1287846	429644
Barnett, Charles L.	1st Lt.	0-1010766	429700
Denson, Porter B.	Pvt	18018711	164101
Gordes, George N.	Techn 5th Gr	38103552	429944
Bush, Joseph B.	Pvt	35121390	429263
Hessler, James E.	Pvt	13059421	164630
Czarnecki, Joseph	Techn 5th Gr	33036983	164058
Nichols, Everett W.	Pfc	39165840	429746
Cole, William A.	Techn 4th Gr	7027761	429656
Todd, Horace L.	Cpl	34021267	164076
Levault, Edward R.	Pvt	20911617	429861
Bradford, Thomas R.	Pvt	6968038	163808
Sims, Joe E.	Techn 4th Gr	18068437	164869
Heradi, David (NMI)	Pvt	33403102	429763
Dudley, Harry G.	Cpl	20364885	164655
Stevenson, Woodrow R.	Pvt	20456590	429981
Bean, George L.	Pfc	13031187	429717
Sutton, Eugene H.	Pfc	16054679	164693
Crockett, Leland L.	Pfc	16049509	429866
Kruczek, John (NMI)	Pvt	20644239	163976
Cook, James W.	Pfc	14097459	164659
Gheavant, Romeo J.	Pvt	31183379	164060
Jones, William A.	Pvt.	18124762	164641
McDonald, Bartholomew C., Jr.	Pfc	13054421	429862
Maher, James W.	Pvt	6580892	429926
Young, Harman F.	Cpl	18105347	163894
Williams, John J., Jr.	Pvt	14119924	429665
Silver, Walter (NMI)	Techn 4th Gr	14081439	163804
Yancy, Joseph F.	Pvt	13130432	429708
Thomas, Alvis E.	Pfc	39021145	429838
Hodges, Norman J.	Cpl	33068963	164607
Wood, George E.	Pfc	17052981	429600
Crouse, Richard (NMI)	Pfc	12060579	164646
Stadkowski, John A.	Pvt	33147202	429596
Garrett, Louis A.	Pfc	16068093	429980

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Name	Rank	ASN	Medal No.
Beyerlin, Norman A.	Pfc	19122610	164644
Schmidt, Victor	Sgt	19077119	429685
Mueller, Roman J.	Cpl	19080433	164064
Keller, John W.	Pvt	12190871	163897
Levell, James (NMI), Jr.	Pfc	35718958	429784
Gilmore, Marvin G.	Pvt	14032799	164821
Dent, J. D. (I.O.)	Pfc	37099515	164882
O'Byrne, John R.	Pfc	12055874	164628
Malay, Francis L.	Pvt	32254819	164627
Brokaw, Theodore K.	Pvt	37302504	429842
McCarthy, George R.	Pfc	33070472	164141
Leclair, Robert L.	Pvt	32479008	164078
Ithen, Walter J.	Sgt	20367088	164032
Levec, Pierre H.	Sgt	17046095	178894
Rosen, Roland L.	Pvt	19082128	429981
Gregory, Arthur L.	Pfc	36347119	429785
Hodgins, Charles S.	Cpl	6146855	429818
Arnold, Robert	Pvt	39450126	429744
Phenicie, Paul P.	Pfc	33015972	429925
Whitfield, Daryle E.	Pvt	34480090	429787
Kenworthy, Ray M.	Pfc	15101603	163943
Heidenreich, Kenneth L.	Techn 5th Gr	19076986	176436
McIntyre, Fay C.	Pvt	12071952	163494
Scambelluri, Michael A.	Pfc	32225165	95900
Pack, Elmer	Pvt	15056487	429769
319TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION			
Loughmiller, Albert E.	Capt	0-314648	164015
Kidd, Roy J.	Cpl	35135686	164873
Mundt, Arne J.	Pfc	36289630	163800
Dunn, Robert F., Jr.	Pvt	12167455	164809

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army,
1 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of the Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.

TO : See Distribution.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, the Purple Heart having previously been awarded, to the following named individuals, for wounds received in action against the enemy:

505TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY.

Name	Rank	ASN
Stein, Lester	Capt.	0-417073
Sayre, Edwin M.	Capt.	0-407157
Pizarro, Leonzo V.	Sgt	39023763
Lingo, Leonard L.	Cpl	19063186
Germann, Lloyd J.	Pfc	37270618

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AGRS-DA-P 201 Wood, George H. 22 March 1950
17 052 981

AMENDMENT OF LETTER ORDER

So much of Letter Order, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 1 November 1943, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class George H. Wood, 17 052 981, is amended by adding the following "for wounds received in action in Italy on 7 October 1943".

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AGRS-DA 201 Berardi, David
33 403 102

6 February 1950

AMENDMENT OF LETTER ORDER

So much of Letter Order, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 1 November 1943, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart which reads "Private David Berardi, 33 403 102" is amended to read "Private David Berardi, 33 403 102, Italy, 5 October 1943."

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AGRS-DA 201 Gilmore, Marvin G.
14 032 799

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AMENDMENT OF LETTER ORDER

So much of Letter Order, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 1 November 1943, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private Marvin G. Gilmore, 14 032 799, is amended by adding the following, "for wounds received in action on 8 October 1943".

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army,
15 November 1943.

SUBJECT: Award of the Purple Heart.

TO : See Distribution.

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals, for wounds received in action against the enemy.

325TH GLIDER INFANTRY

Name	Rank	ASN	Medal No.
Carney, Harry	2d Lt	0-1296487	175772
Kate, Stanley R.	2d Lt	0-1305785	429930
Maywack, George	S Sgt	6804398	164051
Ayers, Edward W.	Sgt	35044467	164086
Arold Jr, Clotus [illegible]	Cpl	35111362	174885
Overlin, John F.	Cpl	36396329	174902
Hilton, James [illegible]	Pfc	34256905	179120
Przewoskiewicz, Chesmer J.	Pfc	36396984	174845
Walter, Keith G.	Pfc	35044552	163904
Yrans, Norman J.	Pfc	35043683	174831
Morgan, Harkless	Pfc	34255183	175766
Osenbaugh, Gayland F.	Pfc	35111485	429984
Mattie, William M.	Pfc	36548087	429881
Miles, Orrin	Pfc	35670675	174897
Spiaerts, Wilfred T.	Pfc	36220371	164117
Smith, Milburn [illegible]	Pfc	35490448	163938
Arnold, Donald L.	Pvt	35289298	174853
Ayers, Ira [illegible], Jr.	Pvt	35615558	429941
Filko, John	Pvt	35500023	174824
Gerow, Charles C., Jr.	Pvt	34235668	429627
Harter, Clyde I.	Pvt	15339896	174817
Kollopouris, Gregory D.	Pvt	36548467	164665
Mills, Don F.	Pvt	35673048	164647
Nutt, Sanford C.	Pvt	31157783	163901
Simonsen, Olaf J.	Pvt	36326786	429684
Wern, Virgil B.	Pvt	35348932	175754

456TH PARACHUTE FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Name	Rank	ASN	Medal No.
Hanley, James W.	Techn 5th Gr	12067634	164070
Dobert, Lewis R.	Pvt	38264231	163902
Ryder, Fred R.	Pvt	37230329	163982

307TH AIRBORNE MEDICAL COMPANY

Name	Rank	ASN	Medal No.
Jackson, Harold (NMI)	Sgt	34273165	163965

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307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION

	Rank	ASN	Medal No.
Ford, Frank I.	1st Lt	0-392231	164075
Gribe, Robert W.	1st Lt	0-1103442	164080
Johnson, William H.	Capt	0-317653	174840
Oberwanski, John (NMI)	Techn 5th Gr	12049552	163983
Kurtz, Edward J.	Cpl	37330604	164054
Norman, Willy A.	Pfc	37387750	175759
Steger, Albert F.	Pfc	12148912	163807
Tallin, Elmer (NMI)	Pvt	20406903	174901
Holloman, William H.	Pvt	33225235	178096
Stankowski, Carl R.	Pvt	13081478	174892
Ziegler, Roland C.	S Sgt	20650306	163895
[illegible], Lorman I.	Pvt	36103923	164102

505TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Schultz, Robert I.	Pvt.	19142047	164106

319TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Brewett, Oliver H.	Pfc	34235658	175767
Shrut, Matthew [illegible]	Pvt	16001754	175753
Stumpel, Everett G.	Pvt	36289469	164124

320TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Harvey, Eugene E.	CWO	W-2113333	428780
Fuller, Frederick R.	Pvt	32508521	164695
Hilt, James A.	S Sgt	31012518	179096
Browning, Virgil [illegible]	Pvt	34273063	164685
Pendleton, Robert T.	Pfc	35137393	164108

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Bedardi, Milner (NMI)	Pvt	38416038	429880

407TH AIRBORNE QUARTERMASTER COMPANY

Ainsworth, Delmer	Pfc	18141357	164175
Barlow, Lloyd I.	Pfc	34273[illegible]5	429761
Blythe, John R.	Pfc	34235082	164116
Davis, John L.	Pvt	34254982	164121
Jones, Leroy C.	Pvt	35290118	163913
Sporolick, Samuel	Pvt	36[illegible]3642	174879
Williams, Claude [illegible]	Pvt	14099543	175728

319TH GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Collins, Ernest A.	Pfc	31136657	174816
Lutis, Frank V.	Pvt	31288608	174837
Miller, Robert F.	Pvt	36[illegible]7	164837

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505TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY

Name	Rank	ASN	Medal No.
Lamb, Loyd A.	Pfc	34024120	164830
Moen, Leon	Pfc	20423538	174812
Courville, Chester	Pvt	39184046	164013
McDavid, James E.	Pfc	20414430	164877
Brady, John T.	Pfc	33[illegible]5696	174838
Winton, Walter F., Jr.	Lt. Col.	0-22[illegible]	423709
Ireland, Alfred [illegible]	Capt	0-357113	164093
Herkness, Frank G.	Sgt	13[illegible]5228	164022
Hibbert, Charles J.	Cpl	20321761	164972
Fabin, Marion O.	Pvt	17[illegible]7984	175723
[illegible], Simon A.	Pvt	38148236	164827
[illegible], George E.	2d Lt	0-1307460	164811
[illegible], Delmar F.	Sgt	17[illegible]3922	164166
Fries, Leslie L.	Pfc	39310530	164807
Frank, Darrell J.	Pfc	34179974	175763
Harris, Hill [illegible]	Pvt	18129272	164826
Harrison, Orval E.	Pvt	18[illegible]508	163963
Newborn, Floyd O.	Pvt	14139625	175758
Smith, Taylor G.	1st Lt	0-1281380	163929
Johnson, Fred [illegible]	1st Lt	0-1283903	174884
Christian, Charles R.	2d Lt	0-13[illegible]2112	164832
Lucas, Raymond L.	Sgt	16[illegible]4264	164801
[illegible], Otto (MI)	Cpl	17049390	174872
[illegible], Lovelius [illegible]	Cpl	16068237	429982
[illegible], Purone C.	Pfc	20524300	163928
[illegible], James R.	Pfc	34188849	174851
Truax, Kenneth W.	Pfc	16049144	164162
[illegible], Julius [illegible]	Pfc	16068057	164829
[illegible], Frank (MI)	Pvt	19[illegible]392	164053
Mount, William J., Jr.	Pvt	12123359	174899
[illegible], Samuel R.	Pvt	14027730	164828
Roosen, Calvin [illegible]	S Sgt	6290[illegible]97	174881
[illegible], Clyde [illegible]	Sgt	17076744	164598
Hodges, Ted H.	Pvt	14124[illegible]	164021
Cancholta, Jack (MI)	Pvt	39043421	164025
[illegible], Robert H.	Pvt	15332958	164055
[illegible], John (MI)	Pvt	17162559	164896
[illegible], Hubert S.	Capt	0-329589	174861
[illegible], Joseph D.	Pfc	33262915	163806
[illegible], Dillard J.	Pfc	20360326	164161
Ginn, James P.	Pfc	17665[illegible]14	174886
Karmazin, Anthony (MI)	Pfc	32254818	164098
Hall, Leolus L.	Capt	0-414117	164856
Hunter, Clarence E.	Pvt	35686174	164156
[illegible], Charles N.	2d Lt	0-1309112	178142
Reed, Richard L.	Pfc	39020624	439821
Skrupinski, Raymo[illegible] R.	Pfc	20312415	164025

Award of the Purple Heart Hq 82d A/B Div GO 469 U S Army 15 Nov 43 (cont'd)

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster, to Purple Heart having been previously awarded, is awarded to the following named individual, for wounds received in action against the enemy

307TH AIRBORNE ENGINEER BATTALION

Name	Rank	ASN
Perlet, Joseph A.	Pvt	32474381

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

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AGPM-DA 201 Mayer, Albert P.
12 148 912 (26 Jul 49)

29 November 1949

AMENDMENT TO LETTER ORDER

So much of Letter Order, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 15 November 1943, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Albert P. Mayer, 12 148 912, is amended by adding the following, "For wounds received in action on 15 September 1943 in Italy."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

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AGRS-DA 201 Harter, Clyde I.
15 339 896 (10 Jan 50)

1 September 1950

AMENDMENT OF LETTER ORDER

So much of Letter Order Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division dated 15 November 1943, which pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Clyde I. Harter 15 339 896, which reads, "Private Clyde D. Harter, 15 339 896," is amended to read, "Private Clyde I. Harter, 15 339 896", and amended to show the date of wounds received in action against the enemy as 24 September 1943.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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HEADQUARTERS REAR ECHELON 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Commanding Officer

A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army
July 28, 1943

SUBJECT: Award of the Purple Heart.

TO : Private Jack A. Jordan.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to Jack A. Jordan, Private, 15332851, Battery D, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for wounds received in action against the enemy. Medal number 178626.

By order of Colonel LEWIS:

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AGRC-GI 201 Lucsaj, Raymond K.
16 054 264 (6 Apr 53)

19 May 1953

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of Letter Orders

TO: Mr. Raymond K. Lucsaj
Rural Route 1, Box 1216
Granite City, Illinois

So much of Letter Orders 82d Airborne Division, dated 15 November 1943, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Raymond K. Lucsaj, service number 16 054 264, is amended to read "for wounds received 10 July 1943 in Sicily".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

A. P. O. 469, U. S. Army
August 20, 1943

SUBJECT: Award of the Purple Heart.

TO : Private Isaac Z. Cook, 505th Parachute Infantry.

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to Isaac Z. Cook, Private, 15152505, Company B, 505th Parachute Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy in Sicily. Medal number 164610.

M. B. RIDGWAY,
Major General, U. S. Army
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AMENDMENT OF LETTER ORDERS

So much of Letter Orders, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 20 August 1943, pertaining to the award of the Purple Heart to Isaac Z. Cook, 12 152 505, which reads "15152505" is amended to read "12152505" and is further amended by adding the following: "10 July 1943."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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HEADQUARTERS 82d AIRBORNE DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS)
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Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded, in addition to Silver Star previously awarded, to the following officer:

CITATION:

JOHN F. [illegible], 0-1106761, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, *** Field Artillery. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of *** on ** ***, 1943. First Lieutenant [illegible], *** Field Artillery, accompanied the forward infantry elements in the attack. Because of the nature of the terrain it was impossible to obtain effective artillery fire. First Lieutenant [illegible] crawled beyond the infantry to a point of vantage, from which place it was able to direct effective artillery fire against the enemy positions. During this time he was exposed to heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire. By his courageous action he precipitated the break up of the enemy defenses. Entered military service from [illegible], [illegible] ISLAND.

By command of Major General ANDERSON:

R. P. EWELL,
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Chief of Staff.

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13 January 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 3)

Award of the Silver Star.....I
Award, Posthumous, of the Silver Star.....II
Award of the Soldier's Medal.....III

I ------ AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individuals:

MAX J. ALEXANDER, 0-411615, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, ****** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ******, 1943, about one mile from ******. Lieutenant Colonel ALEXANDER, commanding 2nd Battalion, ****** Parachute Infantry, led his forward [illegible] prepared German positions south of the ****** river. When the enemy attempted to cut off and destroy "F" Company in detail, he took personal command of leading elements of "F" Company and vigorously attacked the enemy's right flank, thus surprising and wiping out their entire force south of the ******. He personally captured two Germans armed with machine pistols. Lieutenant Colonel ALEXANDER conducted these decisive operations under heavy enemy rifle, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire and by example inspired his men to drive the Germans across the river and clear the route north for the continued advance of the ****** army. Entered military service from LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

NEAL L. McROBERTS, 0-436234, Captain, Infantry, ****** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ******, 1943, in the village of ******. Throughout the daylight hours of ****** 1943, Captain McROBERTS displayed outstanding gallantry in leading his command. He was ordered to seize and secure the village and upon completing this mission, was heavily counter-attacked by the enemy. Heavy artillery and mortar fire began to fall on the village and the enemy attacked from the right flank and from the front, completely covering the village with automatic small arms, artillery, and mortar fire. Having lost all means of organic communication, Captain McROBERTS resorted to the use of runners and under heavy shell fire moved among his men, rallying them and giving them direct orders. By his cool persistence and total disregard for his own safety, he avoided confusion, reorganized his company and successfully repulsed the enemy counter-attack. Entered military service from NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

DAVID W. McCOY, 1[illegible], Sergeant, ****** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ****** 1943, about one-quarter mile from ******. Sergeant McCOY, Squad Leader, with twenty men had been surrounded by Germans. He ordered that the men with him could be safely led to friendly occupied terrain but McCOY volunteered to discover the exact positions of friendly and enemy troops. He performed this task with entire disregard for his personal safety in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. In determining the enemy's dispositions McCOY made note of their conditions causing them to reveal

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their locations by bringing fire on himself. Through the fearless efforts of Sergeant LAZENBY and one other enlisted man who accompanied him, the twenty men were safely guided to friendly troops. Entered military service from NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

WILLIAM F. HALL, 13014506, Private, ***** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one-quarter mile from *****. Private HALL, an officer and twenty men were surrounded by the enemy while engaged in cutting enemy artillery communication wires on the outskirts of the enemy-held town of *****, realizing their precarious position, Private HALL and another enlisted man volunteered their services in an effort to locate friendly troops. Private HALL borrowed a .45 caliber pistol for close fighting, then with disregard for his personal safety, worked his way out into the open where he was subjected to heavy artillery and machine gun fire. At times he was close enough to enemy positions to hear their attempted conversations over telephones, the wires of which his crew had cut. He was successful in locating friendly troops and directing his comrades to safety. Entered military service from PULASKI, VIRGINIA.

II------AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded posthumously to the following named individual:

DAVID L. PACKARD, 0-1286172, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, ***** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on ***** 1943, about one-half mile from *****. Lieutenant PACKARD, Patrol Leader, voluntarily and with total disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to hostile automatic weapons fire, thereby distracting the attention of the enemy from his scouts who were enabled to approach within grenade position of enemy weapons and neutralize them. This action of Lieutenant PACKARD made it possible for his platoon to continue its advance. His actions displayed a courage and devotion to duty which gave no thought to self in the performance of his task. Lieutenant PACKARD was killed during this action. Next of kin: His mother, Mrs. Lyle E. Cunningham, Connecticut State Hospital, MIDDLETOWN, CONNECTICUT.

III------AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual:

CALVIN E. REEVES, Staff Sergeant, AS 6290497, Company "B", ***** Parachute Infantry. For heroism on the ***** day of *****, 1943, near the city of *****, the life of a civilian worker, engaged in moving barrels of gasoline, was endangered when his clothing caught fire from the flames of a gasoline drum which had ignited. Sergeant REEVES, without regard for personal safety, rush to the assistance of the civilian, threw him on the ground and held him there until an Army blanket was brought. Sergeant REEVES then wrapped the blanket around the worker and smothered the fire. In doing so, Sergeant REEVES was burned about the head and both arms. His heroic action saved the life of the worker. Enlisted military service from FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

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By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
Office of the Division Commander

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, the following named enlisted men of units indicated, in recognition of their examplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, and having rendered one year's active military service since December 7, 1941, with character excellent, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Pending availability of the Good Conduct Medal, the wearing of the Good Conduct Ribbon is authorized:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION

S SGT	GERALD V RODNEY	36325932
S SGT	DARREL J WRIGHT	36108634
S SGT	JUDAH (NMI) WULFCW	32196376
TEC 4	HAROLD O ANDERSON	37542979
TEC 4	FRANK W WEBBER	39310393
CPL	JAMES H BELLAMY JR	34235424
CPL	CHARLES W CAMPBELL	35291004
CPL	ROGER W DELLINGER	33234853
TEC 5	VINCENT R DUTCAVICH	33492910
TEC 5	ARTHUR R MARTIN	33299857
PFC	REED B GILLESPIE	39827807
PFC	JOHNNY J LAPORTE	34235728
PFC	SAMUEL J LEVINE	32507988
PFC	HERBERT R MILLETT	32234727
PFC	ELI (NMI) SJOSTROM	36396530
PFC	MARTIN O WELLS	35690108
PVT	WILLIAM H ALLEN	32658370
PVT	JOHN P ATSALES	31197968
PVT	JACK P BOURKE	36628836
PVT	KENNETH L BUMBARGER	35289303
PVT	GEORGE J CANACAKOS	36627681
PVT	DOMENICK (NMI) COLAVITO	32681698
PVT	BRUCE J CRIDER	18085937
PVT	JOHN A D'AMORE	32583514
PVT	JOHN M DULINSKY	36070457
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PVT	WILLIAM J GASTON	39195261
PVT	LOUIS D GOOSEBERRY	36413771
PVT	REINO F HAKALA	36413860
PVT	PAUL (NMI) HARS	32598492
PVT	RAYMOND (NMI) HIGH	34518557
PVT	LAWRENCE M. HOLSINGER	33536536
PVT	ROY L HOSTLER	33567053

PVT	BURTON L HOUSEKNECHT	33494551
PVT	CECIL S HOWARD	34611575
PVT	EARL W HUETT	36628852
PVT	CHARLES S JONES	35569698
PVT	MICHAEL J KAMINSKI	33458196
PVT	PAUL E KEEN	13157917
PVT	ROBERT J KELLY	36628456
PVT	CLIFFORD E KENNEDY	33494557
PVT	EDWARD (NMI) KIEWRA	32658859
PVT	ANTHONY (NMI) MANAI	33458231
PVT	ANTHONY E MOROTTA	32508452
PVT	RICHARD D MENSHEW	34409442
PVT	JOHN L MOODY	34408232
PVT	ROBERT E MORGAN	35572552
PVT	WOODROW (NMI) PHELPS	34466850
PVT	WILLIAM E SCHMIDT	35572976
PVT	LESLIE C SMITH JR	33494143
PVT	HERSCHEL E STATZER	35616555
PVT	ROBERT B VACHE	32666325
PVT	JOHN M WATSON	35670900
PVT	JAMES H WORKS	34135255
PVT	LELDON G WRIGHT	34585513

MILITARY POLICE PLATOON, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION

PFC	DONALD M JOHNSON	36290335
PFC	WILLIAM E MCBRAYER	35643632
PFC	WILLIAM A NICHOLS	35719937
PFC	JAMES A PRUETT	34397682
PFC	CARLO (NMI) SCIARA	34235384
PVT	ALFRED J ANDERSON	37491121
PVT	ROBERT F ANDERSON	34395978
PVT	DAVID C BAILEY	35677734
PVT	JOHN H BROWNLOW	6966131
PVT	REUBEN M GILLMAN	36628585
PVT	EDWIN J GUDOWICZ	36629232
PVT	JOSEPH E JENKINS	36628471
PVT	HERBERT C JOHNSON	36628837
PVT	HILMAR (NMI) KADERLI	38410038
PVT	ROBERT W KILPELA	36413897
PVT	VERNON C LANGEAU	36289674
PVT	HENNING E LINDGREN	35135587
PVT	JAMES J MURPHY	36628971
PVT	JAMES C PAGE	34235126
PVT	GEORGE P SIMON	35135147
PVT	DELMAN (NMI) WHITT	35269630
PVT	MARVIN L WRIGHT	35259636

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M SGT	FRANCIS W MCCORMICK	38120523
M SGT	STEPHEN J RASIVA	13009649
S SGT	VINCENT K RICKER	32508688
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SGT	BERNARD A BROWN	32508624
SGT	JOSEPH J DZIUPAN	32508605
SGT	WILLIS P LANGE	36628526
SGT	PETER J LEDWOROWSKI	36239235
SGT	MARVIN E PRITIKIN	36628809
TEC 4	ERLING R BERG	36627139
TEC 4	SHELDON E CANTLON	36265374
TEC 4	ROBERT J CHAMBERLIN	36401260
TEC 4	RALPH (NMI) COMER	35348279
TEC 4	FRANCIS V JONES	32493202
TEC 4	LEONARD (NMI) LEBENSON	32508179
TEC 4	MAURICE E LEROH	35348424
TEC 4	CARL (NMI) SIGMAN	32500427
TEC 4	HARRY W URSCHEL	35614801
CPL	ERIC W BURKHARDT	39170552
TEC 5	JOSEPH M BARUTI	39687054
TEC 5	THOMAS R BREGAR	33391899
TEC 5	WILLIAM C BRYANT	35717576
TEC 5	JAMES G COOK	35567986
TEC 5	HOLLIS (NMI) FORT JR	34447614
TEC 5	WILLIAM (NMI) KISH	36629133
TEC 5	WILLIAM J MINERICK	32508367
TEC 5	HOWARD F MONROE	36409757
TEC 5	FRANK A REMMEL	35672340
TEC 5	BERNARD P SORRILL	34552830
TEC 5	HOWARD A SCHNINKE	32536692
TEC 5	WILLIAM A SOADY	35524587
TEC 5	JOHN W STEWART	33374605
PFC	PAUL E DEURNER	35422165
PFC	STEPHEN D DZUBAK JR	32508472
PFC	STANLEY C GRYGA	36629316
PFC	WILLIS H KOHLS	37446813
PFC	ROBERT V STAAB	33494186
PFC	NORMAN R SWANSON	36629316
PFC	MORTON S WOLK	35266855
PVT	WILLIAM L CORNETT	34498489
PVT	JOHN W FERGUSSON	32479726
PVT	RAYMOND W JURGOLAS JR	35677290
PVT	EDWARD A LUKAWSKI	35570318
PVT	HAROLD (NMI) LUREY	34517685
PVT	LINDON B MORSE	32866191
PVT	EDWARD G RANKEY	33484516
PVT	FRANCIS J REILLY	36628780
PVT	JACK E ROHR	36629850
PVT	WANFIELD S WALLACE JR	33358336

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TEC 5	RALPH W ABRAHAMSON	36285408
PFC	GEORGE R COOK	35135815
PFC	LEO (NMI) SIMONS	35672444
PFC	MARCUS L FURREY	35668263
PFC	DANIEL G VAN ANTWERP	36407176

782D AIRBORNE ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE COMPANY

TEC 3	ERWIN G DEZEN	35022762
SGT	RICHARD T FITZGERALD	32186302
SGT	JESSE H SHELBY	34235133
TEC 4	JAMES P BEST	34273270
TEC 4	RICHARD A BERMANN	33111481
TEC 4	HUGHIE D HARDWIDGE	35272501
TEC 4	ROSS F HAYSLER	37139925
TEC 4	ANDREW J KNOX	6969782
TEC 4	EDWARD E LOOKE	35213817
TEC 4	ALVIN O MACHEEL	37159584
TEC 4	ALBERT L MATTINGLY	12033652
TEC 4	ALBERT C ZICK	36220328
CPL	LESTER WILSON	35450105
TEC 5	EDWARD W BARNETT	34097921
TEC 5	EMERY J CRISS	35290285
TEC 5	EUGENE S DANILOWSKI	36507203
TEC 5	CARLYLE G DYKES	34235300
TEC 5	FRANCIS J FALLON	31037483
TEC 5	IRVIN H HERZON	35131167
TEC 5	BERNARD JENNETT	35254006
TEC 5	LOIS R JONES	34193094
TEC 5	JAMES E KEHN	37132138
TEC 5	JACK D DERSEY	37103787
TEC 5	EDWARD W LEDFORD	38063975
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TEC 5	MATH M RAJHOVICH	39162490
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PVT	EMIL P CARPO	36629152

PVT	DAVID EIGER	35335305
PVT	ELBERT J GEWITT	36629240
PVT	PAUL F FIENTER	36289572
PVT	MAX FINE	33388478
PVT	GLENN E FORBES	36288199
PVT	DONALD J HAFTER	16156901
PVT	WILLIAM F KINZEL	36413862
PVT	CLARENCE DLAMIROWSKI	36628767
PVT	RAYMOND H DRUSCH	36638945
PVT	JOHN J LANYON	36413807
PVT	ROBERT E MODLEY	15335523
PVT	RALPH E POOLE	34213784
PVT	ERVIN A ROMANS	36289505
PVT	HOWARD A STEPHENS	34499378
PVT	MICHAEL J SULLIVAN	36628573
PVT	JOSEPH H WEISS	36289551
PFC	EMMETT C GATES	36628977

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S SGT	EDWARD J LAPIENSKI JR	6997440
CIL	STEVE (NMI) PUSCHIK JR	35289376
TEC 5	WILLIAM H WIKI	35291651
TEC 5	DALE S GILLESPIE	15101151
TEC 5	JOHN E KEATING	12148383
TEC 5	PAUL M ILMER	35137510
TEC 5	ROBERT L SAUNDERS	32506234
PFC	CLARENCE H BIGGER JR	35425107
PFC	JOSEPH A CILIOTTA	36413627
PFC	FRANK L KUSKA	36413742
PFC	JOHN A LANGI	36413711
PFC	ROBERT P LAWLEY	36628665
PFC	JOSEPH L LINKUS	36612501
PFC	JACK (NMI) MARTIN	36626501
PFC	[illegible]	36289581
PFC	[illegible] POLASKI	36289620
PFC	JOSEPH J [illegible]	32536604
PFC	CECIL H SHIBERT	39240050
PFC	RANDALL A VALLA	24425030
PFC	FRANK P [illegible]	36413438
PVT	ALLAN E ALLEN	36628810
PVT	CHARLES (NMI) ANDER	36629032
PVT	JOHN J A[illegible]	36628778
PVT	PAUL (NMI) BONAMO	36628757
PVT	GERALD M BONSCUTO	36629179
PVT	ALBERT A BRIASCO	36628838
PVT	GEORGE J [illegible]	36413678
PVT	JAMES (NMI) CARRO	36629220
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PVT	ELLA J [illegible]	34236125
PVT	ROBERT R GRAVES	36628648

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PVT	EDWIN O FLINTZ	36628997
PVT	ARTHUR C GOTTSCHALMER	36628845
PVT	GEORGE J HIGGINS JR	36628567
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PVT	WALTER J KLENZAK	36628693
PVT	KENNETH I FICTTS	20541828
PVT	ROBERT H KOEPIEN	36289526
PVT	ARTHUR L KOLEHMAINEN	36413840
PVT	KARL F KREG	36629018
PVT	ALBERT G LANG	36628956
PVT	JAMES A LONG	34141751
PVT	THOMAS J MCGUIGAN	12149832
PVT	THOMAS (NMI) MEADE	35290133
PVT	RUSSELL F MILLER	36413682
PVT	ROBERT L NIELSEN	36629274
PVT	ROIVO M NIIKKINEN	36413540
PVT	ROBERT E O'BRIEN	36628616
PVT	RICHARD S PAJUNEN	36413884
PVT	ELLSWORTH A PETERSON	36413745
PVT	THOMAS P QUINN	36629251
PVT	JOHN P RADERMACHER	36289575
PVT	WILLIAM R SEGRAVES	36628708
PVT	JAMES E SHEEHAN	36628497
PVT	GILBERT C TAFOYA	39017253
PVT	OLLIVER D THOMAS JR	36290055
PVT	TOIVO A THOMPSON	36413384
PVT	ALPHONSE M VANDERS	36413722

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

R. P. EATON,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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/s/ R. M. Pritton,
/t/ R. M. PRITTON,
Major, A. G. D.,
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HEADQUARTERS 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION
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A.P.O. 469, U. S. Army,
1 February 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 6)

Award of the Silver Star.....I

I——AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following individuals:

CHARLES L. BARRETT, 0-1010766, First Lieutenant, Infantry, ****** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action near ******, on ****** 1943. Lieutenant BARRETT, Platoon Commander, "F" Company, ****** Parachute Infantry, although suffering from a painful shrapnel leg wound, volunteered to locate hidden enemy mortars registering heavy fire on the positions of his Company. Unhesitatingly he crossed open terrain through intense enemy fire until he was able to see the muzzle blasts of the mortars. He mapped their positions and returned through the barrage with location data which resulted in the destruction of the enemy mortar positions. On this mission, he received a chest wound and lung injuries. Lieutenant BARRETT's actions throughout the engagement were characterized by self-sacrificing courage and intelligent initiative of the highest quality. Entered military service from DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA.

ALVA L. COOK, Corporal, ASN 20423297, Company "G", ****** Parachute Infantry For gallantry in action ****** 1943, one mile southwest of ******. Corporal COOK volunteered to accompany an officer and enlisted man on a mission to cut enemy communications and locate hostile machine gun nests. In the performance of this mission, the officer was shot in the chest, and while first aid was being rendered to him, the patrol was overtaken by an enemy truck containing a German officer and four Italian soldiers who attacked with automatic pistols. Corporal COOK and the other enlisted man opened fire, killing the driver. Corporal COOK then approached the truck and threw a grenade into its body, thereby killing the remaining occupants. He displayed initiative and courage of the highest order and did not hesitate against superior forces. Entered military service from BATON, FLORIDA.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 15)

AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-68, the following named enlisted men of unit indicated, in recognition of their exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, and having rendered one year's active military service since December 7, 1941, with character excellent, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Pending availability of the Good Conduct Medal, the wearing of the Good Conduct Ribbon is authorized:

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION ARTILLERY

S SGT	TOM T SERGEANT	37231189
SGT	BASIL F WATLEY	35135801
SGT	JOHN [illegible] MCNALLY	36628776
CPL	GREGORY A DURGUIERES	14080891
TEC 5	CHARLES J CUMMINGS	13061402
TEC 5	HARRY E SWARTZ	36345714
PFC	EDWARD M KROER JR	35110879
PFC	RAY S LAFORCE	36239324
PFC	JOSEPH J LUKACH	37081781
PFC	CHARLES O MCDONALD	31138471
PFC	GEORGE O MONIGOLD	36628875
PFC	ERVIN F SMITH	36289501
PVT	CHARLES [illegible] HOPFINGER JR	37383677

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By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

R. P. EATON,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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11 May 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 23)

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual:

THOMAS J. BURKE, (ASN 12060859), Private, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on the *** day of ***, 1943, about one-half mile from **** ****. Private THOMAS J. BURKE, Scout, did without regard for his own personal safety, on his own initiative after his platoon leader had been killed, move forward under heavy fire from enemy automatic weapons, so that he might come within grenade throwing distance of a defiladed enemy position which was bringing fire on members of his platoon, a combat patrol. After coming within throwing distance of the enemy position, he threw two fragmentation grenades, the first landing near and the second in the enemy machine gun position, killing three and routing the remainder of one officer and seven enlisted men. Escaping enemy were killed by rifle and B.A.R. fire. Such action is an example of the aggressiveness and courage of the American soldier and brings just credit to our Armed Forces. Entered military service from New York, New York.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

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26 May 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 25)

CITATION OF 3RD BATTALION, 504TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT

Announcement is made of the Citation of the 3rd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, by the Commanding General, FIFTH ARMY, as follows:

"THE 3RD BATTALION, 504TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY REGIMENT, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action, on the Anzio Beachhead, Italy, during the period 8 to 13 February 1944. This battalion had just been relieved from front-line duty in a critical sector of the beachhead, when a vicious German attack was launched against a nearby British unit. The battalion was recommitted to action at once, and one company was dispatched to reinforce the British unit and to hold a sector in danger of being overrun by the Germans. Although this company was soon surrounded and isolated by the enemy, it held the vital ground courageously and stubbornly for the succeeding 24 hours against continuous and determined hostile attacks. Meanwhile, the remainder of the Battalion, which had launched a counterattack, succeeded in re-establishing contact with the surrounded company on the morning of 10 February. During the counterattack which effected this relief the 3rd Battalion displayed the highest type of individual and coordinated combat skill to drive the enemy from strongly entrenched positions on dominating terrain. An immediate strong German counterattack drove the battalion from its newly won position before it had time to organize the ground for defense, but with fighting determination the attack was resumed and all objectives were regained. The position secured, the 3rd Battalion joined with elements of a British Division to block a highway and to protect a vital sector of the beachhead against flanking attack. During the following five days this difficult and hazardous task was accomplished in a highly successful manner. Officers and men of the 3rd Battalion consistently distinguished themselves by aggressive patrolling, exceptional initiative, and great individual courage. As a result of the 3rd Battalion's tenacious and intrepid action, a severe enemy threat to the security of the beachhead was eliminated.

/s/ MARK W. CLARK
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army,
Commanding."

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31 May 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 27)

ORIGINAL ORDER - [illegible]

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, dated 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individual:

CITATION:

WILLARD E. HARRISON, O-395974, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters [illegible] 3rd Battalion, *** Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action near [illegible], between ** and **1944 In addition to his other duties as Battalion Executive Officer, Captain HARRISON assumed those of the Battalion Supply Officer who had become a casualty. For three successive days he personally organized and effected the delivery of food, water and ammunition to the front line troops under intense artillery and small arms fire, during which period his vehicle was hit with shrapnel several times. With disregard for his personal safety, Captain HARRISON maintained a constant flow of supplies which enabled the forward troops to operate at maximum efficiency and accomplish their mission with commendable success. The actions of Captain HARRISON were exemplary and inspiring to the men and officers of the battalion and reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the organization he served. Entered military service from NORFOLK, NEBRASKA.

II. AWARD, POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, dated 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following individual:

CITATION:

EDWARD C. DIGAN, O-1310692, Second Lieutenant, *** Parachute Infantry. For gallantry in action on *** 1943 on *** Hill near *** ***. Lieutenant DIGAN was in command of a rocket launcher platoon which was jointly in possession of the hill with a machine gun platoon. The position was being attacked by an enemy infantry battalion supported by tanks. The entire area was

subject to intense crossfire by enemy machine guns from the flanks. Lieutenant DIGAN, without regard for his own safety and exposing himself to enemy gun fire, carried reserve ammunition to the forward machine guns on the hill several times. While attempting to carry ammunition across open terrain to a machine gun position, he was seriously wounded in the neck. During treatment of his wounds, Lieutenant DIGAN made several attempts to get up and carry ammunition to the gun, but was too weak to do so. He died and hour later. The actions of Lieutenant DIGAN were characteristic of the highest standards of his profession and reflect the greatest credit upon himself and his country. Entered military service from MACDILLA CENTER, NEW YORK.

III. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, dated 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 13 May 1944, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following individual:

CITATION:

MAX B. NA, O-1308116, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, *** Company, *** Parachute Infantry, for extraordinary heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 15 May 1944. Lieutenant DOMINA was in charge of hand grenade instruction on the Hand Grenade Range at *** *** ***, ***, Italy. The class was in position about fifteen yards from the Quarry into which it was throwing live grenades. One student became confused and threw his grenade along the firing line into the center of the class. Without a moment's hesitation or thought for his own safety, Lieutenant DOMINA acted instantly, chased the live grenade about ten yards, picked it up and threw it into the quarry where it exploded. This prompt and proper action prevented possible injury to any member of the class. Entered military service from GARDENA, CALIFORNIA.

IV -- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, the Oak Leaf Cluster (A Purple Heart having been previously awarded) is awarded to the following named individuals of 505 Parachute Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy:

RANK	NAME	ASN	DATE OF WOUND	PLACE
1st Sgt	Tony Castillo	18000724	5 Oct 1943	Italy
Sgt	Louis L. Hardfield	13059393	15 Sep 1943	Italy
Sgt	Donald G. Sutherland	11050705	6 Oct 1943	Italy
Pfc	Marshall M. Massey	14068625	15 Sep 1943	Italy
Pfc	Aaron K. Andrews	20413763	5 Oct 1943	Italy
2nd Lt	Robert E. McLauchlin	O-1308754	5 Oct 1943	Italy
Cpl	William B. Owens	16[illegible]914	6 Oct 1943	Italy
Cpl	John T. Price	39037469	1 Oct 1943	Italy
Pvt	Orval E. Hartman	19[illegible]508	6 Oct 1943	Italy
Pvt	Woodrow Stevenson	20456590	2 Oct 1943	Italy

V - AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of AR 600 45, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individuals of 505 Parachute Infantry, for wounds received in action against the enemy:

RANK	NAME	ASN	DATE OF WOUND	PLACE
Capt	Jacob W. [illegible]	0-[illegible]	10 Jul 43	Sicily
2nd Lt	John (NMI) [illegible]	0-1[illegible]32	15 Sep 43	Italy
2nd Lt	Gerald [illegible]	0-1011772	10 Jul 43	Sicily
2nd Lt	William [illegible]	0-1311932	15 Sep 43	Italy
1st Lt	Travis (NMI) [illegible]	0-422324	11 Jul 43	Sicily
1st Lt	Brock M. [illegible]	0-1300735	10 Jul 43	Sicily
S Sgt	Carlos (NMI) [illegible]	38071[illegible]	17 Sep 43	Italy
Sgt	Melvin J. [illegible]	33[illegible]	3 Oct 43	Italy
S Sgt	Leslie E. [illegible]	[illegible]	17 Sep 43	Italy
Sgt	James E. [illegible]	12[illegible]297	12 Jul 43	Sicily
Cpl	Lester I. [illegible]	15103681	15 Sep 43	Italy
Cpl	Richard V. Williams	19077025	15 Sep 43	Italy
Cpl	Fred H. Zook	16049340	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 5	[illegible] D. Curtis	16000612	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	Lewis D. Allen	20360339	12 Jul 43	Sicily
[illegible]	Charlie W. Verduce	33155308	10 Jul 43	Sicily
[illegible]	Andrew J. Wasolewski	16049308	10 Jul 43	[illegible]
[illegible]	Jules S. Stollack	20228187	19 Sep 43	
[illegible]	Arene (NMI) Davis	39021112	11 Jul 43	Sicily
[illegible]	Ivan W. Harmon	15099587	10 Jul 43	Sicily
S Sgt	[illegible] H. Higgins	13054417	13 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Edward F. Jerosz	36710212	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Paul T. [illegible]	32065013	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Robert L. [illegible]	39137338	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Guadalupe (NMI) Melendez	32445735	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	William J. Waterell	[illegible]3117	13 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Lawrence S. [illegible]	20209709	20 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Morris W. Sherrod	37154445	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Michael J. Conley	16154554	15 Sep 43	Italy
S Sgt	John (NMI) Jones	36119418	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 4	Donald (NMI) Beam	19073088	15 Sep 43	Italy
Cpl	Joseph G. Anderson	16054[illegible]	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Cpl	William D. Owens	16068[illegible]4	14 Jul 43	Sicily
Cpl	John W. Price	39[illegible]569	13 Jul 43	Sicily
Cpl	Thomas L. Rea	14062609	15 Sep 43	Italy
Tec 5	Frank A. Busa	16066[illegible]4	14 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	Harold J. Rose	35076106	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pfc	Lee F. Shawver	19059583	5 Nov 43	Italy
Pvt	Frank (NMI) Aurent	39083454	16 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Harold T. Dalesh	16045945	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Gerald J. Hickman	39524447	9 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Victor A. Linderman	37315141	15 Sep 43	Italy
Sgt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Italy

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RANK	NAME	ASN	DATE OF FOUND	PLACE
Pvt	Chester A. Lundstrom	17058704	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Wesley A. McClatchy	39015393	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Douglas A. Randolph	13005640	16 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Clyde D. Rankin	20354300	16 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Gilbert(NMI) Roybal	32070982	16 Oct 43	Italy
Pvt	Leo F. Sterling	34408190	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Leslie E. Stone	20[illegible]	12 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Thomas L. Keener	17059686	13 Nov 43	Italy
Pfc	Markus (NMI) Tripaner	16049454	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Robert B. Clark	18154084	14 Sep 43	Italy
Pfc	William I. Henry	12013821	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Ralph (NMI) Scott	6267878	15 Nov 43	Italy
Pvt	Anthony J. Arbeiman	32346738	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Sgt	Sylvester (NMI) Hedges	19103044	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 4	George B. Thomas	19079998	19 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	Roy S. Burrows	18015652	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Charles T. Hayes, Jr.	14181927	16 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	Charles F. Ward	11063581	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Mark S. Andersen	39540968	16 Sep 43	Italy
Cpl	Chester W. Taft	32255669	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Sgt	John W. Paulson	37162530	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	William E. Sloan	39604338	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Cpl	Carl E. Mulvaney	39020742	7 Nov 43	Italy
Pvt	Richard (NMI) Perlman	12189288	7 Nov 43	Italy
Pvt	Sam P. Smith, Jr.	13072808	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 5	Robert G. Games	20362074	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	Melvin C. Burnett	20423286	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	James C. Chester	32483302	15 Sep 43	Italy
Cpl	Julius C. Curtis	20409376	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pfc	Quinton (NMI) Echols	3703[illegible]021	12 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Russell W. Fisher	37020826	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Emerson G. Heal	20308748	14 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	James F. McConstry	20416290	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Thomas A. Myers	34272011	14 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Lacy (NMI) Pate	20441563	14 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Fred J. Sheffner	20372847	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pfc	Charles T. Vebrucek	36335469	15 Sep 43	Italy
Tec 5	Anthony (NMI) Welicki	33335094	15 Sep 43	Italy
Sgt	James R. Yates	34188302	15 Sep 43	Italy
1st Sgt	Tony (NMI) Castillo	18000724	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	Aaron F. Andrews	20412763	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Cpl	Leonard (NMI) Hedges	39172763	15 Sep 43	Italy
Sgt	Charles L. Knauff	15101850	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	Leonard A. Szymczak	12198307	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Robert J. Williams	35111875	24 Jul 43	Sicily
Sgt	Donald G. Sutherland	11090705	13 Jul 43	Sicily
S Sgt	Robert R. Gibbs	19080837	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 5	Albert M. Neville	12056476	24 Jul 43	Sicily
Pfc	Kendall L. Mahaney	18[illegible]	15 Sep 43	Italy

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RANK	NAME	ASN	DATE OF WOUND	PLACE
Tec 5	Winfred (NMI) Davies	32255259	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 5	George F. Fuston	33043[illegible]9	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 5	Jerome V. Huch	12035995	15 Sep 43	Italy
Pvt	Robert (NMI) Nachel	31192622	11 Jul 43	Sicily
Pvt	James H. Smart	39[illegible]9337	10 Jul 43	Sicily
Tec 5	Chick C. Ettelman	39092457	10 Jul 43	Sicily

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29 March 1950

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of Section V, General Orders 27, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 31 May 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Corporal William D. Owens, 16 068 314, is amended to read "Cpl William D. Owens, 16 068 342".

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39 023 454

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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 27, Headquarters 82nd Airborne Division, dated 31 May 1944, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private Frank D. Ament, 39 023 454, which reads "Frank Ament, 39 023 454", and "for wounds received in action against the enemy on 16 Jul 43", is amended to read "Frank D. Ament, 39 023 454", and "for wounds received in action on 9 Jul 43".

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 28)

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, dated 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individuals:

1ST LIEUTENANT PATRICK J. MULLOY, 0-1101133, CE, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign, on 18 December 1943. Entered military service from GARY, INDIANA.

WARRANT OFFICER JUNIOR GRADE GEORGE H. HENDERSON, W2106046, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, for meritorious achievement as Assistant to the Division Inspector General, from 18 March 1943 to 18 November 1943. Entered military service from TEXARKANA, TEXAS.

STAFF SERGEANT ROLAND C. ZIEGLER, 20650306, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign, on 18 December 1943. Entered military service from BARABOO, WISCONSIN.

Status (Posth) amended by No 46 - Aug 18, 44

* SERGEANT VORCE A. SITTON, 34212300, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign, from 17 September 1943 to 30 September 1943. Entered military service from SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS GEORGE E. RAMSEY, 35425232, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign, from 17 September 1943 to 30 September 1943. Entered military service from RAMSEY, WEST VIRGINIA.

CORPORAL EDWARD A. HNIEDZIENKO, 20236195, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign, on 18 December 1943. Entered military service from CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY.

TECHNICIAN 5TH GRADE ANTHONY I. PAPALE, 34242564, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Sicilian Campaign from 16 July 1943 to 16 August 1943, and in the Italian Campaign from 23 September 1943 to 16 November 1943. Entered military service from NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK.

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TECHNICIAN 4TH GRADE FLOYD D. FLETCHER, 35110758, 307th Airborne Engineer Battalion, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the North African Theater of Operations, from 1 October 1943 to 6 November 1943. Entered military service from ARGOS, INDIANA.

TECHNICAL SERGEANT ASA L. WALTERS, 38072451, 505th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the North African Theater of Operations, from 15 May 1943 to 1 November 1943. Entered military service from WACO, TEXAS.

STAFF SERGEANT SAMUEL R. BOWEN, 17035365, 505th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the North African Theater of Operations, from 15 May 1943 to 1 November 1943. Entered military service from SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI.

SERGEANT BENJAMIN F. SHEPARD, 32230534, 505th Parachute Infantry, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the North African Theater of Operations, from 1 June 1943, to 30 June 1943. Entered military service from JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ARTHUR H. COPLINGER, 38069178, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign on 7 February 1944. Entered military service from EL PASO, TEXAS.

PRIVATE HOWARD R. PRESTON, 34212986, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign, on 7 March 1944. Entered military service from STOKESDALE, NORTH CAROLINA.

PRIVATE ROBERT M. SCOTT, 6274782, 376th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion for heroic conduct in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Italian Campaign on 5 March 1944. Entered military service from LARAMIE, WYOMING.

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FRANK S. NEELY, W2113334, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, for exceptional and meritorious achievement as Chief Clerk, Adjutant General's Office, from 10 May 1943 to 30 May 1944. Entered military service from SEWICKLEY, PENNSYLVANIA.

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6 June 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 30)

AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 269, War Department, 1943, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following officers:

BRIGADIER GENERAL (then Colonel) JAMES M. GAVIN, O-17676, U. S. Army, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, for exemplary conduct and performance of duty in the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns. Entered the United States Military Academy in July 1925 from NEW YORK.

COLONEL HARRY L. LEWIS, O-10149, Infantry, 325th Glider Infantry, for exemplary conduct and performance of duty in the Italian Campaign. Entered military service from SARASOTA, FLORIDA.

COLONEL REUBEN H. TUCKER, O-19894, Infantry, 504th Parachute Infantry, for exemplary conduct and performance of duty in the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns. Entered the United States Military Academy in July 1930 from ANSONIA, CONNECTICUT.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 31)

AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

1. So much of General Orders Number 30, this Headquarters, dated 6 June 1944, as pertains to Brigadier General JAMES M. GAVIN, O-17676, is rescinded.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular 269, War Department, 1943, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to the following officer:

BRIGADIER GENERAL (then Colonel) JAMES M. GAVIN, O-17676, U. S. Army, Headquarters 82d Airborne Division, for exemplary conduct and performance of duty in the Sicilian and Italian Campaigns as Commanding Officer of 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. Entered the United States Military Academy in July 1925 from NEW YORK.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

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8 July 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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NUMBER 32)

AWARD OF GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-69, the following named enlisted men of Headquarters Detachment, FID, ETOUSA, now attached to this Division, in recognition of their exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity, and having rendered one year's active military service since December 7, 1941, with character excellent, are hereby awarded the Good Conduct Medal. Pending availability of the Good Conduct Medal, the wearing of the Good Conduct Ribbon is authorized:

(7) TEC 3 SIDNEY J HORWITZ 32108768
TEC 5 LESSER H WALLENBERG 32003855

Auth: AR 600-69 and ltr Headquarters Detachment FID ETOUSA, subject: Award of Good Conduct Medal, dated 17 April 1944.

By command of Major General RIDGWAY:

R. H. WIENEKE,
Lt. Col., G. S. C.,
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I. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER, SILVER STAR:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, dated 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, is awarded to the following individuals:

RICHARD M. GIBSON, O-378585, Captain, 325th Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 14 June 1944.

NEAL L. McROBERTS, O-436234, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944.

LLOYD L. POLLETTE, JR., O-1309822, 2d Lieutenant, 508th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 13 June 1944.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, as amended, and pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 32, Headquarters ETOUSA, dated 20 March 1944, and Circular No. 66, Headquarters First United States Army, dated 18 May 1944, the Silver Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals:

HARRY E. ANDERSON, 39386895, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 16 June 1944.

ROY T. BENNETT, 35421595, First Sergeant, 508th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944.

AIMON POLAND, 34403179, Private First Class, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 16 June 1944.

CURTIS (NMI) BAKER, 6781000, Private First Class, 307th Airborne Medical Company, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 16 June 1944.

AUBREY L. BAKER, 35136132, Staff Sergeant, 325th Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 9 June 1944.

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*JOSEPH C. CARR, 34213484, First Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 19 June 1944.

NORMAN V. CARTER, 20812223, Private First Class, 507th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 8 June 1944.

JOHN C. CATTER, O-1051911, Second Lieutenant, 80th Airborne Antiaircraft Battalion, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 7 June 1944.

ROBERT D. CRIM JR., 39564268, Staff Sergeant, 401st Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 9 June 1944.

PAUL J. CZERWINSKI, 34238947, Technician 4th Grade, 82d Airborne Signal Company, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 7 June 1944.

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*BRYANT C. DeLONG, 19178892, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 4 July 1944.

WALTER C. DeLONG, O-372095, Captain, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944.

JOHN H. DOBE, O-1284678, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 16 June 1944.

EUGENE A. DOERFLER, O-1290219, Second Lieutenant, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 15 June 1944.

JAMES M. DOYLE, 35506284, Private First Class, 401st Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 24 June 1944.

ROBERT J. EMILIAN, 16088043, Private, Headquarters Company, 82d Airborne Division, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944.

WILLIAM P. EVANS, O-21290, Lieutenant Colonel, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944.

ROBERT H. FILTS, 16114762, Corporal, 508th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, during the period 25-30 June 1944.

CHARLES (NMI) FIERRO, 39[illegible], Private, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 7 June 1944.

CLIFTON S. FOOD, 20360218, Private, 508th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944.

FRANK J. FRANCAVILLA, 31372695, Private First Class, 325th Glider Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 8 June 1944.

CHARLES R. GILBERTH, 27091929, Private, 505th Parachute Infantry, for gallantry in action in NORMANDY, FRANCE, on 6 June 1944.