

HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 194

10 May 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-25 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private Richard T. George, 39148465, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Victor T. Ritari, 35277992, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private Vincent Rodriguez Sr., 352289, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Manuel Rubio, 39425111, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Raymond H. Hunkle, 36333548, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Leonard E. Lyytelski, 35553206, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 30 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class John G. Salas, 39865962, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Roy A. Sanders, 36460631, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private Alfred Sandoval, 39148446, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class T. L. Shelton, 39864833, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant A. W. Shepard, 38291324, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Leonard J. Sherry, 36740876, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Robert C. Sney, 35629529, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Kaita Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant William T. Shows, 3829616, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

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Private First Class Joseph Shultz, 37461713, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William H. Smith, 20292664, Infantry, United States Army wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Private Robert L. Sneed, 34737700, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Kociri, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Clarence L. Under Jr., 37439306, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Herbert C. Springer, 20545733, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Donald R. Staeper, 27563917, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William N. Stephens, 37229293, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Chandler P. John, 12106136, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Uchitomaru, Okinawa Island.

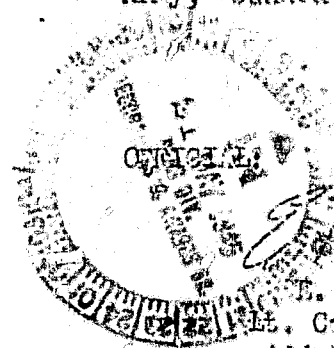
Private First Class James A. Stotler, 37701352, Infantry, United States Army wounded 11 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Cleon C. Stotler, 20145726, Infantry, United States Army wounded 1 April 1945 near Chatan, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class James L. Sutherland, 38292123, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 195

10 May 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-47 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Dean W. Tyler, 39695561, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Macda, Okinawa Island.

Private Edwin L. Utvick, 39422186, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Private George C. Van Sickle, 39475829, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Frank C. Varner, 39203859, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private Antonio Vasquez, 3856049, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Private Andrew J. Vavra, 38679021, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Gordon D. Webster, 39330249, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Nodake, Okinawa Island.

Private Scott E. Vetter, 39473386, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island.

Private Dale S. Vickrey, 39470378, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Albert Villanueva, 39044063, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Ewald H. Votava, 37317382, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Technician Fifth Grade Bernard A. Walker, 36740428, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Corporal Kline H. Wartman, 36431577, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Charles R. Weidler, 39856447, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

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Sergeant Edarald Weisert, 37515963, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Henry J. White, 36130495, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private Howard L. White, 39475777, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William Wilcox, 36470992, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private Julius E. Wilkinson, 38509494, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Frank M. Wilkinson, 38260769, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Cecil L. Williams, 37586142, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 April 1945 near Nodake, Okinawa Island.

Private Charles A. Willingham, 3989877, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island.

Private Harold T. Wilson, 39470300, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

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<u>AWARD OF THE</u> <u>SOLDIER'S MEDAL</u>	

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Private Joseph E. Burt, 39227010, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on February 22, 1945. When he saw a swimmer in distress approximately 200 yards offshore, Private Burt, accompanied by two other men, immediately started to his rescue. Reaching him as he was sinking and in a state of complete exhaustion, they were able to tow him to shore. By his unhesitating courage, Private Burt was instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Hatch, 39295501, Finance Department, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on March 21, 1945. When Technician Fifth Grade Hatch saw a fellow soldier struggling helplessly in a strong undertow 35 yards offshore, he immediately went to his aid. After battling against the powerful tide for 10 minutes, he was able to pull the man to where others could walk him to shore. Technician Fifth Grade Hatch was so weakened by the struggle that, after saving the other man, he narrowly escaped being carried to sea himself, and subsequently required medical aid. The prompt and heroic action of Technician Fifth Grade Hatch reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class John H. Kroehling, 39227010, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on February 22, 1945. When he saw a swimmer in distress approximately 200 yards offshore, Private First Class Kroehling, accompanied by two other men, immediately started to his rescue. Reaching him as he was sinking and in a state of complete exhaustion, they were able to tow him to shore. By his unhesitating courage, Private First Class Kroehling was instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier.

Sergeant Leslie E. Shirley, 39307718, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on February 22, 1945. When he saw a swimmer in distress approximately 200 yards offshore, Sergeant Shirley, accompanied by two other men, immediately started to his rescue. Reaching him as he was sinking and in a state of complete exhaustion, they were able to tow him to shore. By his unhesitating courage, Sergeant Shirley was instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier.

SECTION II

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 121, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Anthony F. Palermo, 32472995, Infantry, is rescinded.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

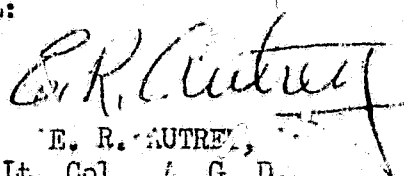
Under the provisions of AR 600-47 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per authority indicated, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on date indicated:

Private First Class Frank S. Sp..., 35242810, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 58th Evacuation Hospital, 1944.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL SECTION I
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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Paragraph No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act No. 45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man.

Private First Class Patrick J. Burke, 3230776, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When an enemy counter-attack threatened the front lines of his unit, Private First Class Burke, assistant gunner in a machine gun squad, placed his gun in action ahead of the riflemen in an exposed position and although under constant enemy machine gun and small arm fire, maintained a steady fire which was instrumental in breaking up the enemy counter-attack. Private First Class Burke was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire but kept his gun in action until forcibly removed by aid men. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Burke are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Patrick Burke, Father, 151-81 19th Avenue, White Stone, Long Island, New York.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Paragraph No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act No. 45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Ewerton T. Clark, 38329749, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Clark, when his squad leader was seriously wounded in an attack on a highly fortified enemy held ridge, voluntarily assumed command and coolly and efficiently led the squad to a position where they could fire into the flanks of the enemy. Under constant enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Clark exemplified his courage and determination by further maneuvering his squad into a position from which it was possible to set fire to the buildings housing the enemy troops and thus cut off their retreat. The courageous and outstanding leadership displayed by Private First Class Clark was instrumental in the successful establishment of a night perimeter on the captured ridge.

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Private First Class Americo T. Costanzo, 32694153, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. During a strong enemy counter-attack, Private First Class Costanzo, totally disregarding the fact that he was in an exposed position and under constant enemy machine gun and mortar fire, placed his light machine gun in action ahead of the riflemen of his unit and was a leading factor in the repulse of the enemy counter-attack. Though seriously wounded, Private First Class Costanzo stayed at his gun until removed forcibly by an aid man. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed.

Private First Class Wilford F. Eneix, 36403759, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. During a heavy night counter-attack, Private First Class Eneix, upon finding that a heavy machine gun crew had expended all of its ammunition, voluntarily crawled seventy-five yards to the rear under constant enemy fire, to an ammunition dump and carried a supply forward to the gun crew. Upon arriving at the forward position, Private First Class Eneix manned the machine gun left idle by a wounded gunner, placed a steady fire on the enemy and by this prompt and heroic action aided materially in the repulse of the enemy counter attack.

Technician Fifth Grade Harvey W. Morris, 28540967, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mombaru, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Morris, a member of a forward observer party of a platoon which was furnishing direct support fires for the advance of an Infantry company, with absolute disregard for his own safety and under a hail of enemy machine gun fire which had pinned down his unit and caused several casualties, left his covered position and with another man carried a wounded officer from the center of the exposed area which was under constant fire, to a position of safety. Technician Fifth Grade Morris' act of courage was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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ORIGINAL ORDER 211

11 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 198

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

SECTION I

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944 a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Master Sergeant John D. Murphy, 37455366, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945.

Corporal Edmund K. Other, 324979, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from August 12, 1944 to February 10, 1945.

Captain William G. Vallory, 01286926, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 1 September 1944 to 1 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Elmer B. West, 33155486, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from August 1, 1944 to February 10, 1945.

SECTION II

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 1, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945, as pertains to Second Lieutenant Robert F. Post, 01320009, Infantry, is rescinded.

2. So much of General Orders 173, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945, as reads "Technical Sergeant Lee Solomon, 2C014264, Infantry" is amended to read "Technical Sergeant Solomon Lee, 2C014264, Infantry".

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named officer per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on date indicated:

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Second Lieutenant Robert F. Post, O1320009, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 188, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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- 3 - Commanding General, 7th Infantry Division
- 3 - Each Officer and Enlisted Man concerned

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 199

ORIGINAL ORDER #

12 May 1945

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I
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SECTION I
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1926 (Bulletin 48, War Department, 1944), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class Lonnie Henderson, 36242993, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Leyte on November 19, 1944. When he and another soldier were wounded during a Japanese night attack, Private First Class Henderson, although bleeding profusely from his own wounds, immediately gave first aid to his comrade, then returned to the fight. Shortly thereafter, the other man was wounded a second time. Private First Class Henderson again treated him and then carried and dragged him to safety through 70 yards of open, re-swept terrain. Weak from loss of blood, he insisted upon again returning to the fire fight, although his wounds were sufficiently serious to necessitate his evacuation the following day. Private First Class Henderson's gallant devotion to the welfare of a comrade and his uncompromising determination to destroy the enemy reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Herman O. McCarty, 38336257, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Santa Marguerita, Samar. Private First Class McCarty was a member of a water borne patrol, the main body of which had disembarked in shallow water about 150 yards from shore. When the enemy delivered heavy and accurate rifle and machine gun fire on the men in the water, two natives who were operating the boat became panic-stricken and headed the craft away from the shore, leaving the patrol stranded. Recognizing the men in the water were doomed without cover from guns mounted on the boat, Private First Class McCarty, with another soldier, seized the controls and circled back to the men in the water. Despite the fact that all the enemy fire was now shifted to the boat, he maneuvered the clumsy craft in circles near the beach until all men in the water, including dead and wounded, had been taken aboard. The loyalty to his comrades displayed by Private First Class McCarty in this heroic action does honor to the finest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 3, War Department, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

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Sergeant John L. Chaney, 38313120, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on February 28, 1945. When Sergeant Chaney noticed a white phosphorous grenade smoking atop an ammunition dump, he seized it, without thought for his own safety, and threw it out of range. His prompt action not only prevented explosion of the ammunition dump, with probable loss of life, but also destruction of a large store of flame-thrower gasoline. Sergeant Chaney's courageous act reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 1 February 1944 (Section 1, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Major Francis C. Ginther, 01297527, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20, 1944 to January 31, 1945.

Chief Warrant Officer James M. Leonard, W2109011, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20, 1944 to January 31, 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 200

12 May 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 160-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain Phillip A. Allicon, 01284506, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Captain (then First Lieutenant) Allicon was leader of a 15-man patrol assigned to the mission of crossing a mountain range and contacting units of another division. Rations were taken for four days, but, handicapped by the terrain and harassed by incessant rain, the patrol was still in the mountains at the end of that period. Determined to accomplish his mission, Captain Allicon pressed forward. On the sixth day, a superior Japanese force was encountered. Captain Allicon engaged the leading elements, inflicted casualties, and then effected a clever withdrawal. On the tenth day, with the patrol suffering from exposure and hunger which necessitated hospitalization of every man, contact was made with the other divisions. The unyielding determination which Captain Allicon's men displayed in accomplishing this heroic mission was a direct reflection of his indomitable and gallant leadership.

Staff Sergeant Steve J. Bukosky, 36535874, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Staff Sergeant Bukosky was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, its rations exhausted at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains. Given an opportunity to return, Staff Sergeant Bukosky, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed he fulfilled every duty assigned to him, and after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Bukosky in this action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Nordahl O. Buros, 36273356, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Buros was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Buros with other members of the patrol unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed he fulfilled every duty assigned to him, and after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Buros in this heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Captain Leo J. Cassel, 0463838, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on October 20, 1944. When a reserve infantry company and supporting tanks came under attack from unseen enemy, they responded with a devastating blanket of fire which Captain Cassel, due to his thorough knowledge of the situation, realized was falling on friendly troops. Without hesitation or thought for his own safety, he ran from gun to gun through a hail of enemy mortar and small arms fire, ordering his men to cease firing. Captain Cassel's heroic action was directly responsible for forestalling serious loss of life among our own troops.

Private First Class Rubben E. Crisp, 32219761, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Crisp was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Crisp, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed, he fulfilled every duty assigned to him, and after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Crisp in this heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Anthony A. Croce, 33811831, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Croce was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Croce, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed, he fulfilled every duty assigned to him, and, after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Croce in this heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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12 May 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, (4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Helmut E. Dominatus, 42001746, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Dominatus was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Dominatus, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed, he fulfilled every duty assigned to him, and after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Dominatus in this heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Andrew J. Dzurisin, 33023926, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Dzurisin was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Dzurisin, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed, he fulfilled every duty assigned to him, and after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Dzurisin in this heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Major Carl J. Ernst, 0338388, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on October 20, 1944. In order to establish contact with the infantry which his amphibious tank battalion was supporting, Major Ernst, without regard to his own safety, advanced on foot through unsecured terrain, set up an advance command post and exposed himself to enemy sniper fire to make a personal survey of the terrain. Subsequently, when communications were delayed, Major Ernst personally, through tireless effort, maintained liaison among the companies of his battalion and with the infantry which they were supporting. The initiative, courage and leadership displayed by Major Ernst were major factors in his organization's success in battle.

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Private First Class Henry F. Kraemer Jr., 39463294, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Kraemer was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Kraemer, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed, he fulfilled every duty assigned to him and, after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Kraemer in this heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Arnold C. Lottman, 37484021, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Lottman was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Lottman with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Throughout the six grueling days which followed, he fulfilled every duty assigned to him, and, after a comrade was wounded, frequently aided in carrying him through the difficult jungle terrain. Suffering from severe exposure, he was hospitalized at the end of the period. The undeviating courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Lottman in this heroic action reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas V. McNamara, 36534073, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on November 17, 1944. When three heavily armed Japanese soldiers infiltrated at night to within ten feet of his position, Private First Class McNamara coolly and courageously opened fire, killing two and wounding the third. By his heroic action, Private First Class McNamara saved an artillery fire direction center from attack and serious disruption of its vital function.

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12 May 1945

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NUMBER 202

ORIGINAL ORDER - 121

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Citation amended by G-1056 6 Nov 45
* Private Gernett, W. Ingram, 33841799, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to January 19, 1945. Private Ingram was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains. Given an opportunity to return, Private Ingram, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Two days later, during a fire fight with a superior enemy force, he was killed. The unflinching devotion to duty which cost Private Ingram his life served as a lasting source of inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie Bell Ingram, Mother, 1021 Edmunds Street, Danville, Virginia.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

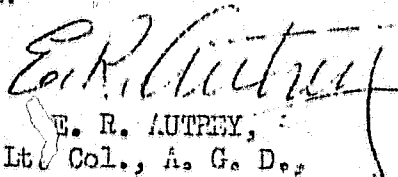
Private First Class Archie J. Stapp, 37232870, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on December 11, 1944. While his company was advancing across open terrain, Private First Class Stapp, a lead scout, on his own initiative, investigated a small ravine after observing sign of activity. Locating a large number of enemy soldiers, he killed six from where he stood, giving the company commander time to move two platoons into the ravine. By his bold and aggressive action, Private First Class Stapp, in addition to killing 15 Japanese, was responsible for the destruction of another 39.

Private First Class George Wilcox, 38300901, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When the defense lines of his company were threatened by an enemy counter-attack, Private First Class Wilcox took a position at a telephone in an 81mm mortar observation post and at a great risk of exposing his position which was under constant mortar and artillery fire and with utter disregard for his own safety, observed and directed mortar fire throughout the night without relief. By his accurate and timely observation and direction, Private First Class Wilcox was largely responsible for the shattering of the enemy counter-attack. The courage and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Wilcox reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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APO 96

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NUMBER 203

ORIGINAL ORDER

13 May 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Act 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Matthew U. Agritsch, 37586137, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Orville C. Andrews, 37699344, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Paul N. Anslem, 38260735, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Corporal Eugene S. Bearden, 39910460, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Mark Deasley, 38019104, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William C. Be... 33439781, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Ralph R. Beckon, 38272363, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Private First Class James S. Bennick, 34895169, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Arnold Ferman, 31366965, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Laise Bernard, 34154373, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Charles F. Beydler, 36384400, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Lynn D. Birkley, 37461961, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Arthur W. Eirr Jr., 36404912, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class John P. Blake, 31378905, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 February 1945 near Tolosa, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

Private First Class Charles L. Bowen, 34739467, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944 near Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands.

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Private First Class Sidney Breit, 32920515, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Fuzzen, Okinawa Island.

Technical Sergeant Charles A. Erin, 17116693, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Shido, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Edward F. Grisel, 37439615, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Noda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Dollie L. Brown, 36293325, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Habitorari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Donald C. Brown, 36132363, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Noda, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Elmer G. Brown, 38300250, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Floyd S. Brown, 37481596, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Noda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Donald L. Bryan, 3489246, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Noda, Okinawa Island.

Second Lieutenant Donald M. Burrill, 01275659, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

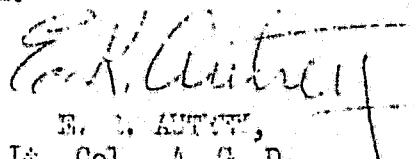
Second Lieutenant Raymond H. Burras, 01324802, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Fuzzen, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Charles R. Taylor, 33306960, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 204

ORIGINAL ORDER - 417

13 May 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 300-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Technical Sergeant James O. Butler, 37018781, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Eniku, Okinawa Island.

Technical Sergeant Rodney R. Cabroz, 35010078, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class John V. Caranto, 35238673, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Jimmie R. Caraway, 38683261, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Akana, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class David Carman, 35794208, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Isoda, Okinawa Island.

Technician Fifth Grade Douglas L. Carter Jr., 38250231, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William E. Casper, 32849765, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Akana, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Sidney A. Cantrell, 36536144, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Chiyunna, Okinawa Island.

First Lieutenant Maurice J. Champagne, 01263607, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant James G. Chapman, 35633604, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyunna, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Elmer S. Cline, 37733710, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class George H. Coats, 38570238, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Allen R. Comben, 36172599, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Edward F. Combs, 35779326, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Felicio W. Contreras, 37335240, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Jesse W. Coe, 3867769G, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island.

Technical Sergeant Alford E. Cooper, 6589453, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kikana, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class James Corley, 3890094b, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Ueda, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant James G. Cottle, 36432757, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Crawford W. Coy, 35790221, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Jesse W. L. Crawford, 3860394b, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island.

Corporal Daniel J. Crouch, 36432755, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Chester Cummings, 37233233, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class John R. Curns, 38630679, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Robert L. Curry, 38632543, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Ueda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Guy Dalton, 38520014, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Ueda, Okinawa Island.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

13 May 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 23 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Edwin C. Daniel, 35400848, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kikazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Albert L. Davidson, 35144295, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 near Ichikari, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant James A. Davis, 36254479, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class John E. Deaton, 36440687, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitomi, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Donald J. Denton, 38272638, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Shima, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Aaron V. De Fresno, 36473613, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitomi, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Salvatore A. DiMatteo, 36683792, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Edward DeWitt Jr., 34407264, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Leon A. Dickerson, 34651165, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant James E. Dickinson, 36429556, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class March E. Doy, 17028959, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private Harold H. Dore, 37432682, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitomi, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant John E. Donze, 17412330, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William J. Douglas, 37073691, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitomi, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Eustachius Duchshayer, 37319272, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Emery J. Duhon, 38260226, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William E. Dullaghan, 19168150, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Sergeant George W. Dunn, 37431570, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Shido, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Marvin H. Egan, 66670527, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Douglas E. Egan, 39724944, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Kurt G. Eichler, 32223071, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Leonard J. Ellerman, 36312703, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Adolph Engen, 37112705, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant James J. Enright, 34710761, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Arthur C. Fass, 36216224, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyuna, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Joseph R. Filaschetti, 39701836, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyuna, Okinawa Island.

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AWARD ORIGINAL PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private Fred O. Farnan, 39479422, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Clem P. Farmer, 3252796, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Captain Thomas F. Farrell Jr., 0438504, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Naeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class George F. Faust, 3257338, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Clarence E. Fescina, 32691236, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Elmer A. Finch, 3223573, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Florian J. Fernal, 37572446, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Robert C. Flowers, 385 001, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Edward I. Fosaire, 18073950, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Hubert W. Franks, 20740606, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Arthur R. Fuchs, 36908711, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Jessie Gallender, 36300123, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945, near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Anthony I. Garner, 36447412, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Lauren M. Gates, 37572773, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Naeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Charles R. Collier, 17082894, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Technician Fifth Grade Louis A. Gewinner, 37461449, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945 near Naeda, Okinawa Island.

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Private First Class Melvin C. Gill, 16116856, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945 near Uenit-mari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Rudolph Giovanetti, 39041545, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uenit-mari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Wilson L. Hill, 36291516, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Ueda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Martin L. Green, 37597267, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uenit-mari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Orlando F. Gussard, 35679490, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Oniyuna, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Fred Sullivan, 13201191, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Oniyuna, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant David L. Guim, 3228520, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Nakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Calvin C. Guthriller, 37315441, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Oniyuna, Okinawa Island.

Second Lieutenant Albert M. Halerer, 02012446, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Ueda, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Charles C. Hall, 3830067, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 April 1945 near Uenit-mari, Okinawa Island.

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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-10 (Decorations), 23 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 28th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Richard J. Harmon, 35243173, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Corporal Rheingert J. Harrenstein, 37263379, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

First Sergeant Anthony L. Hartnett, 6576379, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Harold T. Heiman, 36557229, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Arthur R. Hjertstedt, 36383576, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class George E. Hildeister, 37706576, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant James H. Hord, 35700276, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyuma, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Thomas R. Hull, 33920879, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Chiyuma, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Burl Husting, 39926061, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Wade Jamerson, 3821286, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Dean A. Jincks, 37733946, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class James L. Johnson, 37267574, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Technical Sergeant Oscar L. Johnson, 3390816, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyuma, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Hubert J. Johnson, 36509433, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Fred L. Johnson, 36324211, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Technician Fourth Grade Forest C. Jordan, 37016633, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyama, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Clarence L. Knarr, 702115, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, wounded 4 May 45 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Robert E. Kompf, 4225149, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyama, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Edwin L. Kopacz, 36615887, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 near Uchitoman, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Edward T. Korby, 35525439, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitoman, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Loren J. Kugel, 67487523, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitoman, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Alex Kurak, 37573234, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Albert F. Lange, 36962033, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Norman I. Langlo, 37567039, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

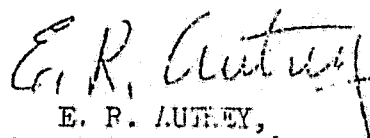
Private First Class Armond W. Lavoie, 37029273, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, wounded 8 May 1945 near Ukana, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Roy W. Lemm, 37233122, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class John J. Hajowski, 34700647, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Iwoda, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Lisa G. Brown, 35270246, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Iwoda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Mark H. McLean, 35448314, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Iwoda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class W. H. McLean, 38467948, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Albert Melvin, 38271625, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class George J. Mikolajuski, 13129351, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Iwoda, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Richard A. Miller, 36318911, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Iwoda, Okinawa Island.

First Lieutenant Willard K. Mitchell, 0446152, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Wayne F. Montgomery, 38354494, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island.

Amend to award "OLC to PH" by 201056-6 Nov-45
Staff Sergeant Oakley W. Myers, 36534249, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Joseph H. Nemeo, 39623068, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Iwoda, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Fuel H. Oden, 38229652, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Sergeant William J. Piper, 6299821, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Futaba, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William A. Plaster, 33562386, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Uchitomari.

Private First Class Ernest L. Rauch, 37710938, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Iwoda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class James A. Reed, 19150066, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Kikazu, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Frank R. Rencovics, 39479902, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Hacha, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Roy P. Rowe, 38292347, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Hacha, Okinawa Island.

Technical Sergeant George E. Sanchez, 39158527, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Juan P. Sanchez, 38254491, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Hacha, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Elton E. Scott, 38253829, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Hacha, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Gerald T. Shapson, 36581280, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Verlan L. Shelton, 37392391, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 April 1945 near Uchitonari, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Johnny L. Stern, 38283917, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Hacha, Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant William T. Stenbacher, 3819073, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Hacha, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Nathaniel T. Stringfield, 34832451, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, wounded 4 May 1945 near Hacha, Okinawa Island.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-46 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class William C. T. [unclear], 21713491, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Uchitama, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Cwillo L. Towne, 36104910, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Staff Sergeant Lewis J. Tucker, 38292141, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class William J. Valleroy, 37391138, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitama, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Julius F. Vanis, 37461676, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant Raul G. Vasquez, 18200603, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Saari, Okinawa Island.

Sergeant William W. Waddle, 33329669, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Private First Class James B. Weeks, 34881905, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, wounded 4 May 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Elton H. Wilson, 38566099, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Bino G. Wori, 37536627, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 on Okinawa Island.

Private First Class Jesse A. Hubbard, 35709942, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island.

SECTION IIAWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

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Private First Class Warren H. Anderson, 37318543, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 January 1945.

Private First Class Charles L. Bowen, 34739467, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 203, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Edward E. Dahn, 37229024, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

Private Harold H. Dugg, 37236822, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 205, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Lawrence M. Finelli, 32335542, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 28, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 25 November 1944.

Private First Class George A. Finkbeiner, 36534501, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 21, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 November 1944.

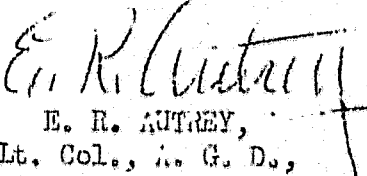
First Lieutenant Hobart E. Grazier, 01286637, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, HPO 958, 27 December 1944.

Private First Class Myron R. Holomon, 38231053, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitourai, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 210

14 May 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-4, (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Bill J. Allman	34811966	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Francis G. Annis	36859200	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pvt	Doron L. Ashley	36908928	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pvt	Nick R. Beyer	36960608	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert N Bigham	37483834	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Billy Bittle	38293705	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pvt	Victor Bourgeois Jr	38312497	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc	James E. Breland	34809040	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pfc	William C. Breshears	37145496	Inf	20 Apr 45
Sgt	Jack M. Brinkor	36903830	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	John J. Buckley	33729184	Inf	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Max M. Bugaj	38244930	Inf	12 Apr 45
Capt	McCrory M. Burleson	01286433	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	James R. Burnett	38247791	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Clayton D. Rushnell	39918090	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles J. Butke	15119336	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Alees Callais	38212999	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Jack R. Campbell	37663350	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Julian H. Caraway	38670626	Inf	10 Apr 45
S Sgt	Herbert C. Carhart Jr	33745275	Inf	28 Apr 45
S Sgt	Carl R. Childross	37290864	Inf	12 Apr 45
T Sgt	Kenneth C. Christenson	37131674	Inf	16 Apr 45
Pfc	Edgar W. Collins	369358	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	William D. Crow	38663927	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Merl Crowder	38290361	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	John T. Cygan	36383375	Inf	19 Apr 45
S Sgt	Blann T. Dawson	38293647	Inf	19 Apr 45
Cpl	Louis R. Dell Aquila	36381546	Inf	17 Apr 45
S Sgt	L. B. Dickerson	38300240	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	James M. Dragvold	37316493	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles J. Draper	36886268	Inf	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert K Dudenoy	42028429	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	George D. Earley	42049248	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Bernard Eide	37316449	Inf	19 Apr 45
Tec 4	Orval R. Enget	37312831	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold L. Estoppey	36617038	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pvt	Freddie J. Faber	36986571	Inf	11 Apr 45
Sgt	Herbert C. Fish	36405122	Inf	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Wilson J. Fontenot	38483367	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pvt	George E. Francescani	36611026	Inf	9 Apr 45
S Sgt	George T. Frazier	36381813	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Eugene B. Fritsche	37391137	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Lewis W. Gantt	14012790	Inf	19 Apr 45

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Pfc	Fussell D. Gary	36405156	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	William H. Ginson Jr	39770271	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Edmund A. Gregorczyk	35159724	MD	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Stephen D. Griff	36803193	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	David A. Grima	33137168	Inf	27 Apr 45
S Sgt	Douglas J. Grunewald	36871134	Inf	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Leo Guidotti	39742169	Inf	6 Apr 45
Sgt	Joe O. Gutierrez	37373137	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Joe T. Harvill	31501150	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Larry K. Hart	31701173	Inf	28 Apr 45
Sgt	Paul A. Harley	31701145	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Freddie Hassler	31701122	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles L. Hatcher	36803179	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Carl D. Fadden	39581003	Inf	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Thomas J. Heller	31701193	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Ezra Heinged	38976858	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Jack E. Hill	39932245	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Arthur J. Hilty	36511304	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Louis Hoffman	34863193	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	William D. Holmsted	31479084	Inf	16 Apr 45
Sgt	Frank E. Homolka	266530	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Marcos E. Horton	31329474	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Edmund M. Huntley	39345833	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Edgar A. Huseby	37316369	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold E. James	35242399	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pvt	Dorwin C. Jenkins	36909122	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	David L. Johns	37463342	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	David P. Johnson Jr	38292651	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank W. Jones	37675134	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Luverne W. Kamps	37897102	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles A. Kestle	39611147	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Dorale T. Kilpatrick	X3371137	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert S. Kilpatrick	37573170	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank T. Kiszka	35535082	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	James E. Kohner	36370001	Inf	20 Apr 45
Sgt	Eli Kokotovich	37573122	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	William J. Kolarik	15121123	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	James P. Mack	35678133	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Serafino A. Morichetti	36272130	Inf	16 Apr 45
Pfc	George Munnert	35700244	Inf	23 Apr 45
Pfc	Wilton E. Nichols	31556165	Inf	12 Apr 45

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART I
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Preston D. Peightal	36758601	Inf	26 Apr 45
T Sgt	Clinton D. Phillips	36017376	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc	Kenneth K. Ricketts	37233760	Inf	28 Apr 45
S Sgt	Clifford J. Rogers Jr	19074365	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank G. Ruberto	42002310	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward J. Sodoma	33469230	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter J. Tatar	36282451	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Arnulfo Valdez	38338193	Inf	28 Apr 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Sergeant Beauford Anderson, 37272960, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

Private First Class Ashur Parker, 32810520, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 184, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Hubert J. Archey, 3563040, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

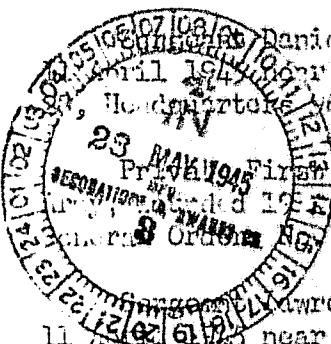
Private First Class Paul Boyer, 35242858, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 21, Headquarters 27th General Hospital, APO 565, 28 November 1944.

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Captain Frederick G. Caldwell, 0436952, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders Headquarters 27th General Hospital.

Private First Class Joe E. Saffelt, 38319063, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 31, Headquarters 96th Inf. Division, 12 February 1945.

Private First Class Daniel G. Donovan, 1073328, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 17, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.



Private First Class Julius L. Granowski, 3918700, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 January 1945.

Private First Class Lawrence L. Hohensee, 3718174, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitourri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 42, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class William W. Jackson, 16594012, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

Private First Class Clayton W. Jealous Of Him, 37161669, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

Private First Class Nathan Jones, 38391000, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Koshi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 193, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

Private First Class Albert Milelski, 36103973, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Inf. Division, 26 November 1944.

Private First Class James C. Moore, 37450266, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Kumiai, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 8, Headquarters 54th General Hospital, AFO-565, 3 December 1944.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 48 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 5, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal Donald A. Bjostad, 37559, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on October 29, 1944. While his platoon was slowed down by heavy machine gun fire, Corporal (then Private) Bjostad crawled 100 yards into a rice paddy under intense fire and aided in removing four wounded men to safety. Corporal Bjostad's unhesitating willingness to risk his own life in the interests of his comrades reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. Cisko, 3661552, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tabontabon, Leyte on October 27, 1944. While his battalion was engaged with a strongly entrenched force of the enemy, a wounded man in Technician Fifth Grade (then Private) Cisko's heavy machine gun squad was inadvertently left behind when the squad moved to a new position. Upon missing his comrade, Technician Fifth Grade Cisko immediately returned seventy-five yards under heavy machine gun and sniper fire and brought the wounded man to safety. Technician Fifth Grade Cisko's loyalty to a fellow soldier at the risk of his own life exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph L. Robbins, 33286566, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on October 26, 1944. Technician Fifth Grade Robbins, a medical aid man, immediately after landing ignored enemy mortar and artillery fire to administer aid to several wounded members of the amphibious tank crew. Hearing cries for aid, he then waded through a swamp under sniper fire and treated a large number of friendly troops and natives suffering from shrapnel wounds. The initiative and high concept of duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Robbins, who subsequently was wounded attempting to rejoin his unit, reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Fletcher R. Veach, Jr., 026301, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tabontabon, Leyte on October 26, 1944. When his company was forced by enemy small arms fire to move to another position, leaving a wounded soldier exposed, First Lieutenant Veach crawled to the casualty, and with the aid of another soldier carried him 100 yards to safety. Crossing waist deep swamps and fire-swept open field in the execution of this heroic mission, he reached the aid station on the verge of exhaustion. First Lieutenant Veach's willingness to risk his life to save one of his men reflects the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Donald R. Wessel, 37318192, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on October 25, 1944 at Tabontabon, Leyte. While his battalion was engaged in heavy fighting, it became imperative that wire communications be established between the command post and an observation post 50 yards ahead of the front line troops. Disregarding incessant enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Wessel, with a comrade, carried a drum of wire forward. Although he was wounded before he could complete his mission, it was largely due to his heroic efforts that the wire line, so vital to the successful operation of his battalion, was established.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

SECTION

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1944), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant Tommie C. Fenley, 38300943, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Leyte on November 16, 1944. When heavy fire from two enemy automatic rifles halted the advance of his platoon and was inflicting heavy casualties, Technical Sergeant Fenley ran forward in the face of the enemy fire and assaulted the position with hand grenades. Throwing with deadly accuracy, he knocked out both enemy rifles and destroyed four Japanese soldiers. Technical Sergeant Fenley's gallant action, which enabled his platoon to resume its attack, was in the highest tradition of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9779, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in E.O. 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain Robert D. Kennedy, 01010432, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from December 10 to 30, 1944.

Technical Sergeant Robert L. Layne, 213696, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20, 1944 to January 20, 1945.

First Sergeant Frank Mullen R-470543, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 4 May 1945.

Private First Class Howard E. Way, 16087369, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April to 16 April 1945.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL III

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Leo J. Monnig, 37229178, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Having just returned from the forward aid station on a road which was under an intense enemy artillery barrage and having spotted a seriously wounded man lying along the road, Private First Class Monnig volunteered to drive his ambulance back over the same hazardous route with three other aid men to evacuate the casualty. Upon reaching the wounded man, Private First Class Monnig assisted in administering first aid and placing him on a litter in preparation for evacuation but was at that moment himself struck and mortally wounded by an enemy artillery burst. Private First Class Monnig's courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Monnig, Mother, Route #1, Forest Greer, Missouri.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Benjamin F. Adams, 38325761, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands on 10 April 1945. When, during an intense enemy artillery barrage on the main route of evacuation for casualties, a seriously wounded man was discovered to be lying in an exposed area on the road, and the collecting company notified, Private First Class Adams volunteered to go as assistant driver with three other men to evacuate the wounded man. Upon reaching the spot where the casualty was reported, Private First Class Adams assisted in the administration of first aid to the wounded man and when the ambulance driver who had accompanied them was mortally wounded by an enemy artillery burst, Private First Class Adams drove the ambulance back over the same road which was still under constant enemy fire and succeeded in the evacuating the two wounded men. Private First Class Adams' courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Edwin H. Dornseif Jr., 33469891, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage which was concentrated on the main evacuation route for casualties, when word was received that a wounded man was lying in an exposed position on the road, Technician Fifth Grade Dornseif volunteered with three other men to assist in the evacuation of the wounded man. Upon reaching the casualty, Technician Fifth Grade Dornseif administered first aid under constant enemy artillery fire and when the accompanying ambulance driver was mortally wounded, Technician Fifth Grade Dornseif rendered first aid to him and helped to immediately evacuate both casualties over the same hazardous route. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Dornseif reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

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 * Technician Fourth Grade Raymond W. Grobner, 36421073, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During an attack by his platoon on an enemy bridge which was under constant enemy mortar and artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Grobner, upon learning that a man in a platoon attacking on the right flank had been wounded and was without first aid, voluntarily left his position on cooperative safety and crawled over a tall cliff covered by enemy snipers' fire and across a road on which an enemy machine gun was trained to the aid of the wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Grobner reached the wounded man and, despite the fact that his left hand had become paralyzed from a wound received on the previous night, he successfully administered first aid to the sustenance of the man's life. Technician Fifth Grade Grobner's loyalty and unflinching courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Whitney La Croix, 3322613, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant La Croix, a litter platoon sergeant upon learning that a man had been seriously wounded during an intense enemy artillery barrage and was lying in an exposed area on a road over which casualties were being evacuated, volunteered with three other men to go to the aid of the wounded man. While assisting in the administering of first aid Staff Sergeant La Croix was rendered momentarily unconscious by a burst of enemy artillery which mortally wounded another man in the evacuation party, but upon regaining consciousness, he immediately assisted in giving first aid to the wounded driver and helped to successfully evacuate both casualties over the same hazardous route to the collecting company. The courageous action and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant La Croix reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

SECTION

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER III

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

2d Lt	Leo V. Berkey	01823971	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Peter A. Caserta	35915485	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	William M. Dodson	33634837	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Eril F. Genzer	38243396	FA	13 Apr 45
Tec 4	James G. Gilbert	3324740	FA	21 Apr 45
Pvt	Albert R. Holland	1443813	FA	10 Apr 45
Cpl	William H. Johnston	28543342	DEML	12 May 45
Pvt	Clayton S. Orr	33633095	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pvt	Victor H. Schricker Jr	39346531	MD	10 May 45
Pfc	Herman W. Schroeder	37541577	Inf	9 May 45
Pvt	Orville E. Schultz	36933196	MD	10 May 45
Sgt	Eugene C. Stackey	18069630	FA	12 May 45
S Sgt	George F. Swain	38349536	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert L. Whittermore	37549980	CE	5 May 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain William W. Dowey, 0303224, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 18 February 1945 to 5 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Robert C. Kass, 01307828, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 April 1945.

Corporal George L. Norton, 37267477, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

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Technician Fourth Grade Douglas Perry, 38243500, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945.

Private First Class Kenneth Quance, 36405954, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade George B. Milano, 37335844, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 1 May 1945.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

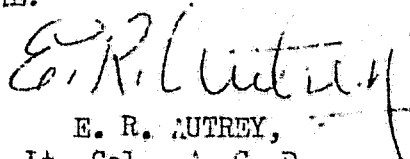
Under the provisions of AR 600-4, (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named enlisted man per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on date indicated:

Private First Class Jess L. Neuneker, 37535954, Infantry, United States Army wounded 11 May 1945 near Kuchi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 146, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 April 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL SECTION I
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas W. Allen, 34881928, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Allen, radio operator for a forward observer team during an assault on an enemy held position in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, completely disregarding a constant hail of direct enemy machine gun and artillery fire, remained at his post in an exposed position and continued to successfully transmit messages which enabled a mortar battery to adjust effective fire on the enemy positions. Technician Fifth Grade Allen's courage under fire and devotion to duty were largely responsible for the success of the battery's mission and aided materially in the advance of the Infantry in that sector.

Technician Fourth Grade Richard H. Canfield, 39156089, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Canfield, radio operator with a Forward Observer Section, located an enemy gun emplacement which had been shelling the front line troops and moving forward under heavy enemy fire, he successfully adjusted artillery fire on the enemy position. During the action, Technician Fourth Grade Canfield was injured when a shell fragment pierced his helmet, but after receiving medical aid he insisted on returning to duty in the forward area and in the absence of an officer, led the section forward to direct artillery fire in direct support of the Infantry troops. Technician Fourth Grade Canfield's courageous action and coolness under fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade James L. Charness, 37392732, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Charness, driver of an M29 Cargo Carrier, which was filled with radio and telephone communication equipment vital to the success of the artillery mission during a heavy enemy mortar barrage in which a mortar shell landed on the dashboard and penetrated into the radiator of the vehicle, left his covered position and without regard to his own safety and at great risk to his own life, and under a hail of enemy mortar fire, successfully removed the vehicle to a sheltered area, thus saving a vast amount of critical equipment necessary for the efficient operation of the artillery liaison section. Technician Fifth Grade Charness' courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Corporal George E. Slocumb, 3929510, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Corporal Slocumb, chief of a Forward Observer Section, upon learning that his Commanding Officer had been seriously wounded by enemy fire while conducting fire on enemy positions, crawled forward to the observation post over ground which was under constant enemy machine gun fire and with complete disregard for his own safety and at great risk to his own life, carried the officer to a position of safety where first aid was administered. Corporal Slocumb then returned to the observation post and with courage and coolness that was an inspiration to all, proceeded to effectively adjust fire on the enemy. Corporal Slocumb continued to command the section which was under continuous enemy fire from 5 April to 12 April 1945 in a manner which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 72, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Technical Sergeant Earl T. McIntire, 37317853, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When one of the men of his platoon, which was digging an emplacement for a defensive position, was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant McIntire, at great risk to his own life from the same machine gun which was still firing, left his place of concealment and ran into the exposed area on an open run and carried the wounded man to a position of safety. The courage and loyalty displayed by Technical Sergeant McIntire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL III

SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Stephen M. Macey, O131542, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. First Lieutenant Macey, platoon leader of a rifle platoon which was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun cross fire, with utter disregard for his own life, moved forward into an exposed area to draw fire from the enemy and enable his men to locate and destroy the enemy positions and continue their advance. First Lieutenant Macey's heroic act which was characteristic of the unflinching courage, devotion to duty and aggressive and forceful leadership continually displayed by him, cost him his life. His gallant actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. John Macey, Father, 1664 West Twelfth Avenue Gary, Indiana.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officers:

Second Lieutenant Donald A. MacKenzie, 60007339, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Second Lieutenant MacKenzie, Platoon leader of an 81mm mortar platoon, during an intense enemy artillery barrage which disrupted the Infantry front lines and knocked out an adjacent forward observation post, remained in position and continued to fire upon the enemy artillery positions despite the fact that the Infantry troops which his platoon was supporting had withdrawn. When the enemy attempted a counter-attack on the battalion's left flank, Second Lieutenant MacKenzie coolly and accurately swung his platoon in that direction and adjusted mortar fire directly into the advancing enemy troops, successfully repulsing the counter-attack. Second Lieutenant MacKenzie's courage and outstanding qualities of leadership reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

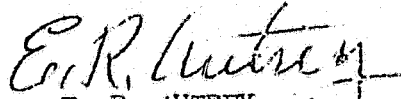
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Lieutenant Colonel Adrian H. Lindsey, 0200836, General Staff Corps, United States Army, For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 28, 1944 to April 11, 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 15-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officers:

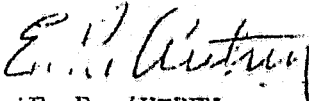
Captain Raymond H. Stenerson, O1236201, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 22 October 1944 to 27 October 1944 and on 7 April 1945. Throughout the battle for Catmon Hill on Leyte Island, although suffering from wounds, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Stenerson, refused to be evacuated and with outstanding courage and devotion to duty urged his men on their ultimate objective at every contact with the enemy. Captain Stenerson's initiative, and exceptionally fine qualities of leadership were an inspiration to his men on Leyte and again on Okinawa Island when as company commander of an Infantry Company in the initial assault on Kakazu Ridge, he successfully led his men through a withering barrage of enemy mortar and machine gun fire to their objective. Captain Stenerson's aggressiveness and insurmountable spirit continued even after he was seriously wounded in the final attack on Kakazu Ridge and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Colonel Charles H. White, Jr., O19407, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from July 28, 1944 to April 11, 1945.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 23 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Glen J. Adams	34946847	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Manuel G. Aleman	38361968	Inf	31 Apr 45
Pfc	William M. Allen	18773547	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Wallace D. Archer	37232850	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Mart M. Barnett Jr.	38304916	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Emmet J. Bauer	37521861	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Stephen J. Bell	36757790	Inf	13 Apr 45
Sgt	Cecil H. Roseman	28227584	Inf	11 Apr 45
S Sgt	James W. Bostick Jr.	38329776	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles Bouse	36384144	Inf	25 Apr 45
Pvt	Jerome T. Brady	37586891	Inf	14 Apr 45
Sgt	Theodore F. Bring	37264933	Inf	14 Apr 45
S Sgt	Joseph A. Brown	11068813	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Groffton Buchanan	39204654	Inf	26 Apr 45
1st Lt	Robert J. Buck	01032004	Inf	20 Apr 45
1st Lt	Philip D. Burns	0392171	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Harold L. Bute	37586300	Inf	21 Apr 45
Cpl	Gordon W. Canute	35069184	Inf	25 Apr 45
Pfc	Bernard Christenson	37235839	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Louie K. Ciemay	37266377	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pvt	Henry W. Clingman	37705839	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold E. Clipner	33811947	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Benny I. Cross	37355702	Inf	21 Apr 45
Sgt	Jerome W. Debrun	26431724	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Duane F. Dinchart	37318236	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Paul W. Dorsey	33551587	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Ralph W. Downing	16666064	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Billie H. Dunn	32370511	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph L. Dunphy	33478097	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank P. Dutkiewicz	26405184	Inf	20 Apr 45
T Sgt	Elmer Fannin	6986127	Inf	10 Apr 45
S Sgt	Ernest G. Fisher	35205888	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Leon Flynn	39726778	Inf	13 Apr 45
Sgt	Orion C. French	39287407	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Joe J. Fritz	37266345	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Elroy J. Ganrich	36272374	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Milton O. Gilbert	32632439	Inf	26 Apr 45
S Sgt	Paul E. Gilles	36310379	Inf	20 Apr 45
1st Lt	Harry M. Goldman	02018635	MC	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Marcus G. Hamilton	33295022	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard C. Hanson	37319083	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Glen H. Harlan	36429794	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles E. Hart	35242602	Inf	20 Apr 45

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Pfc	Wilber Hattow Jr.	36769182	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Fernand E. Paterstick	37373334	Inf	26 Apr 45
S Sgt	Francis E. Hoffman	16732213	SG C	21 Apr 45
Tec 5	Dorald H. Howard	19777121	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	William L. Howe	31730550	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pvt	Leonard E. Hudson	30737310	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Ralph Mackay	30531047	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Lawrence G. Harton	30531024	Inf	24 Apr 45
Pvt	James Hartington Jr.	50735022	Inf	20 Apr 45
Sgt	William H. Jackson	30739303	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold V. Jarrack	30738317	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Peter L. Jovanovitch	37333335	Inf	20 Apr 45
Sgt	Wayne E. Johnson	31531146	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold L. Jewell	31531138	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward A. Johnson	32337333	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Floyd L. Johnson	37233331	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc	Reuben L. Johnson	31536331	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles F. Jones	31533344	Inf	20 Apr 45
2d Lt	Malvin J. Jurek	01547909	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	William L. Kasalar	31704717	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard E. Knight	31537979	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Carl E. Kirmser	31534445	Inf	25 Apr 45
Pfc	Donald F. Kocbe	31531196	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard L. Kockma	11531582	Inf	26 Apr 45
Cpl	Frank J. Kucalski	31237367	Inf	2 May 45
Tec 5	Edwin B. O'Neal	31531573	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Marcus A. Padgett	31537364	Inf	21 Apr 45
Tec 5	Lyle A. Robinson	31532542	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Everett S. Sallabedra	37331178	Inf	2 May 45
Pfc	Austin J. Stahlman	32336374	Inf	12 May 45
1st Lt	Chester F. Stovall	01531131	Inf	11 May 45
Capt	Daniel V. Tabor	01531024	Inf	26 Apr 45
Cpl	Arthur J. Higgins	37136350	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Harmon P. Samsel	36323592	Inf	27 Apr 45

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-5 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

First Lieutenant Greger J. Douvan, O1300619, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to December 31, 1944.

Sergeant Ernest S. George, 3689991, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from November 6 to December 31, 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Forrest M. Lester, 36383171, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to December 20, 1944.

Technical Sergeant Marion W. McGee, 37267421, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to December 25, 1944.

Technical Sergeant William A. McIntire, 34524512, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 28 to December 10, 1944.

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Technician Fifth Grade Walter F. Mielniczyc, 37267421, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to December 25, 1944.

Second Lieutenant Billy S. Parham, O127348, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from November 4 to December 31, 1944.

First Sergeant Eubert C. Scott, 17000168, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to November 20, 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Russell F. Shauper, 37438166, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to December 31, 1944.

Staff Sergeant Ben A. Shipp, 37227732, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20 to December 31, 1944.

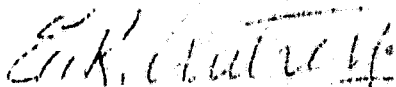
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First Lieutenant Robert W. Voigt, (2048132, Medical Administration Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from October 20, 1944 to February 1, 1945.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Luther H. Carpenter, 39303141, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tabontabon, Leyte on October 22, 1944. While Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Carpenter, first gunner of a mortar platoon, was firing an important mission, a sniper bullet ignited the powder charges on mortar shells stacked near the weapon. Fully aware that the ammunition at his side might explode momentarily, he stayed at his gun until his mission was completed and only then extinguished the burning elements. Staff Sergeant Carpenter's courageous and unyielding devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred C. Dragoo, 39569943, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Dragoo was medical aid man accompanying a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Technician Fifth Grade Dragoo, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Two days later, during a fire-fight with a superior enemy force, Technician Fifth Grade Dragoo unhesitatingly crawled forward under grazing fire to administer aid to a wounded comrade and drag him to safety. Throughout the remaining days, he was tireless in administering aid to his comrades and may be credited, through his constant attention, with saving the life of the wounded soldier. The steadfast devotion to his fellow soldiers by Technician Fifth Grade Dragoo at a time when he was himself in a condition requiring hospitalization, reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul E. Geor, 35919382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to 13, 1945. Private First Class Geor was a member of a patrol assigned a mission estimated at four days duration. Encountering difficult mountain terrain and beset by incessant rain and fog, the patrol, at the end of the fourth day, was still in the mountains, its rations exhausted. Given an opportunity to return, Private First Class Geor, with other members of the patrol, unhesitatingly chose to continue. Two days later, in a fire-fight with a superior enemy force, Private First Class Geor, suffered chest wounds which necessitated his being carried by litter. Although in great pain from his wounds as well as suffering from hunger and exposure, Private First Class Geor, throughout the days remaining before the patrol completed its mission, maintained an air of uncomplaining cheer which aided his comrades incalculably. The unyielding perseverance and fortitude displayed by Private First Class Geor throughout this heroic episode exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

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Staff Sergeant Dorman L. Goodlock, 36534240, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on November 2, 1944. As Staff Sergeant Goodlock, armed with an automatic rifle, was preparing to investigate a mess hut, he was wounded by rifle fire from the building. Ignoring his wound, he charged the position, killed five of the enemy and gained control of the building. Staff Sergeant Goodlock's heroic determination to destroy the enemy reflects the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Sidney K. Gordon, 36431526, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on November 1, 1944. When his squad encountered superior enemy fire and received several casualties, Sergeant Gordon, without regard for his own safety, moved forward under heavy fire and directed and participated in the evacuation of six wounded men. Upon completion of this heroic mission, carried on under incessant machine gun and sniper fire, he collapsed from fatigue. Sergeant Gordon's tireless and heroic efforts reflect the highest standards of the military service.

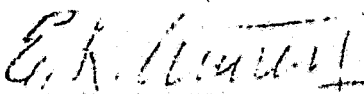
Corporal Elyn Hollenbeck, 36540292, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on October 28, 1944 at Tabontaben, Leyte. While his battalion was heavily engaged with the enemy, Corporal Hollenbeck, first gunner in the 80mm mortar platoon, performed the duties of first gunner, assistant gunner and ammunition bearer in the absence of the remainder of his squad. He successfully kept the mortar in action under intense enemy fire, although it was necessary for him to travel a considerable distance for ammunition. The coolness in this critical situation displayed by Corporal Hollenbeck, was an important factor in neutralizing the enemy position.

First Sergeant Forrest W. Johnson, 6831170, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on November 9, 1944. First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Johnson was leader of a heavy machine gun section in support of a rifle company which was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Quickly determining the only position from which he could deliver fire on the enemy, First Sergeant Johnson led his men forward through heavy enemy fire into a position of partial defilade and opened fire. The withering fire from this section of guns pinned the enemy to their foxholes and enabled the rifle company to advance and take the position. First Sergeant Johnson's bold and decisive leadership was the key factor in the success of the action.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Joseph Kissane, 36384560, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on November 16, 1944. When the advance of his company was halted by severe enemy automatic fire, Private First Class Kissane, seeing a comrade preparing to advance with grenades to knock out two automatic rifles, rose to his feet in the face of the enemy fire, and fired his light machine gun from the hip to create a diversion. He continued firing from his exposed position until the grenades had done their work and he had run out of ammunition. Private First Class Kissane was killed by an enemy sniper later in the day while evacuating a wounded comrade, but his unflinching heroism stands as a lasting inspiration to the men of his company. Next of Kin: Mrs. Stella Kissane, Mother, 1800 Carpenter Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Howard T. Nye, 1125383, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on November 5, 1944 near Dagami, Leyte. While his battalion was heavily engaged with the enemy, Private First Class Nye, a wireman, crawled 100 yards forward of the front lines under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire and establish communication with a mortar observer. He carried out this dangerous task in a minimum of time with utter disregard for his own safety. Private First Class Nye's action required unflinching courage and was instrumental in the destruction of the enemy emplacement.

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Second Lieutenant Charles C. Runick, 01315568, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on October 26, 1944. As leader of the support platoon in the assault on Tabantaban, Second Lieutenant Runick came forward under withering enemy fire to receive an order to commit his platoon on the left flank of the company. After receiving the order, he crawled forward and located a strong machine gun position that had one of the platoons pinned down. He then returned to his own platoon and had moved them forward under cover to a position where they were able to wipe out the enemy gun position when he was seriously wounded. Second Lieutenant Runick refused evacuation until he had completely oriented his platoon sergeant on the situation, and it was due in large part to his heroic leadership that the action was completely successful.

Staff Sergeant Robert H. Schneider, 36271676, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on November 5, 1944 near Dagami, Leyte. While his battalion was heavily engaged with the enemy, Staff Sergeant Schneider, forward observer for an 81mm mortar platoon, crawled 100 yards forward of the front lines to direct fire on a pillbox. He carried out this dangerous and vitally important mission in a minimum of time and with such efficiency that the pillbox was quickly destroyed. The exemplary courage and coolness displayed by Staff Sergeant Schneider reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Jack H. West, 3327134, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte on November 13, 1944. When a scout in his platoon was severely wounded in the face and head by enemy rifle fire and fell in a position exposed to enemy fire, Staff Sergeant West volunteered to go to his rescue. With another soldier, he went forward under a hail of enemy bullets and removed the unconscious scout to an area of comparative safety. Staff Sergeant West's heroic devotion to a fellow soldier was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action.

Sergeant Charles K. Willis, 38294118, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte on November 13, 1944. When a scout in his platoon was severely wounded in the face and head by enemy rifle fire and fell in a position exposed to enemy fire, Sergeant Willis volunteered to go to his rescue. With another soldier, he went forward under a hail of enemy bullets and removed the unconscious scout to an area of comparative safety. Sergeant Willis' heroic devotion to a fellow soldier was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Jack D. Davis, 38330493, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Leyte on November 23, 1944. When his squad was pinned down on exposed ground by intense machine gun fire, Private First Class Davis rose on one knee and, emptying his automatic rifle into the enemy position, silenced the gun. Simultaneously, he was hit in the right shoulder by grenade fragments and drew fire from another machine gun. Although in great pain from his wound, Private First Class Davis opened fire on the second gun, and relinquished his weapon to another soldier only after instructing him in its use. Told that aid men were coming to his assistance, he motioned them away from his exposed position and made his way to them unaided. So inflexible was his determination to destroy the enemy that he attempted to rejoin the fight after receiving treatment, and accepted evacuation only on direct order. The superb courage and poise exhibited by Private First Class Davis not only exemplify the highest traditions of the military service, but also inspired his entire platoon to a degree which contributed materially to the securing of an additional 400 yards of ground the same afternoon.

First Lieutenant Wade W. McCall, O, 62548, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte on November 6, 1944. In the assault of his platoon on a series of coconut log pillboxes, First (then Second) Lieutenant McCall, led the attack from the head of the leading squad. Utilizing his men and attached tanks with the utmost skill, he directed tank fire on each pillbox as it was located, then led his troops into the emplacements and mopped up the surviving Japanese. Advancing ahead of the tanks, he personally grenaded two pillboxes and killed several enemy soldiers in nearby spider holes. First Lieutenant McCall's gallant leadership was an inspiration to his men and contributed immeasurably to the destruction of the enemy.

Staff Sergeant Oscar B. Oeder, 37316367, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on October 21, 1944. When the advance of his company was halted by intense enemy fire from fortified positions, Staff Sergeant Oeder climbed to the top of a tank, and under severe enemy fire, guided it toward the pillboxes. From his exposed position, he directed its fire so effectively that three pillboxes, three machine guns, one mortar and eight enemy soldiers were destroyed. Staff Sergeant Oeder's fearless action permitted his company to continue its advance and was in accord with the finest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President under the provisions of an act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 3, TP, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Private First Class Guy A. Goen, 35533328, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on December 7, 1944. When another soldier, in lightning haste, ignited his gasoline-soaked clothing and panic-stricken ran about flailing his arms, Private First Class Goen, disregarding the extreme danger to himself, threw the soldier to the ground and attempted to beat out the flames with his bare hands. He finally succeeded in extinguishing the fire by rolling his comrade in a sand-bag-half. Private First Class Goen's heroic devotion to the welfare of another soldier at the risk of his own safety, reflects the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Mack Lively, 38243543, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on March 11, 1945. When Technician Fourth Grade Lively saw another soldier lose his hold on an inflated mattress cover in which he had been riding the surf, he immediately and without regard for his own safety, swam to his comrade's assistance. Unable to swim, the other soldier had sunk twice and was by this time frantic, but thanks to Fourth Grade Lively, showing great coolness, was able to quiet him and pull him to shore. Technician Fourth Grade Lively's heroic devotion to a fellow soldier reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

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SECTION I
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Norman F. Bakoborg	37313140	Inf	9 Apr 45
Sgt	Bert Balmer	39191711	DEPT.	12 May 45
Pvt	Norman W. Lovgren	34999330	F.	19 Apr 45
Tec 5	Joseph H. Lueger	37209174	GE	12 May 45
Sgt	Bennie Mirto	39033833	FA	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Ira Riley	38272382	Inf	25 Apr 45
Tec 3	Lester L. Robson	38260673	MD	28 Apr 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action on dates indicated:

Private First Class James R. Brower, 38238167, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 48, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 February 1945.

Corporal William C. Dow, 34677884, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Shumi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 50, Headquarters 77th Infantry Division, 28 January 1945.

Private First Class Frank N. Gayeshi, 16121312, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Futoma, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 11, Headquarters 54th General Hospital, APO 535, 6 December 1944.

Sergeant Edgar E. Jeswein, 36615468, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.

Private First Class Merle R. Johnson, 37318253, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

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Private First Class John H. Kon, 33295844, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945 near Chiyunna, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 21, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 November 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert J. Nye, 36870479, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 156, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 May 1945.

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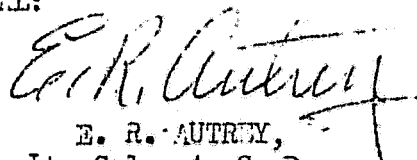
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 152, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 May 1945 as pertains to Private First Class Frank W. Gayeski, 16121312, Infantry, is rescinded.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

S Sgt	Harry Brunner	35407498	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Jack Buchner	38317713	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pvt	Kern A. Chew	39227435	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	F. E. Carlson	39347407	Inf	12 Apr 45
Tec 5	Franklin L. Cooper	38317756	MD	9 May 45
T Sgt	David L. Dennis	17000581	Inf	21 Apr 45
Sgt	Nick H. Diego Jr.	38267248	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Ernest T. Dicksforth	38346707	Inf	12 Apr 45
2d Lt	Lawrence W. Hardgrave	02012492	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Lawrence H. Hawkins	34596491	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward P. Jackowski	36540515	Inf	16 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph R. Kovericeva	38317736	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Seymour Kramer	12110067	Inf	11 Apr 45
Tec 5	Cliver A. Krohe	35407793	Inf	14 Apr 45
S Sgt	Robert L. Kulp	37237871	Inf	13 Apr 45
T Sgt	Charles E. Kertz	37211181	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Ignatius Lachner	36676240	Inf	10 Apr 45
2d Lt	John H. Landfried	01315355	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Alton L. Larsen	37317111	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Melvin A. La Salle	31210221	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pvt	Robert E. Lee	38357963	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Louis B. Leonatti	36375933	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Mitchell R. Leok	36957086	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Andrew G. Letavis	34539813	Inf	11 Apr 45
Sgt	Roy T. Lincoln	31299713	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Ruby Linder	39479726	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Erno L. Lingle	39622088	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Michael J. Logan	33182909	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Sam Longert	36534765	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter H. Lorenson	36662150	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Vito L. Lotito	35539979	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Stanley M. Luba	33827502	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Arthur B. Lund	37313136	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward H. Lyman	32570811	Inf	14 Apr 45
Tec 5	Robert T. Lynch	38301900	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold Magid	36902061	Inf	11 Apr 45
1st Lt	Maurice C. Maher	02107839	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pvt	Arthur A. Marske	36908426	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Derek Martin	31252036	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward A. Martin	36407120	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter R. Martin	38710216	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Marcel T. Martinez	31210212	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Willie S. Mason	11230382	Inf	13 Apr 45

Pfc	John C. Mayville	36775422	Inf	20	Apr	45
Pfc	Francis J. McCarthy	12153815	Inf	24	Apr	45
2d Lt	William L. McDougald	02012498	Inf	11	Apr	45
Pfc	Norman G. McGee	37618457	Inf	2	Apr	45
Pfc	Dale E. McMahon	37439501	Inf	21	Apr	45
Sgt	John C. McKinnie	36431732	Inf	19	Apr	45
Sgt	Floyd L. McLain	38313011	Inf	20	Apr	45
Pfc	Richard T. Means	34771532	Inf	11	Apr	45
Pfc	LeRoy M. Mears	34918696	Inf	13	Apr	45
Pfc	Philip Metzger	34619255	Inf	10	Apr	45
S Sgt	Julius J. Meyer	36437734	Inf	19	Apr	45
Pfc	William D. Meyer	3477521	Inf	11	Apr	45
Sgt	Colman D. Mearns	3643773	Inf	2	Apr	45
Pfc	Warren C. Miller	3643773	Inf	19	Apr	45
S Sgt	H. C. Mitchell	3643773	Inf	21	Apr	45
Pfc	Jesse B. Mitchell	3643773	Inf	12	Apr	45
Pfc	Andrew M. Molnar	3643773	Inf	10	Apr	45
S Sgt	Carl O. Molvig	37439007	Inf	10	Apr	45
Sgt	Ralph Montgomery	37326569	Inf	13	Apr	45
Cpl	Thomas H. Morgan	37312172	Inf	8	Apr	45
S Sgt	Vernale Morrell	35264303	Inf	10	Apr	45
1st Lt	Americo O. Morrone	01304933	Inf	1	Apr	45
Pfc	William D. Mullins	12174173	Inf	11	Apr	45
S Sgt	Louis J. Munster	39312703	Inf	19	Apr	45
Sgt	Robert J. Newman	36404817	Inf	19	Apr	45
S Sgt	Paul E. Newton	38230472	Inf	21	Apr	45
Pfc	James F. Nichols	38201174	Inf	19	Apr	45
S Sgt	William H. Noah	34584292	Inf	20	Apr	45
Pfc	James W. Noblitt	36377569	Inf	19	Apr	45
Pfc	Thomas M. O'Brien	36353903	Inf	2	Apr	45
Pfc	Walter A. O'Neal	38324166	Inf	14	Apr	45
Pvt	Earl Osborne	36946579	Inf	12	Apr	45
Pfc	William G. Overley	36098729	Inf	23	Apr	45
1st Lt	James A. Owen	01286379	Inf	9	Apr	45
Pvt	Catarino M. Padilla	39590927	Inf	13	Apr	45
Pfc	Dominic Palombo Jr.	33419125	Inf	10	Apr	45
Pfc	Tony H. Palmer	38271707	Inf	10	Apr	45
Pfc	Gregory P. Penn	38243556	Inf	19	Apr	45
2d Lt	Kenneth Peterson	01600753	Inf	20	Apr	45
Sgt	Robert W. Peterson	37317273	Inf	26	Apr	45
Pfc	Dan Petrovich	37305179	Inf	21	Apr	45

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

S Sgt	Sam M. Pettavino	36432515	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter Phegley	37392468	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Harry E. Pierce	79587829	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Thomas J. Pilcher	78272274	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank J. Polasek	16000963	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter L. Portstein	78313337	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Dario A. Pozza	38131735	Inf	11 Apr 45
S Sgt	Carroll O. Prowitt	20821414	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Arden D. Pridgeon	36818293	Inf	14 Apr 45
S Sgt	Robert B. Proper	20132714	Inf	2 Apr 45
Cpl	George E. Pruitt Jr	72143775	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles H. Pullen	72528427	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Raymond Quernemen	77535461	Inf	16 Apr 45
Pfc	Haul M. Quintero	38254618	Inf	26 Apr 45
Sgt	Charles V. Reynolds	38319965	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Sam R. Riberto	36609879	Inf	13 Apr 45
Sgt	Vernon C. Richson	36271740	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Joe D. Rose	36003431	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pvt	Kurt Ronai	32965539	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	<i>name amended by 66259</i> Eccina Roque PECINA	38282245	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Orvall E. Russell	37327811	Inf	21 Apr 45
Sgt	Henry Sabgash	36534009	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Juan Salinas Jr	38254970	Inf	14 Apr 45
Sgt	Loyd R. Sassaman	36405019	Inf	13 Apr 45
Tec 5	Benny C. Saucier	38260660	Inf	23 Apr 45
S Sgt	Tony M. Scarpello	37335841	Inf	11 Apr 45
S Sgt	Robert R. Schaack	36384511	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Bert H. Schmidt	37461609	Inf	13 Apr 45
S Sgt	Walter G. Schmidt	36383270	Inf	19 Apr 45
S Sgt	William G. Schmidt	36610328	Inf	11 Apr 45
Sgt	Joseph J. Schrier	32686053	Inf	14 Apr 45
Sgt	Joseph K. Schroeder	36853247	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Lloyd C. Schultz	39266918	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Raymond R. Screws	38300151	Inf	26 Apr 45
S Sgt	Verlin L. Sellin	37318330	Inf	21 Apr 45
T Sgt	Albert F. Serbo	6259724	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Carl J. Setness	37316390	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	John A. Shackelford	38270716	Inf	10 Apr 45
Cpl	Paul D. Shadwell	36700408	MD	9 May 45
Pfc	William B. Shirron	38290339	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Harvey Shissler Jr	37511270	Inf	16 Apr 45
S Sgt	Vernon J. Simmons	3633286	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert J. Sjorgren	37273501	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	John F. Slater	38272728	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles Smith	34595573	Inf	11 Apr 45

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Pfc	Ralph L. Smith	33291132	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Everett H. Snider	33510220	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Adolph J. Siefert	3333481	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc	Peter J. Spagnolo	36172775	Inf	20 Apr 45
Sgt	James M. Starrett	33300552	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Jack L. Summers	36573127	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pvt	Vincent J. Trejo	39422609	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank C. Villanueva	33254809	Inf	26 Apr 45
Sgt	Fred F. Wagner	37335876	Inf	24 Apr 45
S Sgt	Hartsell Walker	37060967	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Norman D. Wall	33300957	Inf	13 Apr 45
Sgt	Ted S. Wall	37178887	Inf	10 Apr 45
1st Lt	Frank B. Wallace	01212127	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Warren W. Walters Jr	33715112	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Byrd D. Walter	33327307	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Raymond E. Warner	33319249	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Neil O. Warrick	33311137	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Kenneth C. Wattenberger	33422161	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Kenneth A. Weaver	33319092	Inf	11 Apr 45
Sgt	Clarence N. Weber	6764735	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard A. Weller	33712919	Inf	10 Apr 45
S Sgt	Bernard Wessels	33131723	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Estill Whitaker	6386452	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph S. White	21323594	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Raymond B. Willett	33700347	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Hunter R. Williams	33313124	Inf	10 Apr 45
S Sgt	James W. Wills	36310313	Inf	20 Apr 45
S Sgt	Frank J. Wilson	36333169	Inf	12 Apr 45
1st Lt	Glenn H. Wilson	01301577	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert A. Wolf	36675774	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Lee W. Worlax	34316164	Inf	20 Apr 45
S Sgt	Willard H. Wyeth	31374489	Inf	27 Apr 45

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O 70 730 (1 Apr 51)

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TO: Mr. Clarence H. Weber
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So much of General Order 227, Headquarters 33th Infantry
Division dated 19 May 1948, as pertains to the award of the
Purple Heart to Sergeant Clarence H. Weber, O 70 730, which
reads, "Purple Heart", is amended to read, "first Oak Leaf
Cluster to the Purple Heart".

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SECTION

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Charles J. Dvorak, 37725934, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. During the attack on the heavily fortified area of Tombstone Ridge, Private First Class Dvorak, with coolness and courage that was an inspiration to all who witnessed it, made three trips to the forward slope of the ridge over ground exposed to enemy observation and fire, to successfully administer first aid to the wounded and remove them to a position of comparative safety. Private First Class Dvorak's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Lawrence F. Hartman, 37233204, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When his platoon was forced to withdraw to reorganize during a strong enemy counter-attack, Private First Class Hartman, a P.M. man, voluntarily remained in his forward position to cover the withdrawal. Private First Class Hartman kept up a constant covering fire until the platoon was under cover and then noticing that the left flank was receiving heavy enemy fire, and that a heavy machine gun had been knocked out, he exposed himself further to severe enemy fire, crossed to that flank and added his own fire power to the defense. The courage and quick thinking displayed by Private First Class Hartman was an important factor in the repulse of the enemy attack and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Roy R. Jarvis, 01307823, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. First Lieutenant Jarvis, leader of a heavy weapons platoon in direct support of a rifle company in the assault on heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge, while reconnoitering forward gun positions, came under heavy enemy machine gun fire. Seeing an officer hit by machine gun fire, First Lieutenant Jarvis, with complete disregard for his own safety and at great risk to his own life, ran into the exposed area and although having drawn an intense concentration of enemy small arms fire by his action, he carried the wounded officer one hundred and fifty yards to safety. First Lieutenant Jarvis' unselfish and courageous actions in the face of direct enemy fire saved the life of a wounded officer and served as an inspiration to all who witnessed the noble act, which reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class James C. Patterson, 38352192, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kanika, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When the Infantry assault companies were slowed down by intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and the only communication lines between the observation post and the mortar platoon which was firing in advance of the Infantry were cut by artillery fire, Private First Class Patterson, a messenger, voluntarily left his covered position and with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire in the successful repair of the lines so that effective mortar fire could be resumed. Private First Class Patterson's act of courage was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

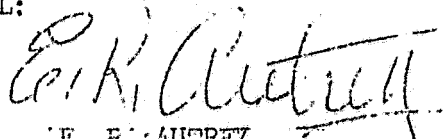
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted man per Section I, General Orders No. 228, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Charles J. Dvorak, 38725934, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When the left flank of his battalion was exposed and threatened to be overrun by a well organized enemy counter-attack on Hacksaw Ridge, and a fierce battle ensued, Private First Class Dvorak, seeing a Platoon Sergeant who had been hit while crossing the path of enemy machine gun fire rushed without hesitation into the exposed area and under heavy enemy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, rendered first aid to the wounded man. Private First Class Dvorak's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 42; War Department, 1944), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officers:

First Lieutenant Frank J. Brown, O1325197, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945: While leading his company in an assault on heavily fortified Tomstone Ridge, First Lieutenant Brown, though seriously wounded by a gunshot in the chest and arm, refused to leave his company and under a constant hail of enemy machine gun and sniper fire, directed his men in the successful stoppage of an enemy counter-attack. First Lieutenant Brown's courage and outstanding leadership were primary factors in the repulse of the enemy attack and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Lieutenant Colonel Franklin H. Hartline, O21301, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Hartline, while leading his battalion in an assault on a strongly fortified enemy position, with aggressiveness and courage that was an inspiration to his men and with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire to direct the fire of his men in repulse of a newly developed enemy counter-attack. His battalion having halted the frontal attack, Lieutenant Colonel Hartline, then personally led a small group of men around to the left flank of the enemy and from that position, set up a wall of fire that completely routed the already weakened enemy force. Lieutenant Colonel Hartline's cool courage and outstanding qualities of leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Staff Sergeant Clyde V. Bibb, 20812842, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitorari, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Stanley Lenczak, 31284190, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitorari, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945.

Private First Class Roy J. Welch, 37652349, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Officer: per General Orders No. 44, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant Howard F. H. Tway, 01320251, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. First Lieutenant Tway, platoon leader of a rifle platoon attached to an Infantry battalion, seeing the need for officers in a rifle company during an enemy Banzai attack, voluntarily assumed command of the mortar section and delivered immediate and effective fire on the enemy force. When the enemy closed in and were too near for effective mortar fire, First Lieutenant Tway procured hand grenades and continued his attack until the enemy were repulsed. The outstanding leadership, courage and initiative displayed by First Lieutenant Tway which was instrumental in breaking up the Banzai attack, reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

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Under the provisions of JP 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Second Lieutenant Lawrence W. Hardyway, 02012492, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 226, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Private First Class Edward P. Jankowski, 36540515, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 226, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Private First Class Eld V. Mathis, 38282494, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 January 1945.

Sergeant Forrest J. May, 36700115, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

Private First Class Harold J. Miller, 32760123, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

Private First Class Warren R. Paul, 36703741, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Private First Class George H. Raillon, 32473009, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

Sergeant Morris M. Roznick, 35049950, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

Sergeant Vernon C. Richison, 36271740, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 226, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Leonard L. Rosen, 37513614, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chiyama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Bill Smith, 38291255, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

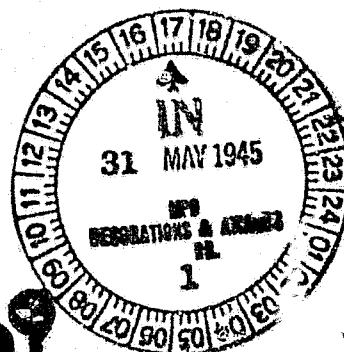
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Izuqu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	James L. Moore	19505324	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Yao F. Om	32853160	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Evan E. Phillips	3292595	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc	John K. Piccinini	6902476	Inf	13 Apr 45
S Sgt	Lester M. Polhill	36700267	Inf	11 May 45
Pvt	Andrew B. Prather	32591015	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	John A. Rainey	31246167	FA	18 Apr 45
Sgt	Frank E. Ratkowski	36532237	Inf	13 Apr 45
1st Lt	Robert J. Richter	01204950	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc	Warren L. Roberts	12162291	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Merritt W. Rockwell	36294638	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Drexel E. Rose	37711833	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Tony Rose	39053807	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	David P. Russell	35558710	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Galen H. Sanders	39596774	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Edward L. Soykes	36615950	Inf	26 Apr 45
1st Lt	John C. Seagren	01297962	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Blaine W. Sessions	32932276	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Arnold R. Sherban	39479556	MD	14 May 45
Pfc	Ralph S. Silver	16150067	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Hyman Singer	33450570	Inf	13 May 45
1st Lt	Stanley P. Smith	0374362	Inf	19 Apr 45
1st Lt	Pennell E. Snowden	0540772	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Morris F. Soler	16150676	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Freeman S. Somers	36534099	Inf	18 Apr 45
S Sgt	Ollie C. Stafford	38300107	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Milton J. Steeg	37775433	Inf	12 May 45
Pvt	Walter R. Stefan	37771939	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Leonard R. Strader	32566083	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Mike F. Stupar	36982099	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Stanley J. Swiderski	31185323	Inf	13 Apr 45
S Sgt	William G. Sutherland	36533749	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Roy Sweetin	36700576	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	James C. Thompson	38301667	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Raymond T. Throckmerton	32259023	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	William M. Throop	12109160	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Trinidad Tijerina	38254029	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Newman J. Tisho	33589936	Inf	11 May 45

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Sgt	Lloyd E. Tencal	36534065	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Edwin Tanager	36483216	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Thomas H. Tierney	36211235	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Harold L. Tyler	36491011	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Samuel M. Underwood	36497230	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Willard P. VanDusen	36437573	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Earl C. Vajaria	37581225	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Henry A. Veachford	36481214	Inf	10 Apr 45
Sgt	Frederick W. Volk	36487742	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles J. Von Stumberg	36480781	Inf	1 Apr 45
Sgt	Frank Wallace	36481212	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Theodore A. Wallace	36480574	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter B. Walker	36483926	Inf	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Conrad Weger	36484362	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Stan J. Wickstein	36481217	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	George J. West	36481207	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	William A. Zarnber	36481208	Inf	19 Apr 45
S Sgt	Walter Zych	36480822	Inf	19 Apr 45

ANNOUNCEMENT

AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 100-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Edward J. Forde, 18073950, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Futaba, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 206, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Lencio E. Ybarra, 36438445, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Onaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 17, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 December 1944.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryugu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Noah P. Adams	37726054	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	George H. Addins	39428040	Inf	11 May 45
Pvt	Howard E. Babcock	39303948	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	J. C. Bell	35815387	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Arenio W. Blankenship	37614530	Inf	14 May 45
S Sgt	Carl L. Bowden	36907683	Inf	11 May 45
Pvt	Elmer P. Bridgewater	37337761	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Robert L. Buckmaster	37752557	Inf	13 May 45
Pvt	Kenneth E. Clark	35243940	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Hugh E. Conkley	35817702	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Billy Corley	34936518	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Mendall L. Craner	39933211	Inf	14 May 45
Pvt	Earl W. Curtis	39479731	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	George H. Daniels	39480122	Inf	12 May 45
Pvt	Forrest G. Day	39728507	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	James T. D'Loss	36272281	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Basil W. Ditzlers	36571637	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	James R. Downs	39926458	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Harold W. Dugleston	39345537	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Grover A. Elrod	37690262	Inf	11 May 45
Pvt	Daniel Espinosa	36585139	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	John L. Fitzgerald	11120132	Inf	12 May 45
Pvt	Malvin A. Fossum	37714362	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Russell M. Heath	41046806	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Victor F. Hendrix	35915053	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Robert F. Hoard	39346593	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Keith V. Hunter	38470910	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Joseph D. Jennings	39930875	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Charles Jones Jr.	37670791	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	John D. Kelly	36333551	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Leo G. Krarier	37535525	Inf	19 Apr 45
Tec 5	Max Kroopneck	31194653	Inf	15 May 45
S Sgt	Aaron O. Labrie	37316232	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Lonnie L. Lanier	39300183	Inf	14 Apr 45
S Sgt	Arthur L. Long	36506165	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Benjamin P. Martin	36383011	Inf	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Larry Matson	39620141	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Dean E. McArthur	17155866	Inf	24 Apr 45

S Sgt	Gordon M. McWhorter	38250432	Inf	17 Apr 45
T Sgt	Tommy Thomas	3345626	Inf	12 Apr 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-10 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Purple Heart Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Sergeant Willis J. Hayward, 37583091, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Orya, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 126, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945.

Private First Class Robert W. Kimberly, 37266280, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Orya, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 126, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class Leonard W. Lavarick, 13175942, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 near Orya, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 22, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 November 1944.

Sergeant James A. Peters, 34950039, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Orya, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

Sergeant Frank E. Ratkowski, 3653437, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 251, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Floyd A. Taylor, 1803109, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant John F. Thompson Jr., 28242857, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

Private First Class William L. Tims, 38500318, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

Private First Class Jack V. Trautline, 36297616, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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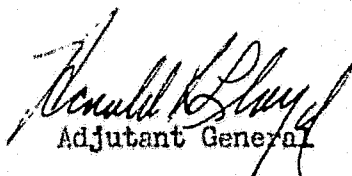
12 May 1958

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Revocation of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 232, Central Pacific Base Command, dated 13 June 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Clyde H. Dooley, 38 293 241, is revoked.

2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded to the above-named individual by General Orders 279, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 2 June 1945.

By Order of Wilber M. Brucker, Secretary of the Army:


Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

20 May 1945

SECTION

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR-SECTION I

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Public Law 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Richard D. Bailey, 39218244, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Bailey, a member of a squad working on the construction of a by-pass and road block necessary to prevent tanks, spearheading an Infantry attack, from venturing on to a partially destroyed bridge, worked under constant enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire with such steadfast devotion to duty and courage that the mission was accomplished as scheduled. While assisting in guiding the lead tanks down the by-pass from a position exposed to enemy fire, Private First Class Bailey was wounded by an enemy mortar burst but he disregarded his own wound and gave immediate assistance in the successful evacuation of the other casualties to the rear area.

Private First Class Theodore L. Casarez, 39391458, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Casarez, working in a squad on the construction of a road block and by-pass for the crossing of tanks spearheading an Infantry offensive on enemy pill boxes and cave fortifications worked with a steadfastness and efficiency that aided materially in the expedient accomplishment of the assigned mission. Upon completion of the road block and by-pass, Private First Class Casarez voluntarily remained in an exposed position on the road and assisted in guiding the lead tanks across the by-pass. During this action when four men of the working party were wounded by an enemy mortar burst, Private First Class Casarez crawled into an open area and gave the protection of his own body to a seriously wounded man, thus preventing further wounds from falling shrapnel.

Staff Sergeant Stephen C. Hirt, 1341971, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Hirt, platoon sergeant of a platoon whose mission it was to construct a road block and by-pass necessary for the crossing of tanks which were spearheading an Infantry assault on strongly defended enemy cave fortifications and pill boxes, while under constant enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, remained in an exposed position working with coolness and courage in the completion of the road block and by-pass that was inspirational to his men. Staff Sergeant Hirt, although wounded by a burst from an enemy spigot mortar, calmly maintained his position and assisted in guiding the first of the tanks over the by-pass. Staff Sergeant Hirt's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant John H. Jackson, 37229174, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kamiku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Sergeant Jackson, a squad leader in a platoon which was constructing a road block and by-pass to allow the passage of tanks which were spear-heading an Infantry assault on a heavily fortified enemy position, worked while under constant enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, with initiative and aggressiveness that was inspirational to the other three men of his crew and completed the task assigned in record time. Upon completion of the construction Sergeant Jackson remained in an exposed area with no cover to the heavy enemy fire and was assisting in guiding the lead tank over the by-pass when he and four other men were wounded by an enemy mortar burst. Sergeant Jackson, disregarding his own wound, went immediately to the rear area and returned with an aid man to administer first aid and assist in the evacuation of the casualties. Sergeant Jackson's courageous actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain Willard C. Knight, C332107, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kamiku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Captain Knight, in action with a platoon of his company whose mission it was to construct a road block and by-pass to be used by tanks spearheading an Infantry attack on strongly defended enemy pill boxes and cave fortifications, with outstanding courage and a coolness under fire that was inspirational to his men, remained at all times during the mission in an exposed position, under constant enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, personally directing the entire task. Captain Knight, upon completion of the by-pass remained and voluntarily directed the crossing of the tanks, during which action he was seriously wounded by a burst from an enemy spigot mortar. Captain Knight's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 1119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 7, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 48 CFR-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man.

Technician Fourth Grade Beaumont L. Wood, 34031071, Detached Enlisted Men's Post, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from April 1 to 15, 1945.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADE GENERAL BRADLEY:

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20 May 1945

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Title I, No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Gerald W. Baker, 36152105, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Karike, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Baker, working with a crew of four other men in constructing a road block and by-pass for the safe passage of tanks which were spear heading an Infantry offensive, completely disregarded his own safety and worked with such tireless efficiency and devotion to duty that the construction was completed in record time. After completing the road block and by-pass and while remaining voluntarily in an exposed area to assist the other men in guiding the lead tanks on their mission, Technician Fourth Grade Baker was wounded by a burst from an enemy spigot mortar. His courage and aggressive action while under fire were an inspiration to all who witnessed his work.

Private First Class Lauron L. Brewer, 37586234, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaloazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Brewer, with utter disregard for his own personal safety elected not to withdraw when his unit was subjected to a devastating enemy barrage of artillery, mortar and small arms fire and moved over exposed terrain which was under close enemy observation to administer first aid and help evacuate the wounded. Though the enemy continued to lay down a withering blaze of machine gun fire and mortar barrages, Private First Class Brewer continued to render first aid until the last men were evacuated and only then did he withdraw to the rear. Private First Class Brewer's heroic actions and unflinching devotion to duty were instrumental in the saving of many lives, and his courage and unwavering loyalty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Aaron Campbell, 38281664, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 27 October 1944. Private First Class Campbell, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire in order to reach wounded members of his platoon as well as other wounded men in the company to which he was attached. Private First Class Campbell, acting in the capacity of a Medical Aid Man, crawled under heavy enemy fire to several wounded members of his platoon and administered first aid to them in an open field. After seeing that his platoon was out of immediate danger, he went back to the front lines and assisted in the evacuation of other wounded men of his company. The audacious advance of Private First Class Campbell in the face of hostile fire and his determination contributed much to the successful evacuation of the wounded and saved many of his comrades' lives.

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Private First Class Harold C. Elliott, 38254800, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class Elliott, with utter disregard for his own life, volunteered to go on litter parties and evacuate the wounded. The entire area was under close enemy observation, and Private First Class Elliott knowingly went forward on the mission into a deluge of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Although pinned down once and narrowly escaping death, Private First Class Elliott continued to help evacuate the wounded. Private First Class Elliott's unshakable loyalty to his comrades, his great courage and bravery, were an inspiration to the men in his unit and undoubtedly assisted in the saving of many lives. His actions were in keeping with the highest military traditions.

First Lieutenant Albert W. Faraci, 01114118, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kanika, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. First Lieutenant Faraci, commanding a platoon with the mission of constructing a by-pass and road block to allow passage of tanks which were spearheading an Infantry attack on heavily defended enemy pillboxes and cave fortifications, without regard for the intense enemy fire concentrated on the area, personally assisted in directing the construction of the by-pass and the crossing of the first tank. During the initial crossing, when the Company Officer and several men were seriously wounded by a burst from an enemy mortar, First Lieutenant Faraci administered immediate first aid to a number of the wounded men and assisted in the successful evacuation of all casualties. First Lieutenant Faraci's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Willie Gallegos, 01101448, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. First Lieutenant Gallegos with an Enlisted Man from his platoon and a bulldozer, advanced at the head of a tank column which was spearheading the infantry advance toward the enemy held town of Tanabaru. First Lieutenant Gallegos walked ahead of the bulldozer directing the reduction of road blocks and the filling of shell craters in order that the tanks could proceed rapidly. During the entire day, First Lieutenant Gallegos was exposed to continuous enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. The close support afforded the infantry by the tanks was aided by the courage, resoluteness and devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Gallegos and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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MAJOR GENERAL,
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20 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 235CASUALTY ORDER -
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 1, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Military Personnel:

Private First Class Alfred C. Kile, 4826571, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, when the gun position on which he was an ammunition handler came under fire, Private First Class Kile voluntarily went to the aid of several wounded men who were in an exposed area and helped carry them to a position of safety. Having removed the wounded men, Private First Class Kile then volunteered and succeeded in evacuating them in the only available vehicle across a ridge swept by enemy fire. Private First Class Kile's courage and coolness under fire is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Orrin W. LaBrie, 6832792, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. When his company suffered many officer casualties, Staff Sergeant LaBrie volunteered his services as forward observer for his battery of guns. Staff Sergeant LaBrie, upon learning that an enemy troop concentration was organizing for a counter-attack on the right flank of the unit he was supporting, moved forward unhesitatingly, and without regard for his own safety, to a position where he could observe the enemy who were forming on the reverse slope of a hill where artillery could not reach them. Staff Sergeant LaBrie quickly and successfully adjusted his guns and was instrumental in repulsing a counter-attack by accurately placing fire on the enemy. On another occasion Staff Sergeant LaBrie skillfully and successfully fired a smoke screen in order to afford cover so tanks could successfully evacuate casualties. The initiative, skill, and great devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant LaBrie is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Irving L. Lombard, 19013628, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kamika, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Lombard, a bulldozer operator working in the construction of a road block and by-pass necessary to allow passage of tanks spearheading an Infantry offensive on strongly defended enemy positions, although forced to leave his bulldozer several times because of the intensity of enemy mortar, artillery and direct machine gun fire, worked with coolness and courage that expedited the successful accomplishment of the mission. When the constructions were completed and four men in the party were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Private First Class Lombard immediately assisted in the successful evacuation of the casualties through a barrage of enemy fire.

First Lieutenant Kent S. Manning Jr., 0531763, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Buling, Leyte Island on 22 and 23 October 1944. First Lieutenant Manning, when his platoon came under attack by an enemy patrol of an estimated one hundred men, directed his unit with such skill that the platoon, though fighting against superior numbers and in a disadvantageous position, were able to reduce the enemy in numbers and drive them from their position. With complete disregard for his own personal safety First Lieutenant Manning left his position of cover to check the casualties and organize the perimeter to withstand the assault. First Lieutenant Manning crossed an open field without the protection of cover or concealment to bring medical aid to the wounded. Through his outstanding leadership and devotion to duty his men were greatly inspired; it reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth grade Tom C. Morris, 4361357, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When the gun position on which he was serving as an air man came under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Technician Fifth Grade Morris unhesitatingly and at great risk to his own life, went to the aid of a number of men who had been wounded and were lying in an exposed area and successfully administered first aid to three of them. Technician Morris's outstanding act of courage was an inspiration to the men who witnessed it and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Bernard F. O'Brien, 36415019, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Private First Class O'Brien acted as rifle platoon scout through the first ten days of the Okinawa campaign, carrying out all of his missions successfully in locating enemy strongholds. On 6 April 1945 he participated in leading an attack on a heavily fortified enemy position. On 10 April 1945, when he was pinned down by heavily concentrated enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class O'Brien was injured by shrapnel but reported to the aid station for medical treatment only after he had delivered the urgent message he was carrying to his platoon leader. After first aid was rendered, Private First Class O'Brien went forward again and calmly helped evacuate other wounded who were still under intense enemy fire. During the evacuation, Private First Class O'Brien was again wounded by an enemy sniper. His outstanding courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARDS OF MERIT - BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9417, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Ervin R. Gehrig, 39128289, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Gehrig, operating a bulldozer in the construction of a road block and bypass necessary to provide passage for tanks spearheading an Infantry assault on heavily fortified enemy positions, although driven from the bulldozer several times by direct enemy machine gun fire, worked with such efficiency and courage while under constant enemy mortar and artillery fire that the construction was completed in record time. Upon completing the assigned mission and when four men in the party were wounded by a burst from an enemy spigot mortar, Technician Fourth Grade Gehrig, immediately gave valuable assistance in the evacuation of the casualties. His calmness under fire and superior performance of duty were an inspiration to the other men who witnessed his work.

Staff Sergeant Edgar J. Raben, 36384626, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Raben with four other men voluntarily moved forward of the front lines under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire to locate and report enemy gun emplacements. Having successfully located an enemy mortar position which was immediately knocked out, Staff Sergeant Raben spotted an enemy sniper in a crest approximately one hundred yards to the front, but was seriously wounded before he could bring fire to bear on the sniper's position. Under a withering machine gun barrage, through which it was impossible for aid men to move, Staff Sergeant Raben crawled seventy-five yards to safety where first aid was administered. Staff Sergeant Raben's courage under fire and aggressive action was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Donald E. Scott, 36431721, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Scott, leading his men in a charge up Kaniku Ridge, found his unit pinned down under heavy enemy small arms fire and a withering artillery and mortar barrage. His orders passed forward to withdraw, he risked his own life by electing to remain with the wounded men. Although Technical Sergeant Scott's actions were closely observed by the enemy, he remained under the hail of enemy fire caring for and aiding in the evacuation of the many wounded. Not until the last man had been carried to safety, did he withdraw to the comparative safety of his company lines. Technical Sergeant Scott's courageous actions were instrumental in the saving of many lives and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them. His profound devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Russell R. Trainor, 36531323, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Trainor, knowing of a shortage of litter bearers, during an intense barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire, voluntarily offered his services to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Although his mission entailed his having to cover terrain exposed to unrelenting enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Trainor faithfully and tirelessly continued working throughout the night until all casualties had been evacuated to the aid station. Private First Class Trainor's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving many lives and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

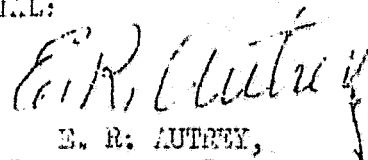
Private First Class Carlo Moschetti, 32693071, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Moschetti, with two other men, voluntarily exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to move an anti-tank gun into the most effective position from which supporting fire could be given during a dawn attack. Although his position was exposed to a torrential rain of enemy mortar fire, he, serving as a gunner, remained at his post and maintained his fire. His cool courage and his determined will to remain at his post was instrumental in knocking out several enemy pillboxes. Private First Class Moschetti's courageous actions under fire served as an inspiration to the other members of his section and are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

Private First Class Clarence A. Christianson, 37433083, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Christianson with two other men, during a dawn attack, exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to move an anti-tank gun into the most effective position from which supporting fire could be given. Although his position was exposed to a hail of enemy mortar fire, he faithfully remained at his post and maintained a steady fire. Private First Class Christianson's cool courage and determined will to remain at his post was instrumental in knocking out many enemy pillboxes. His courageous actions under heavy fire served as an inspiration to the other members of his section and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER - SECTION I
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR II

SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officers:

Second Lieutenant Charles G. Ray, Jr., 01319774, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Ray, leader of a rifle platoon, when enemy machine gun fire threatened to halt the advance of his battalion, deliberately moved to exposed ground, with complete disregard for his own personal safety to draw fire from the enemy, thus observing the location of their positions. Having located the enemy positions, he called for and directed artillery fire which completely destroyed the enemy strongholds, permitting the battalion to continue its advance. Second Lieutenant Ray was mortally wounded on 9 April while leading his platoon in a predawn attack on one of the most heavily fortified and fought for enemy fortifications on Okinawa Island. His personal courage and aggressive actions served to inspire the men of his platoon and reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Myrtle W. Ray, Mother, 1412 North Alamo Street, San Antonio, Texas.

First Lieutenant James P. Shortell, 01286909, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. In response to a call for aid from forward elements of his company, First Lieutenant Shortell, acting as a weapons platoon leader, led his machine guns and mortars forward. In order to give adequate support it became necessary for the platoon to pass over terrain which the enemy forces commanded and was covering with heavy machine gun fire. First Lieutenant Shortell led his men, unhesitatingly, through the area, exposed to direct enemy fire and was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Although unable to move himself, First Lieutenant Shortell continued to direct his men across the treacherous ground and urged them forward. He refused aid from any of his men sending all on to support the forward troops. By his forceful and courageous leadership, his platoon was able to fire on the enemy positions impeding the advance of the company. His self-sacrificing devotion to duty and indomitable courage will long serve as an inspiration to his men and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Virginia A. Shortell, Wife, 909 Burr Street, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1944), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

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Private First Class Jimmie L. Albert, 38272451, Infantry, United States Army For gallantry in action on Leyte Island on 21 November 1944. While on patrol with his platoon and acting as first scout, Private First Class Albert surprised a number of the enemy, killing three. He wounded two and rescued the rest. Private First Class Albert then voluntarily followed the escaping enemy troops and coming up on their flank, he killed three more and caused the remaining few to cross in front of his platoon where they were all put down. By his straight shooting and quick thinking, Private First Class Albert gave the enemy insufficient time to set up a defense and made possible a quick and complete annihilation. His courage and aggressive action are in keeping with the highest standards of the military service.

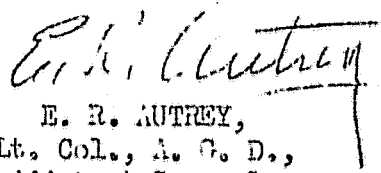
First Lieutenant Robert A. Jones, O130494, Infantry, United States Army. Gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. First Lieutenant Jones, executive officer of a heavy weapons company, was directing the fire of a heavy machine gun platoon in support of an advancing assault unit on Kakazu Ridge. As the assault troops reached a ridge, a by-passed enemy machine gun in a pillbox opened fire. When the position of the enemy gun in relation to friendly supporting weapons made it impossible to deliver counter-fire, First Lieutenant Jones, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his covered position and advanced two hundred yards under heavy enemy fire to a point at the rear of the hostile enemy machine gun emplacement; killed two enemy soldiers in a combat trench leading into the position and threw two grenades into the pillbox, killing the two enemy runners and rendering the gun unserviceable. First Lieutenant Jones' courage and unflinching devotion to duty served to inspire the men of his company and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert I. Marshall, O1293267, Infantry, United States Army For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When his company, assigned the mission of assaulting a heavily fortified enemy stronghold on the top of Kakazu Ridge, was completely immobilized by intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, First Lieutenant Marshall, rifle platoon leader, by his personal example inspired the whole company for the final assault. He leaped aggressively from a covered position, disregarding his own safety, and charged up the ridge to a point fifty yards ahead of the most forward troops. The entire company, witnessing his actions, arose as one man and charged up the ridge after him, destroying an estimated enemy force of sixty-five and securing the ridge. Reaching the peak of the ridge approximately twenty-five yards ahead of his men, he quickly estimated the enemy locations and was able to organize the assault columns of his company into holding positions until support units arrived. His unflinching devotion to duty, aggressive leadership and personal courage inspired the men of his company and instilled in them the courage to carry out their mission against overwhelming opposition.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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21 May 1945

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority conferred by DA 100-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Edward G. Bassett, 16105693, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Bassett, a radio operator with a rifle unit participating in the attack on the heavily fortified enemy position of Kakazu Ridge, showed unsurpassed courage and profound devotion to duty when the attack bogged down and withering enemy fire forced a temporary withdrawal. When enemy fire became intense, Private First Class Bassett left his radio to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. After helping a number of wounded to temporary cover, Private First Class Bassett, at the risk of his life, returned to the sector under fire and retrieved the radio. Having secured the radio, he worked his way back to the position in which he had left two wounded and by his keeping in constant communication with rear units, the party worked their way back to their own lines. Private First Class Bassett's unswerving devotion to duty and his courage and bravery were directly responsible for the final safety of the entire party. His every action in a time of grave peril was in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Staff Sergeant George F. Bishop, 38439926, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kuro Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Seeing two men of his company who had been seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire in an open field, Staff Sergeant Bishop volunteered to crawl forward to the men and bring them back to a place of safety where they could receive medical treatment. Despite the fact that it was an open field, and the enemy machine gun cross fire was intense, Staff Sergeant Bishop and one other man crawled approximately one hundred and fifty yards into the field and successfully removed the wounded men. Staff Sergeant Bishop's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Richard D. Callahan, 20254240, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. With utter disregard for his own safety, Corporal Callahan, late at night, voluntarily exceeding his normal duty, accompanied an ambulance several hundred yards distant to the aid of a group of men who had been seriously wounded by the direct hit of an enemy artillery shell on their foxhole. Despite the continuing enemy shell bursts, Corporal Callahan, reached the wounded men and assisted in giving medical aid and successfully evacuated them by ambulance to the collecting company. The heroic service on the part of Corporal Callahan, contributed immeasurably in saving the lives of the wounded and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Sergeant Albert A. Dwyett, 3746202, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Sergeant Dwyett, when his unit was forced to withdraw from a ridge which had become untenable, elected to remain in the forward area at great risk to his own life and render first aid to the wounded. Although enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire was intense, Sergeant Dwyett completed the first aid and assisted in the successful evacuation of the wounded over backhanded terrain, exposed to enemy fire. Sergeant Dwyett's untiring efforts, complete and honorable devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class William E. Eckler, 3644968, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Eckler volunteered to travel on an enemy shelled road as ambulance driver to the aid of a group of seriously wounded men. Despite the continuing shell bursts, Private First Class Eckler, reached the wounded men, assisted in rendering first aid, and successfully evacuated all casualties over the same hazardous route to the collecting company. Private First Class Eckler's complete disregard for his own safety in volunteering to go to the aid of the wounded is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

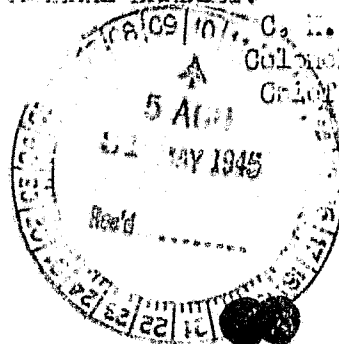
Private William E. Eddleman, 1715343, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private Eddleman, a member of a litter squad, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly and without hesitation went in and out of the zone of fire evacuating the wounded of a rifle company suffering heavy casualties from artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Due to the courageous and untiring efforts of Private Eddleman, the lives of many men were saved and the enemy confident that casualties were taken care of, continued on the assault of the ridge.

Technician Third Grade Richard H. Hardschid, 26432589, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. With utter disregard for his own safety Technician Third Grade Hardschid, late at night, voluntarily exceeding his normal duty, went a distance of several hundred yards to the aid of a group of men who had been seriously wounded by the direct hit of an enemy artillery shell on their forward position. Despite the continuing enemy shell bursts, Technician Third Grade Hardschid reached the wounded, gave them medical attention and assisted in successfully evacuating them by ambulance to the collecting company. The heroic service on the part of Technician Third Grade Hardschid, contributed immeasurably in saving the lives of the wounded and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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21 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Paragraph 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act 160945 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Loren H. Hansen, 3544010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. Private First Class Hansen, when his unit was taking a dawn attack against enemy installations, exposed himself voluntarily to heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire and with two other men moved an anti-tank gun in the most effective position from which supporting fire could be given. Although his position was exposed to constant enemy mortar fire, he remained coolly and courageously at his post and maintained his fire. His determined will and devotion to duty was instrumental in the successful knocking out of enemy pillboxes. Private First Class Hansen's conspicuous actions under fire served as an inspiration to the other members of his section and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jack L. Norman, 37471145, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Norman, advanced with his unit on Okinawa Ridge, came under a terrific rain of enemy fire, but rather than withdraw with his unit, he, at great risk to his own life, remained with the wounded and aided in treating and evacuating them. Throughout the time that Private First Class Norman was administering first aid and carrying the very wounded to positions of safety, he was constantly exposed to withering enemy machine gun fire and sporadic mortar barrages, but he did not leave the field until the last of the wounded had been removed. Private First Class Norman's conspicuous actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Original award by CG 239 - May 26, 1945
*Technician Third Grade Archie L. Powell, 37124640, ~~Company of Engineers~~ MED. DEPT., United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Keniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When a platoon which was completing its assigned mission of constructing a by-pass for the crossing of tanks into a heavily fortified enemy area, came under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire and several men were wounded by a burst from an enemy spigot mortar, Technician Third Grade Powell, who was one hundred yards to the rear of the area, moved immediately to the forward position and with complete disregard for his own safety, successfully administered first aid to the wounded men of his platoon and to several Infantrymen whose medical aid men were unable to reach them because of enemy fire. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Third Grade Powell reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant Henry C. Snyder, 61012706, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. First Lieutenant Snyder, leader of a platoon of tanks which was faced with the difficult task of surmounting a rough and steep ridge forward of the Infantry positions, dismounted from his tank, and reconnoitered the treacherous area which presented an obstacle to the advance. Courageously exposed to enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, First Lieutenant Snyder obtained the information needed, then directed the placing of demolitions necessary to blast a path through the difficult terrain. He later designated the path and returned to his tank platoon to lead it across the ridge. In their forward positions, the tanks placed their fire upon enemy gun emplacements, thus enabling the Infantry to advance. It was only through the heroic actions of First Lieutenant Snyder that the tanks were effectively employed. First Lieutenant Snyder's extraordinary courage and courage under fire and his complete disregard for his own safety are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Arnold J. Warner, 36432047, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When his unit suffered heavy casualties from an extremely heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Warner, voluntarily and fearlessly carried a wounded man across three hundred yards of terrain swept by withering machine gun and sniper fire, to the safety of the Battalion Aid Station. He again distinguished himself later in the same day by bravely carrying much needed ammunition through a field swept by enemy fire to the front lines of his unit. His courageous acts enabled his company to maintain the important curtain of fire they were laying down against the enemy. Private First Class Warner's heroic and unselfish actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles L. Warner, 16123620, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 and 10 April 1945. When his unit met an overwhelming barrage of enemy fire and was forced to withdraw from Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Warner, at great risk to his own life, elected to remain in the exposed area and administer aid to the wounded. When relief could not get to their position, Private First Class Warner, with one other man, stood guard over the four wounded men in an area which was overrun by the enemy. In early morning, Private First Class Warner and the other man carried the four wounded men safely through the enemy lines. Private First Class Warner's devotion to duty and his cool courage under fire, proved a lasting inspiration to the men of his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

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SECTION IAWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Tom Yee, 36713255, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nakazu, Okinawa Island on 9 and 10 April 1945. Private First Class Yee, at the risk of his own life, voluntarily remained with one other man to administer first aid and evacuate four wounded men of his organization. Enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire were so intense that the rest of the company withdrew. Throughout the day and night, although enemy fire did not decrease in intensity, Private First Class Yee and the other man continued to guard the men as enemy troops moved freely about the area. At dawn, Private First Class Yee and the other man helped the four wounded men pass successfully through enemy lines. Private First Class Yee's devotion to duty, outstanding courage and bravery, were inspirational to the men of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant William N. Young, Jr., 39328005, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 9 April 1945. During the emergency created when the officers of his platoon were wounded, Sergeant Young volunteered his services as Forward Observer for his battery of guns. Sergeant Young displayed exceptional heroic action and devotion to duty in this capacity by accurately and promptly adjusting mortar fire on enemy positions. During the assault on a heavily fortified ridge, when an infantry company was forced to withdraw, Sergeant Young, despite constant threat to his own safety and at a great risk to his own life, remained at his observation post ahead of the front lines and covered the company's withdrawal by his timely and accurate adjustment of mortar fire on enemy gun emplacements. Sergeant Young's courageous actions and skill reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Major Howard L. Cornutt, 0391976, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns from 28 July 1944 to 12 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Nelson Moorhead, 6845358, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

SECTION II

AWARD OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

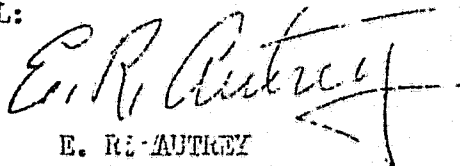
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 174, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald C. Pitts, 3722142, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For his heroism in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tardano, Italy, on 21 April 1945. When a column of tanks which was spearheaded by members of the Infantry was held up because of shell craters and immovable obstacles, Technician Fifth Grade Pitts, operating an M1 bulldozer while under constant enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, by skillful maneuvering, was able to clear all obstacles from the path of the advancing tanks enabling them to render close-in support to the Infantry. Technician Fifth Grade Pitts' coolness under fire and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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22 May 1945

**ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART**

Typed: Mary C. Blake
6/15/45

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, in dates indicated:

1st Sgt	Edmond Auger	6143357	Inf	8 Apr 45
S Sgt	J. L. Pass	37333208	Inf	11 Apr 45
Cpl	Armand G. Belisle	31007060	Inf	11 May 45
Cpl	Byron L. Blanchfield	37333203	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Bruce E. Bowles	37333729	Inf	26 Apr 45
4Sgt	Raymond A. Boykin	38333090	Inf	20 Apr 45
Tec 5	Arthur B. Gallies	37333625	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward F. Casey	16150914	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Sarkis S. Cherkinian	36260775	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc	Glenn V. Cloninger	37392727	Inf	19 Apr 45
Tec 5	Clemson J. Cox	37065078	Inf	21 Apr 45
Sgt	Hubert K. Cutler	37323682	FA	15 May 45
Pfc	Leroy H. Domarus	37313145	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Ronald C. Eue	37586221	Inf	9 Apr 45
Sgt	Robert J. Forbes	37229269	Inf	2 Apr 45
1st Sgt	Bernard H. Frantz	33026791	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Refugio Garces	38352560	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward C. Gorman	37313952	Inf	10 May 45
S Sgt	Elroy M. Hall	37003528	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Edwin W. Hamner	37435590	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc	Russel E. Harrison	36700338	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	James E. Henly	37375788	Inf	26 Apr 45
Sgt	Robert Howett	20742320	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Jesse A. Hirst	39299906	Inf	3 Apr 45
2d Lt	George F. Hughes	02012496	Inf	19 Apr 45
Tec 4	Kenneth F. Jarvis	37367602	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Russell L. Jenkins	37390674	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Elmer F. Jirsa	37266323	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Lewis C. Johnson	39319191	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	William J. Kiro	35317734	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph A. Kayler	35519835	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Witas Kessoll	32566147	Inf	23 Apr 45
Cpl	Vernon L. Kidd	36539862	Inf	21 Apr 45
1st Lt	Harry J. Kline	01291901	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Roy E. Knight	36533692	Inf	17 Apr 45
Sgt	John J. Kozlowski	6907923	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Pickard H. Landrum	37076071	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Alfon W. Larson	37403370	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Kenneth E. Larson	39479472	Inf	17 Apr 45
Pfc	Leo Laun	37206270	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pfc	Clarence E. Laur	36870040	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Michael J. Leccese	32306228	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Jack Leger	35260297	Inf	19 Apr 45

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Pfc	Harold J. Lewis	36404169	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pfc	Stanley L. Little	37582137	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Gordon W. Lundran	17107076	Inf	11 Apr 45
Sgt	Otis G. Lunsford	38283325	Inf	13 Apr 45
Sgt	John D. Hagers	37319119	Inf	8 Apr 45
T Sgt	Joseph J. Malinski	625475	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank L. Markel	5761850	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Clarence F. Martin	39856740	Inf	28 Apr 45
Sgt	Paul Martin	36430941	Inf	19 Apr 45
1st Lt	Charles C. Martinez	0575527	SigC	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Pablo M. Martinez	28243030	Inf	26 Apr 45
Sgt	Herman O. McCarthy	28172255	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pvt	Norman T. McCauley	37529187	Inf	8 Apr 45
S Sgt	John T. McCluze	0520000	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Andrew J. Messamore	37520042	Inf	20 Apr 45
S Sgt	Donald B. Messner	38381134	Inf	8 Apr 45
S Sgt	Edward Miodzieloc	36407256	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Nelson R. Mooney	37529073	Inf	19 Apr 45
Sgt	Carol D. Morehead	36407758	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pfc	Earl L. Nelson	36407377	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold Oeters	37529321	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	George L. Olds	36246510	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Paul M. Ostrowske	33211311	Inf	27 Apr 45
1st Lt	Ralph L. Palm	0527104	FA	15 May 45
Pfc	Ohmar O. Parrish	35243151	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Leslie F. Perrin	36977724	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Raymond M. Pfister	36703372	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Edwin V. Phillips	35243238	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph T. Pope	3531854	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Harold Power	14171311	Inf	26 Apr 45
Sgt	Stewart H. Probert	36536151	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Anzie Prudhomme	38260270	Inf	27 Apr 45
Sgt	John D. Purcell	36615103	Inf	8 Apr 45
T Sgt	LeRoy E. Purcell	26332941	Inf	27 Apr 45
S Sgt	Raymond Radzivila	2806292	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Gar F. Ragan	4577076	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Harry G. Ransey	33328450	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Berwyn D. Rhodes	37699144	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Fayne L. Ritterhouse	37540801	Inf	8 Apr 45
S Sgt	Thomas R. Roach	16148150	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	J. B. Rosson	38272629	Inf	20 Apr 45

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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AGDP-GS 201 Lamphere, Richard H.
11 056 371 (8 Jan 52)

30 April 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Richard H. Lamphere
208 North Champlain Street
Burlington, Vermont

1. So much of General Orders 241, Headquarters 98th Infantry Division, dated 22 May 1945, as pertains to the the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Richard H. Lamphere, 11 056 371, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded to above named former soldier by General Orders 39, Headquarters Army Garrison Force, APO 246, dated 11 May 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

L. H. Williams
Adjutant General

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGRS-DA 201 Power, Harold
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

2 May 1949

WITHDRAWAL OF PURPLE HEART ORDER

So much of General Order No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 22 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Harold Power, 14 171 311, is withdrawn.

The Purple Heart has been awarded to this individual by General Order No. 10, Headquarters 1109th FOA PROV ACF, dated 14 June 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. A. Leary
Adjutant General

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Typed by -
Major Blaker
22 May 1945
Lead Major (1945)

GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Rubel Rudd	35243430	Inf	19 Apr 45
T Sgt	Mathew T. J. Russell	6381420	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Gordon K. Ryzenga	36487438	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Tamro A. Sallin	37586065	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pfc	George W. Sclizer	31327884	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Melvin A. Schildt	3766468	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Jack J. Schriener	15127514	Inf	3 Apr 45
Tec 5	Floyd G. Serrate	3824198	FA	17 May 45
Pvt	John D. Sheehan	4275264	FA	8 May 45
Sgt	Jasper T. Sheffield	6275322	Inf	9 Apr 45
T Sgt	Carl V. Shores	16015234	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Homer I. Simpson	27414226	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Gordon H. Sinn	39203421	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Michael J. Siwek	36384212	Inf	2 Apr 45
Cpl	Jack L. Smith	18139492	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pvt	Hoyt R. Snider Jr.	39343893	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	John P. W. Salverson	33805884	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward B. Sosbe	35094871	Inf	17 Apr 45
Pfc	Wald E. Spence	37483521	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter R. Speyers	37392685	Inf	19 Apr 45
Sgt	Virgil Staples	38291107	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Archie J. Stapp	37232870	Inf	21 Apr 45
T Sgt	Russell J. Steinle	36405162	Inf	11 Apr 45
Tec 4	Harry A Stephens	37587947	FA	10 May 45
Pfc	Charles R. Stevens	37535835	Inf	14 Apr 45
Tec 5	Edward C. Stokes	19125367	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pfc	Edwin H. Stricker	38434319	Inf	20 Apr 45
Sgt	Henry C. Strickland	38328604	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph E. Strickler	33841645	Inf	23 Apr 45
Pfc	John J. Stricklin	36617010	Inf	11 Apr 45
Sgt	Russell L. Strode	35431304	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Louis J. Strom	37481288	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Simon C. Suarez	37254913	Inf	16 Apr 45
Pfc	Sylvester D. Suida	13111702	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Clifford R. Swanson	36700150	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Merle E. Swanson	39273678	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pvt	Don L. Taylor	39933874	Inf	11 Apr 45
Sgt	Albert F. Thibault	31184192	Inf	21 Apr 45
Cpl	Vernie E. Thomas	37063142	Inf	2 Apr 45
S Sgt	Merle R. Thompson	37318574	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Virgil L. Thompson	39590270	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Austin Tillery	38679396	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Donald E. Tolliver	35243170	Inf	12 Apr 45

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Pfc	Leland E. Trammel	32200243	Inf	23 Apr 45
Pfc	T. J. Truitt	38272269	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert Tucker	33372375	FA	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Carl D. Ubborn	37235931	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Herman J. Van Horn	36137212	Inf	17 Apr 45
Pvt	John D. Van Horn	39348333	FA	16 Apr 45
Pfc	Glenn Vanschoydel	37561647	Inf	16 Apr 45
1st Sgt	Pat Vessella	6527212	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pvt	Carl A. Viles	35248907	Inf	17 Apr 45
Pfc	Ernest W. Vogt	3724632	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc	Dale G. Walton	3924527	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph Weiss	32395796	Inf	15 Apr 45
S Sgt	Arthur F. Westland	38243775	Inf	1 Apr 45
Cpt	Ernest H. Whiteside	38097112	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Albert L. Williamson	34221768	Inf	26 Apr 45
Cpt	Louise Wilson	38001739	SigC	6 Apr 45
Cpt	Roy L. Winder	38197890	Inf	7 May 45
Tec 5	Francois M. Wisniewski	16111662	Inf	17 Apr 45
Pfc	Sidney W. Woldin	37577389	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc	J. P. Yochum	37493500	Inf	13 Apr 45
S Sgt	Clarence Young	37486353	Inf	2 Apr 45
S Sgt	Anthony Zona	37004502	Inf	11 Apr 45

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private Edgar W. Collins, 3864588, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 10, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

Private First Class Ronald Duncan, 38292039, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 111, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Arthur W. Falks, 38282205, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Onaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 51, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Lawrence F. Lacombe, 37233204, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Onaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 75, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 December 1944.

Rec. by Co # 282 - June 2, 1945
~~*Private First Class Donald F. Koebbe, 36471896, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Nawa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.~~

Private First Class Michael J. Leocco, 32806228, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Alejandro V. Lopez, 39001214, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders unknown.

Private First Class Albert McClain, 38293625, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

Technical Sergeant Donald B. Mesner, 36381134, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Private First Class Robert S. Nelson, 37266427, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 49, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Robert S. Nelson, 37266427, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 49, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

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Staff Sergeant Raymond Radzivila, 32806292, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Rec'd by Lt #495 - July 11, 1945
* ~~First Lieutenant Sidney M. Rozonski, 0395971, Infantry, United States Army~~ wounded 15 January 1945 near Capitagan, Samar, Philippine Islands. Previous award per General Orders No. 85, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 April 1945.

Private First Class Gordon H. Ryzerski, 36407438, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Private First Class Carl E. Straden, 36383420, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

Private First Class Donald K. Spence, 37483521, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 242, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Private First Class John W. Tillema, 36705063, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 111, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 April 1945.

Private First Class Earl J. Thomson, 37392390, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

First Sergeant Pat Vessello, 6527212, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 242, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant James Wisdom, 36617807, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 185, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Gene E. York, 37733522, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 185, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section I, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Department Order 100-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 95th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class John B. Unruh, 3732563, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Cinowan-Mura, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When his platoon leader was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire, Private First Class Unruh with two other men immediately searched the surrounding area for the enemy sniper. At great risk to his life, moving through heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire, Private First Class Unruh located the sniper in a native hut and eliminated him before searching the rest of the vicinity as a security measure. Private First Class Unruh's alert attitude, attention to duty, and courageous action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William H. Frier, 33627580, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Frier having been sent back from his organization's front lines to bring up a reserve platoon during a heavy enemy counter-attack, traveled approximately two thousand yards of ground under constant enemy machine gun and artillery fire. After locating the platoon, Private First Class Frier attempted to lead them forward under the heavy barrage, but the platoon sergeant and section sergeant were wounded and the platoon was forced to withdraw. At dawn the following morning, Private First Class Frier, on his own initiative, reported to the forward command post with the message of disposition of the platoon. The heroism displayed by Private First Class Frier reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private Gustav B. Dewey, 39939411, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. While acting as an ammunition bearer, Private Dewey, when his unit was pinned down by accurate enemy sniper fire, courageously and at great risk to his life, moved forward and attempted to discover the origin of the enemy fire, but before the fire could be located, he was ordered to withdraw. Private Dewey, despite the danger to himself continued to carry his ammunition, though continually under fire, thus materially aiding his unit in taking the objective when the attack was resumed. Private Dewey's heroic actions contributed materially to the successful operation of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Devertt D. Williams, 38254842, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Williams, a member of a machine gun squad, fearlessly moved with his squad through a wall of enemy fire to a position of great danger on the front lines to cover the evacuation of a group of wounded men. Although enemy fire in the area was so intense that every man was in constant danger of death; Private First Class Williams, in covering the withdrawal of the casualties, assisted in keeping a great number of the enemy at bay, although they sought to break through to the wounded several times. The cool courage and profound devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Williams was exemplary, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Clay Sagura, 28165871, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with the military operations against the enemy near Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When Private First Class Sagura, an ammunition bearer, was pinned down with the rest of his squad by deadly enemy sniper fire, he moved courageously into an exposed position from which he could pass down signals and orders to the others in his squad and when the orders were given to withdraw, he bravely and at great risk to his life, took his allotment of ammunition with him, greatly lessening his chances of escape. Private First Class Sagura's courage and devotion to duty and quick thinking at a time when ammunition was a critical item served to further the success of a subsequent attack on the objective from which his unit had earlier been repulsed. Private First Class Sagura's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Joseph B. Sexton, 37392722, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Sexton, during a dawn attack, exposed himself to a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and small arms fire to move an anti-tank gun into the most effective position from which supporting fire could be given. Although exposed to constant enemy mortar fire, Private First Class Sexton, serving as a cannoneer, faithfully remained at his post and maintained his fire with such courage and determination that he was instrumental in knocking out several enemy pill boxes. Private First Class Sexton's courageous actions under fire served as an inspiration to the other members of his section and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR METAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Division No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-49 (Personnel) 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Major Leland E. Anderson, 0240614, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 30 July 1944 to 27 January 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Ernest R. Autrey, 0443781, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 15 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Arthur O. Beard, 38300328, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 30 October 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade George DeBoer, 37439468, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Sergeant Charles E. Hanney, 36981011, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis J. Hajek, 36700378, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 October 1944 and from 1 April 1945 to 5 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Carl Mitchell, 36098103, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade James M. Murphy, 15303660, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 October 1944 and from 1 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

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SECTION II

AWARD OF BRONZE LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 1600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded them by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

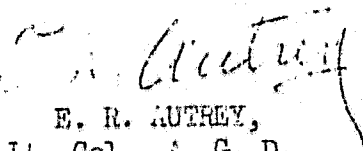
First Lieutenant Kent S. Fleming Jr., 0521763, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Previous award per General Orders 235, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Walter S. Rutliff, 36271471, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Hanaoka, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Previous award per General Orders 117, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

/ Pfc	Clay L. Barfield	55824296	Inf	12 May 45
/ Sgt	James A. Barnes	35725739	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pfc	Raymond R. Craig	37735461	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pfc	William G. Connor	37818896	MD	25 Apr 45
/ Pfc	Harvin R. Davis	37252692	Inf	11 May 45
/ Tec 4	Clyton W. Foss	37316445	MD	30 Apr 45
/ Pfc	Richard C. Friel	37735499	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pfc	William H. Howell	39479066	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pfc	Raymond W. Hubin	37755587	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pvt	John J. Isoli	37743785	Inf	4 Apr 45
/ S Sgt	Honry E. McFarr	39147189	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pfc	Mell E. Peterson	39932092	Inf	27 Apr 45
/ Pfc	Adrian J. Potter	36407416	Inf	29 Apr 45
/ Pfc	Jesse J. Ring	38582214	Inf	11 May 45
<i>Res by Gs 306</i>	Madeline F. Kline	26384557	Inf	17 May 45
/ Pfc	Ray H. Roop	35559651	Inf	24 Apr 45
/ Pfc	Louis B. Glothower	39345461	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pfc	Gene H. Tollman	37375980	Inf	11 May 45
/ Tec 5	Jerald C. Turner	38330224	FA	17 Apr 45
/ Pfc	Charles L. Wagner	46123620	Inf	25 Apr 45
/ Pfc	James A. White	35850070	Inf	16 May 45
/ Pfc	Gail R. Wilson	38570355	Inf	11 May 45
/ Pfc	Everett Young	35771057	MD	1 May 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division to the following named military personnel:

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Sergeant Herbert L. Church, 37390575, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell, which landed between the trails of a gun, set ablaze the gun powder dump, men's equipment, small arms ammunition, and camouflage net of his gun section, Sergeant Church left the safety of his fox hole under heavy shelling and drove a tractor to the gun and successfully removed it to a position of safety. Through his heroic action and leadership, the gun was not only saved, but was put back into action within two hours, enabling the battalion to maintain its full firepower against the enemy. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Church are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Harold H. Whitney, 38512464, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Sergeant Whitney, machine gun squad leader, showed profound devotion to duty and great courage when he voluntarily moved his gun into an exposed position, to give the utmost supporting fire to the rifle troops. Although under a constant hail of enemy fire which wounded many of his men, Sergeant Whitney courageously remained at his post until the ultimate objective was gained by the rifle troops and all enemy in the area destroyed. Sergeant Whitney, through his cool courage and profound devotion to duty, was instrumental in the success of his unit's advance. His every action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Leonard N. Winer, 36383255, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. While advancing toward the enemy as lead scout in the point of his company, Private First Class Winer was pinned down by enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire. After being wounded by an enemy sniper, he rolled across the road, received first aid and after being treated, returned across rough and hazardous terrain to his position to resume fire on an enemy pillbox, thus covering the successful withdrawal of other members of his company. Private First Class Winer's exemplary courage and coolness under fire was instrumental in the saving of several lives and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Willburn L. Worsham, 38300953, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his unit was receiving an intense barrage of artillery fire and suffered heavy casualties, Technician Fourth Grade Worsham left the cover afforded by his foxhole and administered first aid to the many wounded, evacuating all of the more serious cases to an area of safety. Technician Fourth Grade Worsham's prompt heroic action was an inspiration to all present and was largely responsible for the saving of several lives.

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AWARD ORDER -
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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Decorations, 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Zevon B. Aleman, 38433634, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When his unit received a counter-attack on Sawtooth Ridge, Technician Fifth Grade Aleman, although wounded himself administered first aid to the many wounded and supervised the evacuation of all casualties while still under heavy fire, before he allowed himself to be treated. Technician Fifth Grade Aleman's courage and heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles F. Burleson, 36535967, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Upon hearing a call for volunteers, Private First Class Burleson, with three other men, volunteered immediately to help evacuate two wounded men who had been caught by withering machine gun fire from an enemy pill box. With complete disregard for his own life, Private First Class Burleson, calmly and courageously crawled four hundred yards through intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire to the aid of the two wounded men and succeeded in evacuating them over the same hazardous terrain to the Battalion Aid Station. Private First Class Burleson's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George J. Churchill, 38139883, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Churchill, hearing a call for volunteers to go to the aid of two men who had been wounded by machine gun fire, volunteered with three other men, and with total disregard for his own safety calmly and courageously crawled four hundred yards through intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire to the aid of the two men. Through his display of gallantry and courage, the two men were successfully evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station. Private First Class Churchill's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter H. Cory, 15304278, Medical Department United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When the unit to which he was attached as aid man came under heavy enemy sniper fire, Private First Class Cory, with utter disregard for his own safety ran over the fire swept terrain and successfully rendered first aid to a wounded man. Completing his mission, he moved on to an even more dangerous position and carried a wounded man of another platoon to safety, after administering first aid. Private First Class Cory's unswerving devotion to duty, coupled with his great courage and bravery, resulted in the saving of two lives, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Sergeant Donald W. Henry, 36200944, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kue, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Henry, finding his unit pinned down by a heavy curtain of enemy fire emanating from a pillbox to his front, courageously and with utter disregard for his own life, carried a machine gun across open terrain in the face of this heavy enemy fire to a point one hundred yards forward of his former position and with one other man who carried ammunition for the gun, placed the gun in action, and poured a devastating fire on the pillbox. Sergeant Henry's heroic action enabled his unit to withdraw and reorganize for a subsequent attack which destroyed the enemy position. Sergeant Henry's courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his unit and are in keeping with highest traditions of the military service.

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* Technician Fourth Grade Chester J. Moran, 33299827, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Katsma, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell landed on a Marine artillery piece in the field immediately adjacent to Technician Fourth Grade Moran's bivouac area, killing several Marines and wounding several others, the gun position burst into flames immediately and although additionally endangered by exploding ammunition and continuing enemy artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Moran ran to the gun site to render any assistance that he might give. No one was on his side of the fire and before he could make his way around to the other side, the ammunition stacked near the gun exploded violently and Technician Fourth Grade Moran was forced to take cover in a nearby ditch. The courageous action on the part of Technician Moran in entering the flaming gun site was indicative of the heroism of his intent. Technician Fourth Grade Moran's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private Donald R. Stieper, 37563917, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When a call for volunteers was made, Private Stieper and three other men volunteered immediately to help evacuate two men who had been wounded by withering machine gun fire from an enemy pill box four hundred yards in front of their position. With absolute disregard for his own life, Private Stieper crawled the four hundred yards through intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire to the aid of the two men and assisted in their successful evacuation to the Battalion Aid Station. Private Stieper's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

Lieutenant Colonel Harmon L. Edmondson, 0308516, Cavalry (Armored), United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945. In the attack on the enemy stronghold north of Shuri, Lieutenant Colonel Edmondson, a tank Battalion Commander, by his continual presence in the area of front line units, was a constant source of inspiration to all members of his command. With total disregard for his own safety, he repeatedly placed himself in unprotected positions subject to enemy observation and intense enemy fire to observe and personally direct the operations of his tank unit. Sharing all the hazards of his men, Lieutenant Colonel Edmondson, made possible the most effective use of his tanks by his first hand knowledge of the situation through frequent personal reconnaissances. Lieutenant Colonel Edmondson displayed a gallant and unflinching devotion to duty which will long serve as an inspiration to the men he so bravely commanded. Next of Kin: Mr H. L. Edmondson, Father, 1047 Green Street Circle, Gainesville, Georgia.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1944), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following Officer:

Captain Louis Ruter, Jr., 01236706, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Ordered to defend with company, a difficult and exposed portion of the battalion sector which was the obvious avenue of approach for enemy infiltration or counter-attack, Captain Ruter carefully and personally directed naval gunfire, artillery and mortar fire to close avenues of approach and to protect his thinly scattered men, many of whom were becoming casualties from enemy mortar and artillery fire. In early morning, attacked in this position by a strong enemy force, Captain Ruter stood on the line above his men rallying them and although constantly exposed to small arms and mortar fire falling about him, he calmly directed naval gunfire, at times holding fire until the enemy were only fifty yards to his front. With his company under continued attack for three hours, Captain Ruter steadfastly maintained his position giving courage and confidence to his men in the face of a fanatical enemy, successful repelling attacks which would have overrun the battalion position. His outstanding courage and gallant actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION IIIAWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Silver Star having been previously awarded to the following named Officer per Section II, General Orders No. 248, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 May 1945, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Captain Louis Reuter, Jr., 01236706, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Captain Reuter, an Infantry Company Commander, led his company in an attack upon a precipitous rock mass heavily fortified by the enemy and accessible only after crossing seven hundred yards of flat terraces exposed to enemy fire. Rapidly ascending the torturous cliffs at the head of his company despite constant enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire, Captain Reuter directed his men to positions along the crest of the ridge where they literally clung to the rocks in order to hold the objective they had attained and to protect themselves as best they could from showers of enemy mortar fire and enemy snipers firing from their flanks, in hidden fortifications around and beneath them. Despite heavy casualties from the fire directed upon them during which groups of men were isolated for hours, due to the enemy's observation and fire preventing their movement, Captain Reuter maintained the morale and courage of his small group of men, by climbing among the rocks to contact them, keeping abreast of the situation to his front, and at one time by personally leading demolition crews in destruction of the hidden fortifications where valuable enemy observation and signal equipment was gained. Captain Reuter for three days through his inspiring leadership encouraged his men to hold tenaciously this seemingly untenable position until they could be relieved by a stronger force.

SECTION IVAWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted

Technician Fifth Grade Gilbert Slutzky, 36869680, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When the gun position in which he was serving as medical aid man was brought under heavy enemy artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Slutzky, unhesitatingly and at great risk to his own life, went to the aid of several wounded men and successfully treated their wounds during the severe shelling. Technician Fifth Grade Slutzky's outstanding courage served as a comfort to the wounded men and proved an inspiring example to the other men who witnessed his heroic actions.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
MAY 1945

24 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 249

ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bull. No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Walter W. Goldwater, Jr., 37513400, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. In order to evacuate casualties from a gun position which was undergoing a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Technician Fifth Grade Goldwater twice drove his jeep carrying casualties through open terrain and across the crest of a ridge exposed to severe enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Goldwater showed utter disregard for his own safety and voluntarily gave his entire efforts to the evacuation of the wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Goldwater's actions were an inspiration and heroic example to all who witnessed them and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Melvin W. Douthit, 36290943, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dagan, Leyte Island on 4 November 1944. During a battle in the foothills, Technician Fourth Grade Douthit, (Then Technician Fifth Grade), with utter disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to a heavy concentration of enemy small arms fire in going to the aid of a wounded comrade, and although remaining in constant danger from enemy fire, he administered medical aid throughout the night and succeeded in saving the life of the wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Douthit's devotion to duty and courageous actions reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Harry Markowitz, 32503224, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Markowitz, a supply clerk, was in a road column when, in an enemy artillery barrage, two ammunition and fuel trucks were damaged by shrapnel and one was completely disabled. Seeing that it was impossible for a column of tanks which was following to pass because of the disabled truck, Private First Class Markowitz and one other man, under extremely hazardous conditions, commandeered a truck at the head of the column and towed the damaged vehicle off the road. Thus the road was cleared; a highly explosive target was removed from the barrage area, and no casualties were sustained because of the road block. Private First Class Markowitz's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Frank H. Thiltgen, 36700335, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near White Hill, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Thiltgen, a machine gunner, when his unit was forced to withdraw because of intense enemy fire, elected to remain at his gun, with two other men, in the face of devastating enemy fire. Private First Class Thiltgen's position was entirely devoid of cover, and the enemy had full observation of his every action; but due to his unflinching bravery and profound devotion to duty, his fire neutralized the enemy position and allowed the rifle units to advance. Private First Class Thiltgen's quick reaction, and placing of his duty above his own safety at a time when enemy fire was incessant and his actions in their entirety were exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private Marshal O. Thomas, 39262169, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When he received an order to move his platoon, Private Thomas, a platoon radio man, proceeded with the intention to personally notify each man of the platoon of the proposed change in plans. By his action, Private Thomas knowingly exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire and to a personal attack by two enemy riflemen at close range. After disposing of the two enemy soldiers and having informed all of his men, Private Thomas moved through continuing heavy fire to the new position. Private Thomas' aggressiveness and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Glenn Van Schyndel, 37664047, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 16 April 1945. Private First Class Van Schyndel, an Infantry scout, volunteered innumerable times to serve as a guide to officers visiting exposed and dangerous positions, traveling at all times under enemy fire. When accompanying his Commanding Officer across two thousand yards of terrain exposed to enemy observation and fire on 13 April 1945, Private First Class Van Schyndel, through his ceaseless alertness, sighted three enemy soldiers in a by-passed tomb and quickly disposed of them, thus preventing a potential ambush. Private First Class Van Schyndel's courage and great devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 250

ORIGINAL ORDER -

24 May 1945.

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS III

SECRET

SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Executive Order No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private Ray H. Currin, 39596034, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chiyunna, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private Currin, a rifleman, on seeing the heavy casualties sustained by his unit in an attack on the enemy, voluntarily and at great risk to his own life, moved out into an exposed area to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Private Currin daringly ran across open terrain, fully exposing himself to withering enemy machine gun fire to reach a wounded man. He reached the wounded man and while carrying him back to safety, was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Private Currin's great display of courage, bravery and loyalty to his comrades created an indelible impression on the memory of the men of his unit. His undying courage and loyalty to his fellow soldiers was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Onet E. Currin, Wife, Route #2, Campbell, Texas.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant Raymond S. Graves, 37132038, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Graves, a Transportation Sergeant, was in a road column when an enemy artillery barrage covered the road damaging two ammunition and fuel trucks and completely disabling one. Seeing that the disabled truck blocked the narrow road, making it impossible for a following column of tanks to seek cover, Staff Sergeant Graves, and one other man, under extremely hazardous conditions, commandeered a truck at the head of the column, threw the damaged vehicle off the road and then removed a second truck to safety. By his courageous action, the road was cleared; a highly explosive target was removed from the area, and no casualties or loss of equipment were sustained because of the block. Staff Sergeant Graves' heroic deed is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 February 1945.

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Private First Class Aaron Campbell, 38281664, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an advance on a heavily fortified ridge, when the situation necessitated the withdrawal of his company for reorganization, Private First Class Campbell, a company aid man, volunteered to remain with the wounded. After administering first aid to the wounded men in the immediate vicinity, Private First Class Campbell made several trips into the open area to evacuate the remaining casualties. Despite the withering machine gun fire, he continued the evacuation until all wounded had been removed to the battalion aid station, approximately two hundred yards to the rear. Private First Class Campbell's heroic actions were instrumental in the saving of many lives and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 254, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Louis M. Fyock, 36903746, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. During a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and machine gun fire, when the squad of which he was a member became disorganized, Private First Class Fyock reorganized and maneuvered them into position to help repulse a heavy enemy counter-attack. Directing the firepower of the squad, Private First Class Fyock helped break up the attack and thus protected the exposed flank of the company from being overrun by the enemy. Private First Class Fyock's alertness of mind, and his courage while under heavy enemy fire reflects great distinction on himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 February 1945.

SECTION III

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS

OK 1. So much of General Orders No. 221, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 May 1945 as reads "Technician Fifth Grade Walter F. Mickiewicz, 37267421" is amended to read "Technician Fifth Grade Walter F. Mickiewicz, 36981573."

OK 2. So much of General Orders No. 227, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945 as reads "Sgt. Reque Pecina" is amended to read "Reque Pecina."

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25 May 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 251

ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

SECTION
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Lieutenant Colonel John G. Cassidy, 6909923, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Nishi-Baru, Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Cassidy, an Infantry battalion commander, by his daring example and courageous leadership, so conducted and delivered a determined uphill attack and with such vigor that an extremely difficult mission was admirably and expeditiously completed. Although every element from terrain to strongly fortified emplacements and fanatical resistance militated against success, and despite the fact that the battalion was depleted to one third its normal strength, Lieutenant Colonel Cassidy so inspired his unit that the deepest salient of the entire campaign at that time was driven into the enemy defenses. Lieutenant Colonel Cassidy, an Infantry battalion commander, when his battalion was assaulting a heavily fortified and fanatically defended enemy position of strategic importance so inspired his officers and men by his gallant and daring display of outstanding leadership while exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, that the mission was accomplished with a fervor and expediency that completely routed the enemy force. Lieutenant Colonel Cassidy moved constantly among his troops over extremely rugged terrain spurring them on by his aggressive determination and unflinching devotion to duty and personally directed the successful repulse of three desperate enemy counter attacks and consolidated his position which were the point of the deepest salient into the enemy lines. Lieutenant Colonel Cassidy's heroic actions under fire and his exceptionally outstanding qualities of leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel A. Nolan, Jr., 021986, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. In terrain which was extremely unfavorable, when enemy resistance held up the Infantry and threatened to prevent seizure of the beach-head objective on L-Day, Lieutenant Colonel Nolan alone and with admirable élan, crawled twenty yards under mortar cover and then sprinted about eighty yards across open terrain covered by enemy mortar, automatic weapons and rifle fire to the flank of an adjacent battalion. Having refused to send a staff or liaison officer on the mission, in the interest of saving vital time, Lieutenant Colonel Nolan, after coordinating the attack of the two battalions then returned over the same route to reach his command. The voluntary action on the part of the battalion commander so inspired the officers and men that a subsequent advance of two thousand yards was made which resulted in seizure of the tactical objective with a minimum of casualties. Lieutenant Colonel Nolan's heroic action and great devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service.

Sergeant Howard C. Pitts, 37227768, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on 9 April 1945, in the vicinity of Ghan-an-lura, Okinawa Island. As a result of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire on the morning of 9 April 1945, five men of Sergeant Pitts' six man Forward Observer section, including his commanding Officer and himself, were wounded. No help being available to Sergeant Pitts in removing the wounded in his section and realizing that immediate medical attention was necessary to save the lives of the two seriously wounded men he began to evacuate the wounded, one at a time, from cover to cover across an area under constant observation by the enemy and swept by heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire intermittently. Although the wounded officer and one other man of the section went for help, the situation was such that all attempts to reach them were frustrated by enemy machine gun firing from a distance of one hundred to five hundred yards. An artillery smoke screen was laid to cover the evacuation of the wounded men in the area, but proved ineffective in the area occupied by Sergeant Pitts' section. Sergeant Pitts was forced to brave short range enemy fire repeatedly in moving each wounded man, one at a time, closer to comparative safety. Here he could reach a small draw which led to safety, darkness fell and Sergeant Pitts carried the wounded man into a small cave. Completely unarmed, Sergeant Pitts elected to remain with the wounded, although he could have escaped under cover of darkness. In danger of fire from both the enemy and friendly troops if he attempted to move, Sergeant Pitts kept the section under cover and administered first aid to the wounded until dawn. During the night, enemy troops had moved up between him and his own lines and set up machine guns which further hampered the chances for escape. Just before daybreak, Sergeant Pitts began moving the wounded toward his own lines and in spite of great physical exhaustion and suffering from his own wounds, he managed to bring the three men, by crawling and dragging, safely through the enemy outposts into a protected area near his own lines. In the early hours of the morning, help reached the section and complete evacuation of the wounded. Sergeant Pitts' gallantry and great devotion to duty was an inspiration to the officer and men of his section, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 6, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Technician Fifth Grade Samuel W. Bryant, 32595354, Transportation Corps, U. S. Army. For heroism displayed on Itoya on November 7, 1944. When a fire of undetermined origin ignited several 105mm artillery shells and threatened to detonate other explosives, Technician Fifth Grade Bryant left his position and drove an ammunition-laden amphibious truck away from proximity of the fire. Technician Fifth Grade Bryant's heroic act, undertaken without regard for his own safety, was instrumental in preventing serious loss of life and destruction of valuable material.

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25 May 1945

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

SECTION

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART I
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II
AWARD OF THE BROWN STAR MEDAL III

SERIAL I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Joseph J. Adams	30312486	Inf	15 May 45
Tec 4	John W. Allen	37344665	Inf (Armd)	19 May 45
Pfc	Cayetano O. Aillon	39866473	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Auldon F. Bano	38680870	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Max A. Fankston	37712417	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Thomas J. Boudet	39480618	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Delmar R. Beecher	36430952	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Dan C. Bello	39726196	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Kenneth L. Bergeron	37647632	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Albert R. Bodine	3774188	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Robert H. Bost	33701929	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Walter R. Callen	37595143	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Donald L. Case	37775404	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Robert H. Childress	34604113	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Rodell N. Coffman	33525884	Inf (Armd)	13 May 45
Pfc	Jimmy O. Collins	35851060	Inf	14 May 45
Sgt	Eli J. Corrivou	11035959	Inf (Armd)	19 May 45
Tec 4	Robert C. Dick	20908262	Inf (Armd)	11 May 45
Pfc	Frank Elfering	37433164	Inf	13 May 45
Cpl	Delbert L. Fisher	20612771	Inf (Armd)	19 May 45
Pfc	George A. Garrison	34821242	Inf (Armd)	13 May 45
Pfc	William O. Gilcrease	33581322	Inf	11 May 45
Sgt	Harland A. Gottula	13069861	Inf (Armd)	18 May 45
Pfc	Joseph L. A. Hebert	11068543	Inf (Armd)	19 May 45
Sgt	J. V. Holloman	38227669	Inf	16 May 45
Tec 5	Edward Jackie	36616503	Inf	15 May 45
Capt	Mortimer K. Kerton	01283441	Inf (Armd)	11 May 45
Pfc	James C. Kennedy	38655941	Inf	12 May 45
Tec 4	George Katcher	38344482	SigC	10 Apr 45
Sgt	Charles O. Long	33134285	Inf (Armd)	11 May 45
Pfc	Louis Marcus	79045482	Inf (Armd)	3 Apr 45
1st Lt	Thomas N. Metcalfe	01014010	Inf (Armd)	19 May 45
Pvt	John F. Munson	36944542	Inf (Armd)	13 May 45
Sgt	Darwin H. Peterson	39786053	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Robert C. Sauer	42075234	Inf	12 May 45
Tec 5	Silas W. Seehler	13170934	Inf (Armd)	11 May 45
Cpl	Edward S. Simmons	14018733	Inf (Armd)	19 May 45
Pfc	Jesse M. Thurman	38906148	Inf	16 May 45

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2d Lt	Stephen Topor	01018883	Inf (Armd)	11 May 45
Pfc	Bernard Wolenc	12072694	Inf (Armd)	17 May 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-10 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named Officer per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on date indicated:

Second Lieutenant Carl A. Schluter Jr., 01516056, Infantry (Armored), United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Manila, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 156, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 May 1945.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section III, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-10 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Andie G. Anderson, 37315376, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 10 October 1944 to 10 February 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Clarence G. Hilby, 0307209, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 22 October 1944 to 15 May 1945 on Leyte and Okinawa Islands.

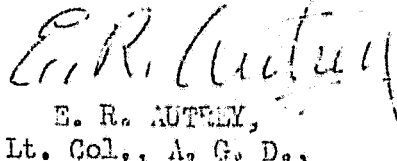
Major Daniel W. Hillman, Jr., 01206684, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 1 November 1944 to 15 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Clifford M. Olson, 37439430, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 April 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER NO. 96

25 May 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant George F. Blystone, 382257, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Sergeant Blystone, with complete disregard for his own life, displayed great initiative and brilliant leadership, when under an intense barrage of enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he moved his squad forward, to a position from which he could deliver the most effective and devastating return fire on the enemy force. Through Sergeant Blystone's heroic actions, much of the enemy fire in the area was neutralized, and the attacking rifle units which had been immobilized, were able to move rapidly forward. Sergeant Blystone's aggressive action, calm courage, and unsurpassed bravery sustained his group as a destructive fighting force in the face of heavy enemy fire, and gave great support to the rifle troops, at a time when it was most needed.

Private First Class Richard L. Kesner, 36431225, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Futema, Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. With total disregard for his own safety during a heavy enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Kesner left his position of comparative safety and with two other men rendered immediate first aid to a man wounded by a tree burst. Private First Class Kesner, while still under enemy fire, then gave assistance to two other men in a nearby building. Private First Class Kesner's exemplary courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Carl H. Lane, 38519167, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Futema, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. During a heavy night enemy artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Lane left his fox hole and with complete disregard for his own safety went, with two other men, to aid one of the men of the perimeter defense who had been wounded by a tree burst. After administering first aid, Technician Fourth Grade Lane, still under enemy fire, assisted the wounded man to the first aid station. Technician Fourth Grade Lane's courage and exemplary actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Staff Sergeant Charles K. Maines, 36383013, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. During an attack on a heavily fortified enemy held ridge, Staff Sergeant Maines, upon seeing a man of his squad had been hit by enemy machine gun fire, unhesitatingly, and at the risk of his own life, left the covered spot where his section was pinned down by enemy fire, and crawled up hundred yards under constant enemy observation and fire to successfully remove the wounded man to a place of safety. The courageous action displayed by Staff Sergeant Maines reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Vernon D. Nygaard, 36702003, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Futema, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. While under a heavy night barrage of enemy artillery, Technician Fourth Grade Nygaard left his covered position and with utter disregard for his own safety, went, with two other men, to the immediate aid of a man who had been seriously wounded by shrapnel from a tree burst. Having administered first aid, Technician Fourth Grade Nygaard, still under enemy fire, then assisted in evacuating the man to a hospital. Technician Fourth Grade Nygaard's exemplary action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I
AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL II
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL III

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

Major Kenny V. Erickson, O24474, Infantry, United States Army. For gallant action on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When his battalion was maneuvering to capture the town of Homobaru, Major Erickson, Battalion Executive Officer, requested permission to direct a flanking operation against strong, commanding enemy emplacements. Crawling forward under intense enemy machine gun fire, Major Erickson directed the firing of mortars on the enemy positions, which were within thirty yards of his own observation point. When the mortar fire was lifted, he personally led a platoon of men on the enemy stronghold and immediately neutralized it. Through his highly professional skill, gallant personal example and unfaltering devotion to duty, the entire assault was carried off without casualties. Major Erickson's courage and outstanding leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Sergeant Clarence H. Jackson, 33444921, Transportation Corps, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Leyte on November 7, 1944. When a fire of undetermined origin ignited several 105mm artillery shells and threatened to detonate other explosives, Sergeant Jackson left his foxhole and drove an ammunition-laden amphibious truck away from proximity of the fire. Sergeant Jackson's heroic undertaking without regard for his own safety, was instrumental in preventing loss of life and destruction of valuable material.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Lindell L. Cadwell, 36431247, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade Cadwell, radio operator for a forward observer party, remained at his post on a hill exposed to enemy observation and despite a heavy mortar barrage which was falling in his immediate vicinity, transmitted artillery fire commands which resulted in the infliction of numerous enemy casualties and greatly assisted the Infantry in holding the high ground which they were thus able to occupy throughout the night.

Captain Charles A. Murphy, 0220337, Infantry, United States Army. For her service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When two of his men were hit by enemy artillery during darkness Captain Murphy, a regimental headquarter's company commander, left his slit trench and supervised the removal of the wounded men, and conspicuously moved about the area restoring order, while continuously exposed to bursts of enemy artillery fire. Captain Murphy's conduct and adept exhibition of outstanding leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Leo E. Geyer, 37232932, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 October 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Clifford G. Kempe, 39172433, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 October 1944.

Captain Wilford B. Pitts, 01035770, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 August 1944 to 15 January 1945.

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ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES

Under the provisions of Act 45 (Section 1001), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Adjutant General's Office, Infantry Division, to the following named individuals for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and Iles and Islands:

Pfc	Thomas J. Florio	37710201	Inf	11 May 45
Sgt	Edward A. Anderson	37710204	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	John D. Barclay	37710294	Inf	23 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank E. Beatty	37710806	Inf	17 May 45
1st Lt	John D. Blair III	37710751	Inf	26 Apr 45
2nd Lt	Carl N. Boode	37710702	Inf	12 May 45
Pvt	Young F. Boulay Jr	37710213	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Theodore S. Branson	37710370	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Charles A. Gillman	37710610	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Quincy R. Canby	37710357	Inf	11 May 45
Pvt	Raymond Dandolara	37710207	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Robert C. Daniels	37710657	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Herold W. Debes	37710437	Inf	12 May 45
Tec 5	Floyd Conner	37710206	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Ruben E. Gotton	39245223	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Murray W. Landa	17006229	Inf	13 May 45
Capt	Burnell F. Lindgren	01304260	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Anthony Lovino	32685286	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Henry G. Linton	35875159	Inf	12 May 45
Pvt	Otto H. Rohrbach	37710464	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	John W. Skatson	39246605	Inf	12 May 45
Sgt	Erwan Elland	32553721	FA	21 May 45
Pfc	Paul T. Elliott	36616486	Inf	15 May 45
Cpl	Emerson E. Gaze	36535939	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pvt	Donald C. Gilbreath	37710512	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Robert V. Gooch	37710392	Inf	14 May 45
Pvt	Howard G. Grenfell	39935575	Inf	14 May 45
Sgt	Don E. Gunkel	36700260	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert W. Halsey	37710789	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Charley Hensley	37710990	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Eldis E. Hively	37710942	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Alex Kaylor	37710703	Inf	16 May 45
T Sgt	John Karpinski	37710780	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph E. Kellogg	37710518	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Ralph J. Klos	37710621	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Hymen Marcus	37710670	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Joe N. Marcus	37710694	Inf	16 May 45
G Sgt	Billie R. McKee	37710340	Inf	16 May 45
Tec 4	John H. Mead	37710345	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Theodore H. Mischofsky	37710707	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Donald H. Meik	37710357	Inf	11 May 45

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SECTION 21

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-5 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a second Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class John R. Arnett, 32271568, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

Sergeant Bernard J. Czarowski, 55172212, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945, near Tobacu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl M. Dillaway, 34733520, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945, near Samsi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 118, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 April 1945.

Private First Class Walter L. Jowall, 39525728, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Cuki, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.

Private First Class John W. Kogg, 38319906, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 28, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Private First Class C. L. Seragg, 31278338, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 136, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant Melvin H. Kanzer, 37318460, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945, near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 108, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 April 1945.

First Lieutenant John M. Stewart, 01319675, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 May 1945 near Cunga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 127, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

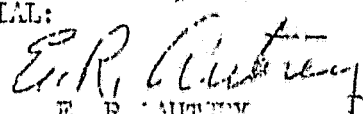
Staff Sergeant Sam Stocks, 5576187, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitoneri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 111, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 April 1945.

Private First Class Gerald P. Tompkins, 36431713, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 46, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Virgil L. Thompson, 59590270, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 May 1945 near Cuki, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 242, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER 226
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act No. 45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Herman Dyal, 140,660, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on April 20, 1945. Sergeant Dyal, a tank commander, without regard for his own personal safety, bravely directed the safe evacuation of his tank which had been immobilized and set afire by an enemy demolition charge, in position forward of the supporting Infantry lines. Sergeant Dyal so completely directed his crew that all members escaped the hazard of the burning tank as well as intense fire from enemy snipers and machine guns. Sergeant Dyal was the last to leave his tank. His outstanding leadership and heroic actions were directly responsible for the saving of the lives of his crew members and reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class William J. Hill, 16141504, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hitmonog, Leyte Island on 6 and 7 November 1944. When his battalion ran short of ammunition and water, he engaged in action, Private First Class Hill voluntarily drove a vehicle loaded with ammunition and water along a road covered by constant enemy mortar fire to the forward areas. Private First Class Hill made several trips along the same road during the assault on the area and was wounded for his own safety. As a result of his actions, the First Class Hill's company, which had a large part in destroying and defeating the enemy, was kept supplied and at a maximum efficiency through his courage and devotion to duty. His actions reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant McLaurin, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hitmonog, Leyte Island on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant McLaurin acted as a forward observer for an 81mm mortar in the vicinity of rugged terrain under cover of machine gun and mortar fire and established an effective mortar fire necessary for the success of the assault. Staff Sergeant McLaurin's courageous and aggressive actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Robert M. Williams, 38517343, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Williams showed unexcelled courage when during an enemy mortar-attack, four hand grenades were thrown by the enemy into the area occupied by himself and three other men. He retrieved three of the grenades and hurled them back at the enemy force. One grenade, however, fell in the position and exploded, seriously wounding one of the other men. Finding it impossible to evacuate the wounded man because of the close proximity of the enemy, Private First Class Williams and the other men applied first aid for a period of five hours and at the same time, continued to fire upon the enemy during succeeding attacks. The profound devotion to duty and gallant courage displayed by Private First Class Williams resulted in the saving of the life of the wounded man and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the Military Service.

Sergeant William H. Boulden, 3514794, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 16 April 1945.

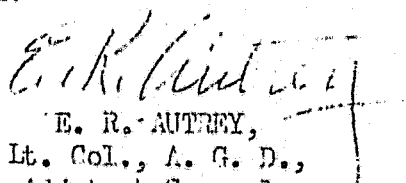
Private First Class Edmund A. Gregorick, 35139724, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 24 October to 11 December 1944.

Major Milan W. Haberly, O 4526, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART
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AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

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Rank	Name	Serial	Branch	Date
1st Lt	Beaumont L. Wood	38291070	DETL	20 Apr 45
S Sgt	Paul Morris	38292428	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Floyd M. Nelson	37215727	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	James Parry	35414684	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Warren F. Peterson	30702092	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph A. Pietrowski	26140198	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Percy Poche	38502540	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Hubert A. Richter	32748769	Inf	24 Apr 45
Pfc	Hoyt F. Ricketts	37647351	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Jack W. Riley	38300954	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Claude M. Rogers	37645973	Inf	12 May 45
Pvt	Kenneth L. Ropp	39932147	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Calvert E. Roscher	38557462	FA	21 May 45
Pfc	Lloyde C. Rutherford	36272948	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	John L. Sanders	44020776	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Paul S. Sather	37512713	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Elliott Schrier	16174598	Inf	14 May 45
Sgt	Joseph R. Shannon	35635749	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Nels W. Sorenson	37420268	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Robert C. Sosa	38532794	Inf	11 May 45
S Sgt	James V. Stephens	38292100	Inf	20 Apr 45
2d Lt	William R. Todd Jr.	01181558	FA	20 May 45
Pvt	Richard L. Tuttle	35815994	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Clifford C. Vericker	36430036	Inf	17 May 45
Capt.	George M. Wilcox Jr.	01236747	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Thomas E. Wix	38608981	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Edward J. Wojtas	36334427	Inf	14 May 45

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men for wounds received in action against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Balorino C. Sierra	38109708	Inf	20 Oct 44
Pfc	Virgil M. Simmons	39336889	Inf	20 Dec 44

SECTION II

ATTOR OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Eulorino C. Sierra, 38109708, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Kankai, Okinawa Island. Previous award per Paragraph 2, Section I, General Orders No. 257, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant J. D. Foster, 38367713, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Private First Class Raymond T. Throckmorton, 35559023, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 May 1945 near Ouka, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 231, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Men per authority indicated, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on date indicated:

Sergeant Bernard C. Corajowski, 37662122, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 May 1945 near Tsharu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

SECTION III

RP
So much of General Orders 239, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 May 1945, as reads "Technician Third Grade Archie L. Powell, 37124516, Corps of Engineers" is amended to read "Technician Third Grade Archie L. Powell, 37124545, Medical Department".

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Sergeant Margis Brewer, 3566083, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Brewer, leading his squad in action against a position covered by enemy small arms fire, although twice wounded, returned after receiving first aid to lead his squad in setting up a flank security on the edge of a native village and holding the vital position until they were forced to withdraw through one thousand yards of open area completely covered by enemy rifle and machine gun fire as well as concentrated artillery fire from strongly held enemy positions. When his company set up a tight defense line, Sergeant Brewer was wounded for the third time by shrapnel and was forced to be evacuated. Sergeant Brewer's outstanding initiative, courage, quick thinking and determination to carry on even after being wounded is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Arthur E. Cross, 38254782, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While Technical Sergeant Cross was placing one of his 37mm anti-tank guns in position to fire against enemy pillboxes, his platoon was suddenly fired upon by an enemy machine gun. Simultaneously, a litter squad, carrying a casualty came into view on the open terrain near the platoon's left flank. The enemy, taking full advantage of the opportunity, also began firing at the litter squad. Seeing that his own men, as well as the litter bearers, were pinned down and realizing the great danger, Technical Sergeant Cross arose from his position of comparative safety, and in the face of the heavy enemy machine gun fire, quickly covered the distance between himself and the litter party. The enemy machine gun was being supported by enemy mortar fire which raked the entire area but Technical Sergeant Cross did not falter in his efforts. Upon reaching the wounded man, he picked him up and carried him for a distance of seventy-five yards to a position of cover. Inspired by Technical Sergeant Cross' disregard for personal danger, the litter bearers made their way to the casualty and were able to complete his evacuation to the rear area. The heroic and fearless actions of Technical Sergeant Cross are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Lewis H. Thornton, 39590862, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Thornton, voluntarily and at great risk to his own life, went forward to cover an evacuation being made by a litter party after the litter had made a withdrawal. While Private First Class Thornton was moving at the head of the column through a gorge, the party suddenly was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire. With an exceptional display of courage, Private First Class Thornton moved forward to a position within one hundred yards of the enemy pillbox, which was located at the head of the gorge, and although he was under constant enemy observation and fire, he charged fearlessly into the fire and killed the entire enemy gun crew. Private First Class Thornton then returned to the litter party and successfully led them out of their position of great danger. Private First Class Thornton's unflinching courage and bravery were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

RESCISSION TO GENERAL ORDERS

OK } 1. So much of General Orders 247, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 May 1945 as pertains to Technician Fourth Grade Chester J. Horna, 33299827, is hereby rescinded.

OK } 2. So much of General Orders 274, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945 as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Reinhard L. Grabner, 36431078, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named listed man per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Technician Fifth Grade Reinhard L. Grabner, 36431078, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During an attack by his platoon on an enemy held ridge which was under constant enemy mortar and artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Grabner, upon learning that a man in a platoon attacking on the right flank had been wounded and without first aid, voluntarily left his position of comparative safety and crawled over a small ditch covered by enemy sniper fire and across a road on which an enemy machine gun was trained, to the aid of the wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Grabner reached the wounded man and, despite the fact that his left hand had become paralyzed from a wound received on the previous night, he successfully administered first aid to the sustenance of the man's life. Technician Fifth Grade Grabner's loyalty and unflinching courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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28 May 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Francis H. Beeler, 39726696, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Libaranan Head, Leyte Island, on 21 October 1944. Private Beeler, leading scout of his platoon, after his platoon had been pinned down by heavy enemy fire, advanced across open ground in the face of intense enemy sniper and machine gun cross fire, and thoroughly reconnoitered the high ground to his front which was his platoon's objective. Private Beeler's movements were observed by the enemy and, although he was subjected to intense automatic fire and frequent mortar concentrations, Private Beeler opened fire on the enemy and maintained it until his platoon was able to bring effective fire upon the enemy positions. Private Beeler's advance alone in the face of hostile fire and his determination to close with the enemy contributed materially to the success of the assault.

Technician Fifth Grade Lawrence M. Brasier, 37609247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an advance on a heavily fortified ridge when the situation necessitated a two hundred yard withdrawal of his company for reorganization, Technician Fifth Grade Brasier voluntarily remained in the forward area with the wounded; assisted in administering first aid and made several trips into an exposed position to evacuate several wounded men. Despite the withering machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Brasier continued the evacuation until all wounded had been taken to the battalion aid station. Technician Fifth Grade Brasier's thorough disregard for his own personal safety was instrumental in saving the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Beane W. Jackson, 37527077, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. When his company perimeter was hit by a fanatic enemy force in a dawn attack and the security of the line hinged on the men in the forward positions, Private First Class Jackson with cool courage and profound devotion to duty manned his post with aggressiveness and valor which resulted in his killing five of the enemy in close proximity to his foxhole. When the enemy had been repulsed, Private First Class Jackson killed several more as they fled across a nearby ridge. The outstanding courage and heroism displayed by Private First Class Jackson when the enemy were all about him is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private Kermit D. Johns, 35930473, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During the attack on Kakazu Ridge when his unit suffered heavy casualties from withering enemy fire and was forced to temporarily withdraw before beginning another attack, Private Johns with total disregard for his own safety, remained in the forward position with the wounded; administering first aid and helping in the evacuation. Throughout the removal of the many casualties, Private Johns was subjected to withering enemy machine gun fire and erratic mortar barrages, however he did not leave the field until the last wounded man had been evacuated from the area. Private John's undying courage and loyalty to his comrades was instrumental in the saving of many lives, and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Albert H. Lass, 16142014, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of White Hill, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Lass, knowing of a shortage of litter bearers during a period when heavy casualties were sustained, voluntarily offered his services to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Although his mission entailed his having to cover terrain directly exposed to enemy artillery and mortar fire and the evacuation of the wounded required most of the night, Private First Class Lass faithfully and unrelentlessly continued to work until all casualties had been removed to the aid station. Private First Class Lass's courage, endurance and ability to efficiently perform his task under enemy fire was instrumental in saving several lives and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private Warren J. Maddox, 35078959, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When an attack on heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge slowed down and his unit was ordered to withdraw for reorganization, Private Maddox, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to remain with the many casualties, assisting in the rendering of first aid and the subsequent evacuation. At all times, although Private Maddox was under close enemy observation and withering fire, he fearlessly carried on with the mission he had chosen. Private Maddox's great devotion to duty and unsurpassed courage was instrumental in the saving of many lives and is keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Gerald C. Means, 38271425, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Means, when his company was ordered to withdraw while under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, with unsurpassed courage and profound loyalty to his fellow men, elected to remain to administer first aid and assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Although continually exposed to a withering hail of enemy fire, Private First Class Means did not leave the area under fire until all of the wounded men had been evacuated. Private First Class Means' great devotion to duty and his cool courage under heavy enemy fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade James H. Reineke, 36381912, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Reineke a company runner, seeing that his Company Commander and several other men had been wounded, immediately volunteered to assist in the evacuation. In evacuating the casualties, Technician Fifth Grade Reineke was compelled to go forward under heavy enemy fire and over rough and stubborn terrain. In one instance while recovering one of the wounded men, Technician Fifth Grade Reineke's clothing was riddled by enemy fire but during the entire task, he did not lose courage and calmly continued with his work without regard for his own safety, until all wounded had been evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade Reineke's great courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Victor Rones, 3590458, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near White Hill, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When his unit suffered serious casualties during a heavy barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire, and a critical shortage of litter bearers resulted, Private First Class Rones, voluntarily offered his services to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. The evacuation had to be made over terrain directly exposed to enemy artillery and mortar fire and required most of the night, but Private First Class Rones faithfully continued his task until all casualties had been evacuated to the aid station. Private First Class Rones' willingness to risk his life in the performance of his duties and his great courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Richard K. Russell, 11099760, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kairazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Russell, a member of a machine gun squad, giving supporting fire to a rifle company during an attack on a strongly defended enemy position, when his position became masked by a ridge to his front and the next location from which he could deliver effective fire was on a high piece of ground which was devoid of any cover, completely disregarded the personal hazard and helped move a gun to the new position. Although Private First Class Russell was immediately spotted by the enemy and subjected to a terrific mortar barrage, he did not let the danger deter him in his voluntary mission, but continued on in the face of the enemy fire and succeeded in furnishing the attacking company excellent supporting fire. By his outstanding courage, attention to duty, and diligent application of earnest effort, Private First Class Russell was able to give a maximum of support to the advancing riflemen. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

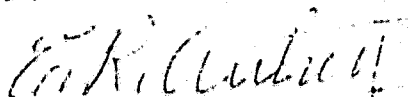
Private First Class Silas Salazar, 37353574, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bartooth Ridge, Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Private First Class Salazar, acting as a squad leader, through calm courage and an exhibition of brilliant traits of leadership, kept complete control of his men while they were pinned down by heavy enemy fire and after advancing alone into an exposed area to observe enemy actions, he withdrew his unit over hazardous terrain, remaining himself in the open area until all of his men had reached safety. After regrouping his men, Private First Class Salazar led them over an extremely difficult route and succeeded in the assaulting and attaining of the original objective. Private First Class Salazar's brilliant actions in the face of enemy fire, his cool courage and leadership were exemplary and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward P. Shively, 33836973, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Shively volunteered to evacuate an aid man who had become a casualty when he had gone forward to administer aid to another wounded man. Despite the fact that the area in which the man was wounded was under constant heavy aerial bombardment, Private First Class Shively fearlessly and at great risk to his own life, succeeded in evacuating the wounded man. Private First Class Shively's courageous actions and great devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Sylvan V. Stennett, 3667744, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakaz Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When the order was given for his unit to withdraw while under an overwhelming barrage of enemy fire, Sergeant Stennett voluntarily led a group of nine men, two of them wounded, through a gorge heavily defended by the enemy. Although they were under constant enemy mortar, machine gun, sniper and artillery fire while crossing the almost impassable terrain, Sergeant Stennett, by his exceptional leadership maneuvered his men through the gorge without further casualties.

Technician Fifth Grade Peter R. Vullo, 32687355, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Vullo, an aid man, was advancing with an Infantry platoon in an attack against a heavily fortified enemy held hill when six men of the platoon were seriously wounded by enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Vullo, with complete disregard for his own safety, went forward into an exposed area and administered first aid to the wounded men. Although he was constantly exposed to enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Vullo remained at the scene of action until the last man had been evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade Vullo's devotion to duty and bravery in the face of danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal William J. Green, 3920860, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 October 1944. Corporal Green, a squad leader, voluntarily went forward for a distance of approximately nine hundred yards while enemy machine gun and sniper fire had his platoon pinned down, to locate two scouts, who had become separated from the platoon. Corporal Green having succeeded in locating the scouts found them engaged in a fire fight with the enemy, whereupon he gave them support until the platoon was able to move forward and bring down effective fire on the enemy force. Corporal Green's courageous actions and great devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Men per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

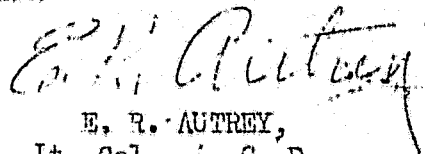
Sergeant William J. Green, 39203653, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Sergeant Green voluntarily led a group of wounded men, at great risk to his own life, through four hundred yards of open terrain covered by enemy mortar and small arms fire, with outstanding leadership and courage which steadied the men and caused them to follow him unquestionably. Through his sterling guidance, the group moved through a constant hail of enemy fire and reached the Battalion Aid Station without further casualties. Sergeant Green's courageous actions and leadership in the face of great odds, was instrumental in the saving of many lives, and is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders No. 261, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Chester J. Moran, 33299827, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Futaba, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell landed on a Marine artillery piece in the field immediately adjacent to Technician Fourth Grade Moran's bivouac area, killing several Marine and wounding several others, the gun position burst into flames immediately and although additionally endangered by exploding ammunition and continuing enemy artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Moran ran to the gun site to render any assistance that he might give. No one was on his side of the fire and before he could make his way around to the other side, the ammunition stacked near the gun exploded violently and Technician Fourth Grade Moran was forced to take cover in a nearby ditch. The courageous action on the part of Technician Fourth Grade Moran in entering the flaming gun site was indicative of the heroism of his into Technician Fourth Grade Moran's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and he in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 261, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945.

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24 September 1951

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TO: Mr. Sylvan V. Stennett
Rural Route 1 B
Albion, Illinois

So much of General Orders 261, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 28 May 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Sylvan V. Stennett, 36 615 344, which reads "Sergeant" is amended to read "Private First Class".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W A Terry
Adjutant General

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

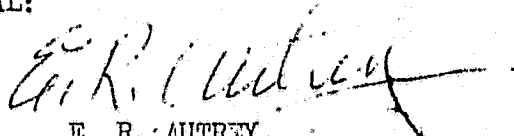
By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

Brigadier General Robert G. Gard, 012047, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. During a critical phase of the Okinawa operation, Brigadier General Gard flew in an artillery liaison plane over the front lines for more than thirty minutes to familiarize himself with the problems of enemy terrain and installations in a new sector. Determined to assure that his battalions would occupy the best possible locations from which to give close support to the infantry, he continued his hazardous flight with the full knowledge that liaison planes were prime targets for enemy fire, both anti-aircraft and small arms. Brigadier General Gard's unhesitating willingness to risk his own safety to further the accomplishment of this mission typifies the leadership by which he has welded his artillery battalions into a superior team of infinite value to the division.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Technician Fifth Grade Wallace R. Turner, 38281839, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Turner, a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observer Section when during an attack on heavily fortified enemy positions, the unit to which he was attached was subjected to a fierce enemy counter-attack and was in need of riflemen, volunteered immediately and although he was not experienced with Infantry weapons and tactics, he crawled to a forward position which was constantly exposed to enemy small arms and mortar fire and delivered deadly accurate fire, killing and seriously wounding several of the enemy force in his sector. Technician Fifth Grade Turner was mortally wounded by a mortar fragment during the accomplishment of his chosen mission. The heroic actions, courage and extreme devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Turner were a source of inspiration to men of his unit and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Beekie Turner, Mother, 1419 Lee Street, Ft. Worth, Texas.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Staff Sergeant Russell S. Coover, 6861312, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed in attempting to rescue a man from drowning in Leyt Gulf in the Philippine Islands on 1 March 1945. When the amphibious truck which Staff Sergeant Coover and six other men of his section were in became swamped with water and began to sink, one of the men, not knowing how to swim, disappeared beneath the water and was in imminent danger of drowning. Staff Sergeant Coover, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, dived into the water and in his attempt to save the drowning man, lost his own life. The heroism displayed by Staff Sergeant Coover on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Florey H. Tiggans, Mother, General Delivery, Delavan, Kansas.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Grover H. Bailey, 38200536, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit came under heavy enemy fire, during an attack on a heavily fortified enemy held ridge, and the order was given to withdraw, Private First Class Bailey seeing a wounded man who was lying in an area exposed to enemy fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, moved to the aid of the stricken man through a hail of enemy fire, and upon reaching him, improvised a litter, and with the aid of two other men carried the man to safety. Private First Class Bailey then returned to the fire swept field and aided in the evacuation of the remaining wounded before he himself withdrew to the security of the rear area. Private First Class Bailey's heroic actions and courage under fire were instrumental in the saving of many lives, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clay L. Barfield, 35224196, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Barfield, during an attack on heavily fortified Nakazu Ridge, when his unit was forced to make a temporary withdrawal, voluntarily remained in the forward area amidst the withering hail of enemy fire; administered first aid to the wounded, and assisted in their evacuation over extremely hazardous terrain which was under constant enemy fire. Private First Class Barfield's great courage and profound loyalty was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Orlando R. Davidson, 01002195, Aide-de-camp (Adjutant General's Department), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 15 May 1945.

Private First Class Lester K. Coy, 38272599, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Herbert J. Bate, 36727487, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Nakagusuka, Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. While acting as first scout for a platoon advance, Private First Class Bate, upon discovering an enemy trap, exposed himself at great risk to his own life, to draw mortar and machine gun fire from the enemy and gain information on their positions. Through the heroic actions of Private First Class Bate, the machine gun position was located, and in his direction, a squad flanked the enemy position and knocked the gun out of action. Private First Class Bate's cool courage and deep devotion to duty was directly responsible for the destruction of a dangerous enemy position and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private Robert W. Brown, 37707376, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. When Private Brown, moving forward with his platoon through heavy mortar and sniper fire toward a covered area, saw that the Company Executive Officer had been hit by fire from an enemy sniper, he crawled approximately twenty five yards in order to render first aid to the wounded officer. While making his way forward, Private Brown was himself wounded in the arm by sniper fire but in spite of his own wound, he continued on and successfully administered first aid to the wounded officer, remaining with him until he could be evacuated. Private Brown's bravery and courage in the face of danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Horner L. Deen, 38225140, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kikazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Deen, a company commander's guide and messenger, when moving with his company commander in search of enemy mortars, with great initiative and tenacity of purpose, voluntarily infiltrated deep into enemy lines destroying two of the enemy who had set upon him with grenades, and continued on his mission, returning with the sought after information. On another occasion on the same day, Private First Class Deen, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved through heavy enemy machine gun fire to assist in the successful evacuation of several seriously wounded men. Private First Class Deen's courageous actions, his profound devotion to duty, and his blazing loyalty to his comrades are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Otis Gilliland, 37531944, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit was forced to make a temporary withdrawal from Kakazu Ridge during a strong enemy counter-attack, Private First Class Gilliland elected to remain in the forward position until all casualties in the sector had been evacuated. While covering the last evacuation and, in withdrawing himself, Private First Class Gilliland, upon discovering a wounded man who had not previously been seen, administered immediate first aid, and carried the man to safety through a withering hail of enemy fire. Private First Class Gilliland's courageous actions and loyalty to the men of his unit are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Edgar Grady, 34435316, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kuo, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. During an advance against an enemy village, Private First Class Grady, when his unit was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, with great courage and initiative, took a machine gun and with one other man voluntarily moved one hundred yards across open terrain, in the face of terrific enemy fire to a point from which he brought fire on the enemy pillbox which was holding up the advance of the company, and although the enemy had excellent observation, he heroically stayed at his gun, firing relentlessly until the company had reorganized and launched another attack on the position. Private First Class Grady's heroic action and great devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Carl H. Graefing, 32644585, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit was bogged down and was suffering heavy casualties from enemy fire, Private First Class Graefing, acting as a machine gun squad leader, moved his squad to a position formerly occupied by the front line troops and covered the successful evacuation of the wounded from the sector of fire. Private First Class Graefing's outstanding leadership of his squad and his undaunted courage in the face of grave enemy thrusts were an inspiration to his men and caused them to throw back the enemy on every attempt at infiltration. Private First Class Graefing's devotion to duty, calm courage, and sterling qualities of leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Att 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Harry L. Henson, 38290724, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit was ordered to withdraw after a dawn attack on heavily fortified enemy held Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Henson elected to remain in an exposed position to cover the evacuation of the men wounded in the action. Although the entire area was subjected to heavy barrages of enemy mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Henson stood his ground even after orders to withdraw were issued and successfully covered the complete evacuation of all casualties. Private First Class Henson's great act of courage and aggressive spirit in the holding of the line until the wounded were evacuated are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Sergeant Albert L. Janik, 6959170, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. First Sergeant Janik, with total disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward for four hundred yards through intense enemy automatic weapons and artillery fire to the bodies of four of his men who had been killed in action three days previously. Upon reaching the men, First Sergeant Janik, while still under enemy observation and intense fire, identified them and removed all personal effects, returning them to his commanding officer. First Sergeant Janik's coolness under fire, as well as his gallant disregard for his life in fulfilling the position entrusted to him as First Sergeant, was an inspiration to his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant John J. Kozlowski, 6907923, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During a strong enemy counter-attack, Sergeant Kozlowski, a communications sergeant, at a great risk to his own life, repaired and layed new wires to forward command posts while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire which, falling in the area, cut the wires many times. Sergeant Kozlowski voluntarily exposed himself many times in the maintenance of uninterrupted communications with all platoons. Sergeant Kozlowski's courage and untiring efforts contributed immeasurably to the success of a grave mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant Encarnacion A. Martinez, 35528256, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Martinez, a squad leader, during an attack on a heavily fortified enemy position, skillfully moved his unit across open terrain which was under close enemy observation, and although wounded early in the mission, he carried on, rallying his men until they were in a more favorable position. Staff Sergeant Martinez then brought devastating fire down on enemy pillboxes which were hampering the advance, and continued to lead his platoon with great tenacity of purpose, destroying the enemy until on orders from his platoon leader, he was forced to withdraw for medical attention. Staff Sergeant Martinez's great courage and devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to his men and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

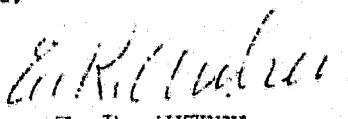
Private First Class Robert G. Mendoza, 38251960, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. During the first thirteen days of the Okinawa campaign, Private First Class Mendoza succeeded in carrying the Commanding Officer's messages and orders from one platoon leader to another through intense enemy small arms fire and artillery barrages. Although often completely fatigued and under constant enemy fire, he unhesitatingly delivered all messages knowing that they were vital to the success of his company's operations. Private First Class Mendoza, when his Commanding Officer was wounded by enemy fire, successfully evacuated him to the Battalion Aid Station over extremely hazardous terrain and while still under heavy enemy fire. The courage and heroism displayed by Private First Class Mendoza reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant S. T. Morris, 38319097, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Morris, leading two tanks forward to knock out enemy emplacements which were holding up the advance of his platoon, while under direct fire from the enemy positions, continued forward until one tank was knocked out by enemy artillery, returning at that point for two more tanks to help move the wounded from the one which had been lost. Through his efforts, the enemy emplacements were quickly silenced by fire from the tanks, making it possible for his platoon to advance and all the casualties were safely removed to cover. The heroic service and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Morris, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class William S. O'Malley, 39229841, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Private First Class O'Malley, a member of a Forward Observer Section, working with a front line Infantry company, when the unit to which he was attached was subjected to an enemy counter-attack, although being unfamiliar with Infantry tactics and weapons, obtained an M-1 Rifle and voluntarily left his position of comparative safety, crawling to a position exposed to enemy small arms fire, from which position he delivered fire on the enemy. Private First Class O'Malley killed three of the enemy and wounded several others. During the action, he spotted an enemy mortar position and reported it to an observer who, under Private First Class O'Malley's direction brought fire on the enemy position and knocked it out. Later, when an enemy machine gun had pinned down the Infantry company, Private First Class O'Malley, from his point of vantage, again adjusted the mortar fire so expertly that the enemy gun was put out of action and the pressure on the line was relieved. Private First Class O'Malley's actions were instrumental in repulsing the enemy counter-attack and permitting the Infantry company to hold its ground and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Melton L. Pritchett, 36381507, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When, during an attack on Kakazu Ridge, Corporal Pritchett, a member of a mortar group which was attached to a rifle unit which was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, on his own initiative, moved the mortar across terrain fully exposed to the enemy and although wounded by enemy fire, put his gun into immediate action. After bringing fire on the enemy, Corporal Pritchett moved to the rear area for first aid and as soon as his wounds were treated courageously returned to his gun to complete the mission of destroying the enemy, thus enabling the rifle troops to advance. Corporal Pritchett's courageous action and profound devotion to duty served as an inspiration to the men of his unit and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert H. Roster, 36536971, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Roster, Armorer Artificer of his unit, moved voluntarily to the forward positions of his rifle unit to give support to the company, when the heavy weapons platoon suffered heavy casualties. Technician Fifth Grade Roster, bringing a fifty calibre machine gun forward, through a heavy mortar and artillery barrage, and at a time when all the fire power available was needed to hold the enemy at bay, quickly organized a gun crew and under relentless enemy fire, brought return fire down on the enemy positions. Technician Fifth Grade Roster's courage and outstanding initiative were exemplary at a time when his unit was fighting a crucial battle, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Sergeant Carlos M. Sanchez, 38254413, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Sergeant Sanchez, having completed a mission of clearing the enemy from a group of burial vaults on the left flank of his unit, was returning to the unit's position with his squad when they came under heavy machine gun fire and two men were wounded. Sergeant Sanchez, with great courage and profound devotion to his men, rushed forward in an attempt to reach them and administer first aid. Although the two men lay in the direct path of the machine gun, Sergeant Sanchez valiantly tried to get to them, but was seriously wounded by fire from the enemy and had to be evacuated immediately. Sergeant Sanchez's heroic action, which almost cost him his life, was an inspiration to the men of his command and his unwavering loyalty and great courage in the face of great danger is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class R. B. Scott, 3130010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. While manning a machine gun during an attack by his company on a strongly defended enemy position, Private First Class Scott was seriously wounded by a mortar burst, but realizing the relatively light strength of his unit and the great importance of the presence of every individual, he had the shell fragment removed from his body and, refusing to be evacuated, remained at his gun, adding his much needed fire to the attack. Private First Class Scott's devotion to duty, determination and courage under fire, were inspirational to all the men in his company and his ability and professional skill with his weapon contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit's operation.

Private First Class Dale E. Stoddard, 39933844, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. During the battle for the heavily fortified enemy held position of Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Stoddard continually braved enemy machine gun and sniper fire in bringing to the forward position badly needed mortar ammunition. In one time when a horrific rain of enemy fire fell on the area, Private First Class Stoddard saw one of his comrades lying wounded in an exposed area, and with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled into the area where he administered first aid and carried the man to safety. On another occasion, after working his way forward through intense enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Stoddard, with a full load of ammunition, arrived at his former gun position only to find it inactivated. On his own initiative, Private First Class Stoddard immediately worked his way over to another position and volunteered his service to that group. Private First Class Stoddard's profound devotion to duty and his unsurpassed bravery and courage in the face of heavy enemy fire are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Staff Sergeant Richard M. Stephens, 36539908, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Nakagusuka, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When his platoon came under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, while advancing against a point of strong enemy resistance, Staff Sergeant Stephens immediately placing the safety of his men above his own, exposed himself to the withering enemy fire and ordered a withdrawal. In giving his orders, Staff Sergeant Stephens was mortally wounded, but he forcefully remained in position until he saw the last of his men reach safety. With the greatest of courage, Staff Sergeant Stephens then worked his way to a place of cover. Staff Sergeant Stephens, through his valiant actions, saved the lives of many of his men. His heroic actions served as an inspiration to all the men of his unit and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Blanche Stephens, Mother, RFD #2, Davison, Michigan.

SECTION IIAWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Nelson R. Mooney, 38290913, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Dayami, Ioyto, Island, on 25 November, 1944. Private First Class Mooney, when his squad, which was advancing in a skirmish line through the foothills at the base of Mount Lobi, was fired from the top of a hill by two concealed enemy machine guns and was unable to move from its exposed position, showing unfaltering courage, voluntarily crawled forward alone and unaided to ascertain the enemy positions. Locating one of the machine guns, Private First Class Mooney immediately fired upon it and put it out of action. He then moved forward again, still under fire from the second gun and succeeded in locating and destroying the entire enemy crew. When his squad which was thus enabled to advance once more, was halted a second time by another pair of enemy machine guns and was ordered to withdraw but found it impossible to do so because of the intensity of the enemy fire, Private First Class Mooney

again pushed forward with complete disregard for his own safety, and fired upon the enemy position, silencing the guns for a period which enabled his squad to withdraw and bring effective mortar fire on the enemy. Private First Class Mooney, through his unhesitating bravery, and unflinching courage and devotion to duty, accounted for five enemy dead and several wounded and was responsible for the successful withdrawal of his own squad without a casualty. Private First Class Mooney's gallant actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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First Lieutenant Ralph E. Brewer, 01924499, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in vicinity of Hitmanog, Leyte Island on 6 November 1944. First Lieutenant Brewer (then Second Lieutenant), when the assault elements of his company came under intense close range enemy mortar and machine gun fire and were unable to maneuver or move forward, realizing immediately the urgency of the situation, he placed his mortar section in position; acquired a sound powered phone and reel of wire and moved forward through dense undergrowth and intense enemy mortar fire to an exposed position. Although hit by shrapnel several times, First Lieutenant Brewer remained at his post in the forward area and effectively directed his fires until he was ordered to withdraw.

Private First Class Robert L. Tolson, 34882075, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When the gun position in which he was serving as medical aid man was brought under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Tolson, unhesitatingly and at great risk to his own life, went to the aid of several wounded men. Private First Class Tolson treated their wounds during the severest of shelling and assisted in their successful evacuation on the only vehicle available, over an extremely hazardous route which was under constant enemy artillery fire. Private First Class Tolson's actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Peter H. Bonono, 38313830, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Bonono, when his platoon was dangerously low on ammunition during an advance in support of a Battalion attack on Kakazu Ridge, courageously tried to supply the necessary ammunition. Although the entire area was covered by heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Bonono, without hesitation and at grave risk to his life, attempted to cross an open field in the heroic attempt to deliver badly needed ammunition, and was mortally wounded. Private First Class Bonono's unselfish and supreme sacrifice will ever serve as an inspiration to the men of his unit. His courage and everlasting devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Magurite Bonono, Mother, Rt #1, Victoria Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Willard C. Alexander, 18083231, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. While advancing toward the enemy near Ginowan, Private First Class Alexander and his entire company were pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Discovering that the radio operator of his platoon had been wounded, Private First Class Alexander, realizing the gravity of the situation and the importance of the radio communication, raced over seventy-five yards of fire swept terrain to administer aid to the wounded man and recover the radio. He then crawled over one hundred yards and delivered the vital radio to his platoon leader even though he had been wounded seriously during the action. Private First Class Alexander's act of great heroism was instrumental in the knocking out of the enemy positions and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Second Lieutenant Kenneth W. Davis, 02012488, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mombaru, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. When heavy fire from enemy pillboxes halted the advance of his company, Second Lieutenant Davis, a rifle platoon leader organized a base of fire, and then, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, led his men in successful assaults against three enemy pillboxes. The extraordinary courage and forceful leadership of Second Lieutenant Davis inspired the men of his platoon and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Ferd E. De Groat, 01313577, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. First Lieutenant De Groat, an Anti-tank platoon leader in an assault on a strongly fortified enemy position, with utter disregard for his own safety, left his position of cover to go to the aid of a wounded man lying openly exposed to enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Working his way approximately fifty yards across open terrain, under intense enemy fire, First Lieutenant De Groat succeeded in carrying the wounded man to safety but received a serious wound himself during the action. First Lieutenant De Groat's conspicuous act of heroism and unselfishness was instrumental in saving a life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Enos D. Edens, 7006211, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit came under intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire in the attack on Kakazu Ridge and were forced to withdraw, Staff Sergeant Edens, with total disregard for his own life, organized a group of volunteers to remain behind to administer aid to the wounded and assist in their evacuation. Staff Sergeant Edens supervised and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men over one thousand yards of ground through heavy enemy machine gun fire to the comparative safety of a cave. When Staff Sergeant Edens and two of the other men in the party were wounded during the evacuation, completely unmindful of his own wounds, he urged the other men on to the successful completion of their task. Staff Sergeant Edens' devotion to duty, courage and outstanding qualities of leadership are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Lyle C. Ellis Jr., 01324323, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 6 April 1945.

Sergeant Robert J. Raleigh, 36271726, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 24 November 1944 to 20 December 1944.

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Technical Sergeant Oscar N. Fortune, 19012707, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alto Peak, Loyte Island on 20 November 1944. Technical Sergeant Fortune, leading a heavy machine gun platoon, was in support of a rifle company when it was subject to heavy enemy cross fire and was unable to advance. Grasping the situation immediately, Technical Sergeant Fortune made a quick reconnaissance of the area and found it necessary for him to personally lead each of his guns into position, because of the thick jungle growth. His aggressiveness and courage inspired his men to follow him through a hail of enemy fire to the new positions where the guns were replaced and fire brought to bear on the enemy destroying their guns and thus enabling the company to advance and capture the enemy position. Technical Sergeant Fortune's intrepid actions and outstanding qualities of leadership are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

First Lieutenant William H. Griffith Jr., 0526304, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Although seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire during an advance by his battalion which was spearheaded by his rifle platoon, First Lieutenant Griffith continued to lead his platoon through a hail of intense enemy machine gun fire in an assault on a heavily fortified enemy position. First Lieutenant Griffith's courageous leadership and aggressive action resulted in the location and destruction of several enemy machine gun positions which impeded the advance of the battalion and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Hapac, 36700821, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Hapac, upon seeing his platoon sergeant seriously wounded during an advance toward the village of Kue, took over the duties of platoon sergeant and against strong opposition, advanced to within fifty yards of an enemy strong point. Finding it dangerous to move because of enemy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Hapac told a squad to follow, and, while acting both as scout and squad leader, flanked the enemy position to the right and knocked out the machine gun. During the action and while crawling forward across an open field under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Hapac was seriously wounded. Staff Sergeant Hapac's outstanding leadership, courage, and devotion to duty were instrumental in the speedy accomplishment of a hazardous mission and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Tyrus G. Harbert, 17125840, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Harbert acting with great initiative and resourcefulness, when the command group of his platoon became separated from the main body of the unit, assumed command, and in the dangerous withdrawal from Kakazu Ridge, he heroically led his men back under a devastating rain of fire and through enemy infiltrators to reach his company. Private First Class Harbert then assisted the platoon leader in organizing a firm defense, which withstood the series of fanatical counter-attacks of the enemy which followed. Private First Class Harbert, acting as Platoon Sergeant, led his men in several successful attacks against the enemy with complete disregard for his own safety and with aggressiveness and force that was an inspiration to his men.

Private 1st Lt. Hoover, 33698386, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte on 27 October 1944. During an attack on heavily fortified Crismon Hill, when his platoon was pinned down by enemy snipers, machine gun and mortar fire from positions to their immediate front, Private Hoover, an aid man, crawled forward for twenty-five yards over open ground to rescue a wounded man from an exposed area. Private Hoover removed the wounded man to a place of concealment where he successfully administered first aid. When his company was forced to withdraw, later in the day, Private Hoover supervised the evacuation of the wounded in his own and other nearby platoons, working with courage, initiative, and an utter disregard for his own safety which inspired the other men and had a positive influence on the success of the mission.

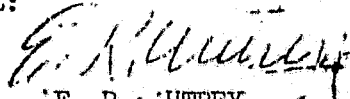
Second Lieutenant William R. Neiman, 01315856, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When two Infantry assault companies were forced to withdraw from strongly defended Kakazu Ridge, their ranks depleted and disorganized, Second Lieutenant Neiman, leader of a reserve rifle platoon, led his men across open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire, to a point approximately three hundred yards from enemy positions on the top of the ridge and organized a base of fire to cover the evacuation of the wounded and enabled the assault companies to reorganize and off-set a stiff enemy counter-attack which followed. Second Lieutenant Neiman's courageous act executed with fearlessness and unflinching leadership, at great personal risk to his life, was an inspiration to the men he led and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alfred A. Shasha, 32635922, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 17 November 1944 to 7 March 1945.

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Private First Class Frank S. Schilaci, 36615975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Schilaci, upon discovering that an aid man had been wounded and was lying in an exposed area which was undergoing heavy naval bombardment and strafing, volunteered, at great risk to his own life, to go forward and assist in the evacuation. Private First Class Schilaci; by his aggressive and courageous action and blazing loyalty to his fellow men, succeeded in evacuating the wounded man to an area of safety. His courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Willis A. Stribling, 01308017, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945. First Lieutenant Stribling's untiring devotion to duty and superior organizational abilities were responsible for the excellent support provided to advancing Infantrymen by the three cannon platoons of the company of which he was Executive Officer. Continuously exposing himself to enemy artillery fire and completely disregarding his own safety, First Lieutenant Stribling tirelessly plotted and directed the fire power of his company. First Lieutenant Stribling's forceful and aggressive leadership and relentless courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Weibel, 01217850, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Momobaru, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. First Lieutenant Weibel, leading his machine gun platoon in support of a rifle company which was pinned down by enemy fire during an assault over hazardous jungle terrain on a strongly defended enemy position, encountered several enemy pillboxes and when called upon for fire on the obstacles, he fearlessly led his platoon through terrain exposed to enemy small arms and mortar fire to points of vantage from which they were able to bring fire directly on and neutralize the enemy pillboxes. By First Lieutenant Weibel's prompt and thorough actions, he saved the rifle company unnecessary delay and was instrumental in the objective being seized with greater speed. First Lieutenant Weibel's courageous actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant Harold E. Wilcox, 01297999, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. First Lieutenant Wilcox, when called upon to assume command of a rifle company of which all officers and approximately half of the enlisted personnel had become casualties in a pre-dawn attack on heavily fortified enemy held Kakazu Ridge, fearlessly and with utter disregard to the enemy fire upon his exposed position, reorganized the company into a perimeter of defense which off-set the terrific enemy counter-attacks that followed. During the action, First Lieutenant Wilcox was seriously wounded by enemy mortar fire. His efforts were largely responsible for the successful holding off of large scale infiltrations which the enemy attempted during the night.

Staff Sergeant Robert Young, 38227453, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Caban Mill, Leyte Island on 27 October 1944. Staff Sergeant Young, upon locating an enemy sniper who had been causing a great number of casualties to units withdraw from an untenable position, moved through an area of thick undergrowth for three hundred yards to bring fire on the enemy sniper. Although the enemy was flooding the area with mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Young worked his way across the area, often exposed to direct enemy fire and killed the sniper who had plagued the withdrawal of the unit and the evacuation of the wounded. Staff Sergeant Young's calm courage, profound devotion to duty and quick thinking saved the lives of many men and his heroic action is in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Sergeant Hubert I. Muenstorman, 36374685, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 24 November 1944 to 20 December 1944. Next of Kin Mrs. Martha Muensterman, Mother, Route #1, Equality, Illinois.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

S Sgt	Norman W. Brunn	32072197	SigC	3 May 45
Pfc	Floyd D. Comins	36539877	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Kay E. Cottingham	35909012	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Dewy A. Crockmore	39582394	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	David K. Cuestas	39277195	MD	19 May 45
Pfc	Frank J. Fucello	32644500	Inf	24 May 45
2d Lt	John S. Gallaway Jr.	01185544	FA	11 May 45
Pfc	Paul F. Galligher	38293058	FA	17 May 45
Pfc	Simeon C. Garriott	35094592	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Steve Gobbia	36907129	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Louie T. Hankey	38631050	Inf	14 May 45
2d Lt	Charles A. Houck	02012505	Inf	6 Apr 45
Sgt	George A. Kaiponen	36234683	CWS	19 Apr 45
Sgt	Ervin L. Kessler	36272945	Inf	14 May 45
Pvt	James Mayer	16157813	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Walter Nowick	42073768	FA	24 May 45
Pfc	Alvin R. Sapp	36383229	Inf	16 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles F. Shadell	33293985	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	George Sirotiak	37774347	MD	15 May 45
Tac 5	Herbert O. Wolf	32797206	Inf	11 Apr 45

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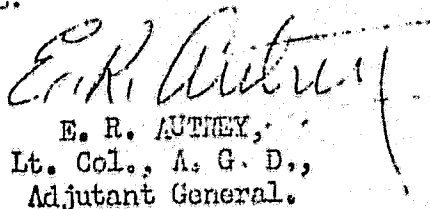
2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men for wounds received in action against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on dates indicated:

Tec 5	Russell Christman	36272126	Inf	12 Dec 44
S Sgt	Alexander R. Trybulski	36108782	Inf	12 Dec 44

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

First Lieutenant Dave Belman, O1297430, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. First Lieutenant Belman, as acting commander of a rifle company, leading his men in a pre-dawn attack on heavily fortified enemy positions on Kakazu Ridge, was wounded in the opening blasts of enemy fire, but refused evacuation in order to remain at the head of his company. His men, inspired by his devotion to duty, surged ahead in their assault. Upon reaching the summit of the ridge, the company was met by a powerful enemy counter-attack which was supported by withering mortar and artillery fire. Although weakened by the loss of blood, First Lieutenant Belman continued leading his troops and held his positions until ordered to withdraw, whereupon, he called for and directed the laying of smoke to cover the withdrawal which was effected successfully, with a minimum of casualties. First Lieutenant Belman's fortitude, complete disregard for his own pain and unflinching devotion to duty under trying circumstances reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Melvyn E. Coobs, 37675061, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Private First Class Coobs, with absolute disregard for his own life, diligently and courageously laid and kept in repair the wire communications lines of his unit at all times; the communications system being of vital importance and oftentimes, the sheer existence of the unit. Private First Class Coobs, although often under heavy barrages of enemy artillery and mortar fire, went forward at all times without the slightest hesitation, to keep the lines intact. On several occasions, Private First Class Coobs immediately and without fear, retraced his steps in the face of intense enemy artillery fire to splice wire which he had just repaired but which had been broken again by enemy artillery fire. Private First Class Coobs' cool courage and devotion to duty in his dangerous assignment, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Rec. by Lt # 282 - June 2, 1945
~~*Captain Robert B. Kennedy, O111932, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. In the attaining of valuable ground just south of Needle Point Ridge, Captain Kennedy, Tank Company Commander of a unit operating forward of the Infantry, displayed superior leadership by seeking and maintaining a highly exposed point from which he personally directed the forward action of his tanks. Although continually under heavy artillery and mortar fire, and at all times exposed to enemy observation and sniper fire, Captain Kennedy remained at his dismounted post and with complete disregard for his own safety, guided the movement of the tanks which were working in treacherous terrain that was ridged and land~~

blocked to such an extent that the tank commanders were practically without vision. By establishing himself in the forward lines of friendly Infantry and personally directing his units from his highly vulnerable position, Captain Kennedy was largely responsible for the success of the attack. His cool and outstanding efforts were an inspiration to his men. Captain Kennedy's courageous actions and great devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

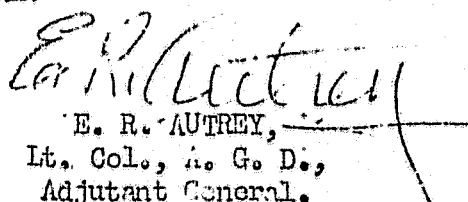
Private First Class Leland E. Wright, 16121126, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945 and 12 April 1945. When his unit was forced to withdraw from an area which was under concentrated enemy machine gun and mortar fire on 10 April 1945, Private First Class Wright voluntarily remained in the area to care for the wounded. Under heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Wright administered all medical aid possible to the casualties with skill, quick thinking and prompt and aggressive action. On 12 April 1945, he again elected to remain in an exposed area with a wounded man administering medical aid until the man died, at which time he returned alone over hazardous terrain under constant enemy fire to his own unit which had withdrawn. Private First Class Wright's calmness and courageous actions under fire and his unselfish disregard for his own safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Gilbert Feinstein, 39710073, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 May 1945.

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31 May 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART I
AWARD OF THE ORANGE GLIMMER II

SECTION I
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Act 508-9 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Sergeant Major, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Kenneth L. Anderson	77575653	Inf	15 May 45
Tec 5	Elmer H. Bear	3769443	MD	12 Apr 45
Pvt	John D. Beatty	27714417	Inf	18 May 45
Pfc	Robert E. C. Bentinck	37694469	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pvt	Kenneth L. Best	3770757	MD	13 May 45
Pfc	Paul E. Boffeau	3769441	MD	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Buell V. Brough	3769449	Inf	23 May 45
Pvt	Howard G. Bouza	3775119	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Howard D. Brouse	37694496	Inf	18 May 45
Pfc	George I. Brown	12246879	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Herschel E. Cash	37694421	Inf	27 Apr 45
1st Lt	Michael J. Chazyak	0720213	Inf	13 May 45
Sgt	Wilber K. Clark	37694403	Inf	18 May 45
Sgt	John F. Cranford Jr	37694454	Inf	22 May 45
Pvt	Evan D. Edwards	37694479	Inf	22 May 45
Pvt	Alfred J. Hess	37694454	MD	17 May 45
Cpl	James D. Hinkley	35694465	Inf	13 May 45
Capt	Jacob J. Hlavyez	0819060	MD	13 Apr 45
3 Sgt	Elmer C. Hofer	37694498	Inf	18 May 45
Pfc	Barnie J. Hurst	17694449	Inf	20 May 45
S Sgt	Robert G. Ingram	36611715	Inf	19 May 45
T Sgt	Edward Jenkins	37694402	Inf	20 Apr 45
Pfc	Elmer V. Ketch	17127432	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Clarence L. Lanier	37694402	MD	21 Apr 45
Cpl	Elmer C. Hieserichmidt	37694465	Inf	20 May 45
S Sgt	Albert A. Hirenberg	37694422	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Ernie Grogan	37694492	MD	12 Apr 45
S Sgt	Robert C. Peltz	37694401	MD	21 Apr 45
S Sgt	Jack A. Hirsigara	37694499	Inf	18 May 45
Tec 5	Leonard A. Hopkins	27150895	MD	18 May 45
Pfc	Edward Schwartz	37694442	MD	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Wayne E. Small	37694465	MD	14 May 45
Cpl	Edward V. Smaglewski	37694492	Inf	13 May 45
Pvt	Lawert W. Smith	37694437	Inf	23 May 45
Pvt	Harold M. Smith	37694431	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Alonso W. Snow	37694447	Inf	21 May 45
Pvt	Robert E. Souther	37694443	Inf	22 May 45
Pvt	George Spalding	37694443	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Orville A. Swearer	36611714	Tec 2	19 May 45
Pvt	Robert L. Swartz	37694442	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	James W. Weaver	37694431	Inf	18 May 45
Pfc	Joe Herrera	37694439	MD	11 Apr 45

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Pfc	Richard Weiler	37541111	Inf	10 Apr 45
1st Lt	Dorus C. Williams	01286749	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Webster P. Wyatt	3.3282367	Inf	18 May 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Ar. 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Staff Sergeant Norman W. Brunn, 32072197, Signal Corps, United States Army, wounded 15 May 45 near Ouiki, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 271, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant William B. Dentino, 36429375, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 23, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

First Lieutenant Lyle C. Ellis Jr., 01324323, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Unaha, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 111, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Ross S. Gilbert, 36659458, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 170, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Sergeant Ervin L. Kessler, 36272945, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Unaha, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 271, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 May 1945.

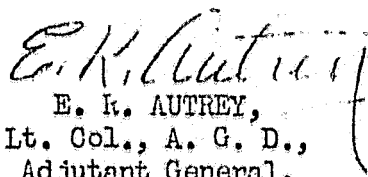
Technical Sergeant Frank C. Paleock, 36271750, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Private First Class Dick Waloon, 39825588, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 6, Headquarters Landing Force, APC 726, 1 June 1943.

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ORIGINAL ORDER 96
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provision of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Jerome T. Brady, 37586891, Infantry, United States Army, For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. Private Brady's company having been subjected to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire and having suffered heavy casualties was ordered to evacuate the casualties and withdraw. Private Brady and three other men volunteered and acting on their own initiative moved forward one hundred and fifty yards toward the enemy lines where, working under heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire they succeeded in evacuating their company commander, who was mortally wounded, and another seriously wounded man who still lay exposed to enemy fire. Private Brady's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clifton C. Henderson, 38227472, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. When Private First Class (then Private) Henderson's company was subjected to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire and had suffered heavy casualties, orders were received to evacuate the casualties and withdraw. Private First Class Henderson and three other men volunteered, and acting on their own initiative, moved forward one hundred and fifty yards toward the enemy lines where, working under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, they evacuated their company commander, who had been mortally wounded and another seriously wounded man, who was lying in view of the enemy. Private First Class Henderson's courageous actions under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Basil W. Martinez, 19164581, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Martinez's company was being subjected to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire and had suffered heavy casualties when orders were received to evacuate the casualties and withdraw. Technician Fifth Grade Martinez and three other men voluntarily and acting on their own initiative moved forward through one hundred and fifty yards of exposed ground toward the enemy lines and working under heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire they evacuated their company commander, who had been mortally wounded, and one other seriously wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Martinez' display of courage and aggressiveness reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Captain Samuel F. Nebel, O517818, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Captain Nebel, an Infantry battalion surgeon, when his battalion aid station was under an intense enemy artillery barrage lasting three hours, and despite closely landing shells and flying shrapnel, completely disregarding his own personal safety, moved from patient to patient giving aid, comfort and encouragement. Captain Nebel's untiring efforts in coordination of the evacuation of the wounded and movement of his aid station forward with the advancing troops displayed aggressive organization and unfaltering devotion to duty.

Private First Class Edwin S. Potter, r., 39701816, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ieyte Island on 21 October 1944. During a heavy enemy artillery barrage, when the Division Command Post was under fire and several casualties occurred, Private First Class Potter left his position of cover and with complete disregard for his own safety, went to the assistance of the wounded men. Finding that there were no aid men or litters in the area, Private First Class Potter voluntarily and on his own initiative ran to the beach where he secured a litter and upon returning to the area under fire, assisted in evacuating the wounded men to the Beach Aid Station. The courage and great devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Potter reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Kurt Ronai, 32968539, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ieyte Island on 11 November 1944. When Private First Class (then Private) Ronai's company was being subjected to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire after having advanced in a clearing which was covered by the enemy on two sides and had suffered heavy casualties, orders were received to evacuate the casualties and withdraw. Private First Class Ronai with three other men voluntarily moved forward one hundred and fifty yards toward the enemy lines and working under heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire evacuated the Company Commander, who was mortally wounded, and another seriously wounded man. Private First Class Ronai's courageous and voluntary actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department 1918), a Silver Star is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lt Edward W. Voit, O117302L, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When the Infantry company to which First Lieutenant Voit was attached as Forward Observer was suddenly pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, which rendered it impossible to advance further without suffering heavy casualties, and was forced to withdraw, he, seeing the seriousness of the situation, remained in his forward position and ascended a near by ridge which was covered by heavy enemy fire, and stood in full view of the enemy, adjusting timely and accurate artillery fire on the enemy, successfully covering the Infantry's withdrawal, which was made with a minimum of casualties. First Lieutenant Voit was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire during the action on the ridge, but he passed the command on to a Forward Observer Sergeant to finish the mission of direct support to the Infantry. The courage and bravery displayed by First Lieutenant Voit at the expense of his own life inspired the entire unit and unquestionably led to the success of its renewed attack. Next of Kin: Mrs Dorothy T. Voit, Wife, 184 Porter Street, Warren, Ohio.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

First Lieutenant John F. Casey, O495574, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an advance upon heavily fortified enemy positions, First Lieutenant Casey, platoon leader in a rifle company, received serious leg wounds from shrapnel while leading the assault through intense enemy mortar and machine gun cross-fire. Despite his painful injuries he refused evacuation and continued to lead his men in the fight to hold the ground they had secured. First Lieutenant Casey's actions instilled in his men the courage to remain in position under terrific mortar, artillery and machine gun fire. When the enemy opposition became too over-powering and a withdrawal was ordered, First Lieutenant Casey, further overlooking his own personal safety, moved about coordinating and directing the withdrawal. His untiring devotion to duty, heroic leadership and complete disregard for personal pain and safety was a great inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Frank E. Christie, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. In an assault on heavily fortified enemy positions on Kakazu Ridge, when his unit was subjected to withering enemy fire which caused many casualties, Private First Class Christie gallantly moved about in the zone of fire which pinned his platoon down and rendered first aid to three men who had been hit by the initial mortar barrage. When another barrage broke within a few feet of him, Private First Class Christie, with complete disregard for his own life, threw his body across one of the casualties to protect him. When, because of the intensity of enemy fire, the unit withdrew, leaving many wounded men behind, Private First Class Christie immediately set about organizing litter squads to rescue the men. Returning to the fire swept field with the litter party, he found the evacuation of the wounded was impossible because of the terrific enemy fire, Private First Class Christie then had the wounded men carried to a position of comparative safety nearby where he cared not only for his own men but also those of other units, until he collapsed from exhaustion. Private First Class Christie's intrepid actions, his profound devotion to duty, and fiery courage saved many lives and will ever serve as an inspiration to the men of the entire command.

Second Lieutenant Philip M. Rubins, 0422373, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Rubins, a forward observer with an Infantry company which was advancing against the enemy when it was subjected to heavy shelling by an enemy 75mm Howitzer causing many casualties and halting the advance, immediately established an observation post on a ridge exposed to the enemy artillery fire to observe and attempt to locate the enemy artillery piece. During his observation the enemy shells landed within twenty yards of him and caused several more casualties, but Second Lieutenant Rubins elected to remain at his post. Having located the enemy position, he found it necessary to stand fully exposed to adjust counter-battery fire on the enemy piece. During the mission, the observation post was heavily shelled and although Second Lieutenant Rubins was seriously wounded, he forced other members of his section to withdraw to comparative safety and despite severe pain and the realization that he faced almost certain death to remain in his position, he continued his fire mission which resulted in the destroying of the enemy artillery piece and enabled the company to advance without heavy casualties. Second Lieutenant Rubins' heroic action and great devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Thomas L. Brown, 38271746, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Brown, in charge of a Forward Observer Section attached to an Infantry Company, was continuously subjected to enemy fire in trying to procure the most advantageous positions from which to observe enemy strongpoints and bring effective artillery fire to bear. It was in the performance of this hazardous task that Staff Sergeant Brown was mortally wounded on 12 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Brown's outstanding qualities of leadership, devotion to duty and supreme sacrifice are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Evelyn V. Brown, Wife, 1511 Ravenna Street, Wilmington, California.

Rec. by Co # 283 June 2, 1945
~~*First Lieutenant Elson C. Daggott, Sr., 0528937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During the assault on White Ridge, First Lieutenant Daggott, a heavy weapons platoon leader, set up his heavy machine gun position in the face of intense enemy sniper fire to support an attacking rifle company. Due to the difficult observation imposed by the irregular terrain surrounding the objective, it became necessary for First Lieutenant Daggott personally to lay the guns of one section on the target and closely supervise the firing of all other guns of his sections. In so doing, he constantly exposed himself to direct enemy small arms fire. As a result of his highly effective supporting fires, the rifle company was able to advance and take the ridge with greater speed. First Lieutenant Daggott's commendable demonstration of skill and aggressive leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Elson C. Daggott, Sr., Father, 1307 NE 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon.~~

Sergeant Roy J. Fried, 38243409, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Fried, radio operator in a forward observer team, upon learning that an officer had been struck down by enemy machine gun fire from an exposed flank, ran from his position of security in a secluded gully, through twenty-five yards of terrain under constant enemy machine gun fire and carried the wounded officer to a position of safety. Sergeant Fried's courageous actions and great devotion to duty saved his superior officer further injury and possible death and exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Beula F. Fried, Wife, 7510 Sherman, Houston, Texas.

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~~* Private First Class James A. Truesdale, 39725033, Infantry, United States Army.~~ For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. When Private First Class Truesdale saw a man who had been seriously wounded by enemy fire and was lying in an area upon which enemy machine guns were firing, he exposed himself to the enemy fire and crawled out into the open field and removed the wounded man over approximately ten yards to a place of comparative security, where he, although still exposed to enemy fire, succeeded in dressing the wound. Private First Class Truesdale's unflinching devotion to duty and his outstanding courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Margaret Truesdale, wife, 5900 1/2 South San Pedro, Los Angeles, California.

SECTION II

AWARD OF A BRONZE STAR MEDAL

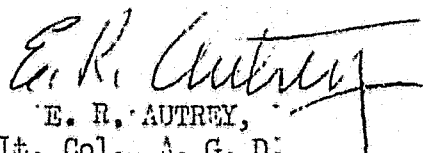
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Technician Fourth Grade John M. Mead, 3723345, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 28 October 1944. Technician Fourth Grade Mead, a radio repairman, during an assault on strongly defended enemy held Catmon Hill, moved to the forward area of his unit, crossing through swamps and numerous rice paddies and through his courage and efficient operation, succeeded in repairing a broken radio, thus enabling his unit to resume vital communications. Technician Fourth Grade Mead's courageous actions in performing a task under constant enemy fire, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

Second Lieutenant James J. Ruth, Jr., O2007400, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Loyto Island on 11 November 1944. Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) Ruth was a member of a company which was out of contact with the enemy and was advancing through heavy jungle growth when they were subjected to machine gun and rifle fire causing several casualties in one platoon and seriously wounding a platoon leader. Second Lieutenant Ruth unhesitatingly and without regard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire and moved his platoon leader to a place of safety. Acting on his own initiative, he immediately assumed command of the situation and, ordering four automatic riflemen to accompany him, he led them in an assault on the enemy position in which he personally killed two of the enemy and was responsible for the liquidation of a machine gun and two enemy riflemen. The initiative and outstanding leadership displayed by Second Lieutenant Ruth is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal George M. Belva, 32675337, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kani Oldinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Corporal, (then Private First Class) Belva, a member of a forward observer party with an Infantry Company, upon learning that a man who had been seriously wounded by enemy mortar fire was lying in an area exposed to constant enemy fire, with utter disregard for his own safety, left his position, and ran approximately two hundred yards through heavy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire and returned with litter bearers and first aid for the wounded man. During the evacuation, Corporal Belva was wounded by mortar fragments. Corporal Belva's devotion to duty and his courageous action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jesse Medrano, 38280401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Medrano, while occupying a foremost position in his units perimeter defense, through his alert and courageous actions foiled an enemy attempt to break through his company lines. Hearing a noise immediately forward of his position, which was the point position in the night perimeter defenses against the enemy, Private First Class Medrano, at great risk to his life, fully exposed himself to bring fire upon the enemy who imperiled the company positions. Private First Class Medrano, with quick thinking, fired on the enemy and killed one officer and six enlisted men who were heavily laden with demolitions. Private First Class Medrano, by his calm courage and profound devotion to duty stopped a potentially destructive enemy force and gave warning to his entire company. Private First Class Medrano's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Santiago A. Obregon, 38254506, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Futema, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When his unit, which was advancing toward the enemy, came under accurate and heavy enemy sniper fire and was pinned down, Private First Class Obregon, in an intrepid and gallant action, moved voluntarily from a position of cover to seek out the enemy force. Having determined the direction of the enemy fire, Private First Class Obregon fearlessly and with utter disregard for his own life, charged forward directly into the hail of enemy fire emanating from well concealed positions. Private First Class Obregon, in a brilliant and courageous action, succeeded in locating and destroying three enemy soldiers and proceeded to search out the area as a security measure thus alleviating the pressure on his unit. As a result of Private First Class Obregon's actions, the entire unit was able to advance and subsequently gain their objective. Private First Class Obregon's courageous action and devotion to duty served as an inspiration for the men of his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant Charles A. Houck, 02012505, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945.

Major Frank C. Mandell, 023234, General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 25 July 1944 to 12 May 1945.

Rec'd by Ho # 306 - June 10, 1945.
~~Private First Class Hubert M. O'Neil, 38316959, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 4 November 1944 to 25 November 1944.~~

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Darwin H. Peterson, 39926053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island c. 9 April 1945. During an assault on heavily fortified enemy held Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Peterson went to the aid of three of his wounded comrades through a hail of enemy machine gun and mortar fire. On reaching the men and finding it impossible to evacuate them at that time, he remained with them and after his unit withdrew, he made three trips through withering enemy fire over three hundred yards of open terrain to remove the men to a pillbox where they would be comparatively safe. With unsurpassed courage, Private First Class Peterson aided in getting the men back to the safety of their unit after darkness had fallen, passing through groups of the enemy force who were all around him and giving the men confidence and inspiration through his gallant actions. Private First Class Peterson's fearless actions were instrumental in saving the lives of three men and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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* Second Lieutenant Atlas B. Windham, Jr., 02012482, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. In preparation for a pre-dawn attack by his company on heavily fortified enemy positions on Kakazu Ridge, Second Lieutenant Windham, a rifle platoon leader, voluntarily reconnoitered for a route through enemy-held territory under cover of darkness and finding a satisfactory route, led his assault company in the attack which was successful in catching the enemy off-guard. Later in the assault, Second Lieutenant Windham received serious wounds in the leg, but despite his painful wound, he remained at the head of his platoon until forced to be evacuated. His utter disregard for his own personal safety and pain, and aggressive and inspiring leadership contributed vastly to the success of his company in accomplishing their mission with the least possible delay and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Charles C. Sheehan, 0443944, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Morris W. Stonecipher, 38376051, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 2 April 1945 to 11 April 1945.

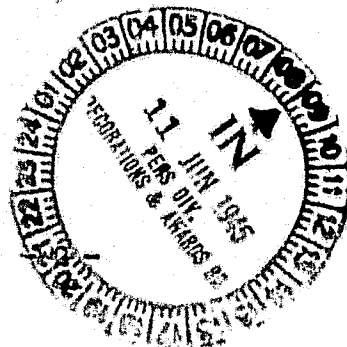
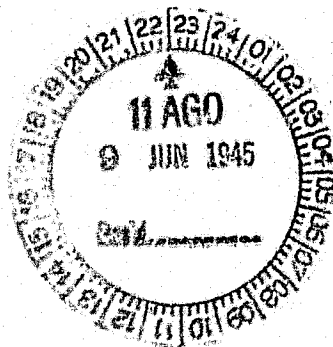
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART I
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Dwayne N. Anderson	39931989	Inf	13 May 45
S Sgt	Charles J. Aquino	36329376	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Richard A. Acklock	16911116	Inf	21 May 45
Pvt	Francis A. Buffert	37753202	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Dwaine J. Agabbe	36911791	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Peter Brady	35311116	Inf	13 May 45
Tec 4	Paul E. Brown	35421338	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Walter B. Brown	35217504	Inf	14 May 45
Sgt	Bearton T. Clark	35315719	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Eugene F. Crawford	39599151	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	William A. Crowl	36315373	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Alfred L. Curtis	35350365	Inf	14 May 45
S Sgt	Marvin G. Daggis	32254790	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Aldo P. D'Agosta	37461594	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Robert L. Deaver	37750342	Inf	13 May 45
Col	Clyde H. Dooley	36293241	FA	17 May 45
1st Lt	Gordon R. Eason	01317154	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Robert W. Faber	37711903	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Clarence U. Winley	38505127	Inf	18 May 45
Pfc	Louis E. Fischer	36316755	Inf	10 May 45
Pvt	Robert E. Gill	16155111	Sig Co	25 May 45
Pfc	Earl J. Giraud	26985703	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Robert F. Howard	15127510	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Warren Jacobs	35903140	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Harold L. Jennings	33572398	Inf	13 May 45
2d Lt	Leon H. Hinn	02012137	Inf	14 May 45
Crb	Carl G. Olson	36638155	Inf	13 May 45
Sgt	Frederick A. Pfeiffer	37527164	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pvt	Gail H. Ridgway	39591193	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Warren J. Schockliner	33701015	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Andrew Schrean	39551110	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Harry Searless	12291072	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Clinton W. Snyder	37121227	Inf	22 May 45
T Sgt	Claude H. Smith	36104009	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Jack W. Spencer	39559103	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Earl H. Stanley	37751140	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Richard C. St. Clair	35939681	Inf	13 May 45

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Pfc	Sterges W. Stergis	36380278	Inf	11 May 45
Pvt	Warren G. Stewart	35635719	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Douglas O. Stockman	38701925	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Leroy J. Van Vark	37691562	Inf	13 May 45
Tec 4	Harry W. Trotter	37229282	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Andrew E. Wargo	33942687	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Albert J. Weir	39480930	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	James A. Weirick	35909658	Inf	21 May 45
S Sgt	Gladstone Wesley	35261665	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	George Wilcox	38300901	Inf	10 May 45
Tec 5	William R. Willkorsen	33661066	Inf	14 May 45

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on dates indicated:

Tec 3	John T. McCarty	36569464	MD	26 Oct 44
Pfc	Ray E. McHobb	38339437	MD	10 Nov 44

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Staff Sergeant Milton C. Bailey, 37313552, Infantry, United States Army, wound 11 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

Private First Class James E. Corley, 38306946, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1944 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 204, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Lewis W. Fulbright, 37314853, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 48, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant James S. Mason, 37315737, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 144, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 April 1945.

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SECTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section III, Article No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act No. 45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Gerald S. Abrego, 20225543, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 18 November 1944. When elements of his battalion were under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire and had sustained heavy casualties, Private First Class Abrego voluntarily left a covered position and moved into the front lines to give covering fire necessary for the successful evacuation of the casualties. With complete knowledge that he was occupying an exposed and vulnerable position, Private First Class Abrego refused to vacate his exposed position and seek cover, but instead he fearlessly returned the enemy fire, enabling litter bearers to successfully evacuate the wounded. Private First Class Abrego continued his heroic performance of duty until he was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. As a result of his heroism, several lives were saved. Private First Class Abrego's courageous actions and great devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mary Pattuy (Mother) Route 4, Summerville, New Jersey.

Sergeant Alvin A. Linder, 37439545, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. When his company was pinned down by enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire which had caused numerous casualties, Sergeant Linder three times voluntarily went forward a distance of one hundred and fifty yards under treacherous fire to evacuate the wounded, stopping at necessary times to return the fire of enemy snipers to whose observation he was exposed. Sergeant Linder's courageous action and devotion to duty was instrumental in saving the lives of several men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Glenola J. Linder (Wife), Rural Route #4, Falls Avenue, Waterloo, Iowa.

Private First Class Eugene V. Ryan, 38293273, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. When Private First Class Ryan's company, which was advancing across a ridge covered with Kuna grass and coconut palms which obstructed observation of enemy movements to the front and on both flanks, was subjected to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire and suffered heavy casualties, they received orders to evacuate their casualties and withdraw. Private First Class Ryan, accompanied by one other man, voluntarily went forward one hundred and fifty yards under heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire and successfully evacuated a man who had been seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position. Private First Class Ryan's fast thinking and courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Helene Ryan, 916 East Magnolia Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

SECTION IIAWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944, (Section II, Title No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AF 68-45 (Instructions), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, AF 68-45, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Private First Class Victor Archede, 37417310, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 October 1944. When his platoon had advanced dangerously close to supporting Naval gunfire which was directed by air observers and the situation became untenable, Private First Class Archede voluntarily crossed open ground to display the air panels necessary for readjustment of the fire. During the action Private First Class Archede was under both enemy sniper fire and the bulk of the supporting Naval gunfire. By his heroic action, Private First Class Archede succeeded in having the gunfire lifted, this allowing his platoon to advance upon their objective.

Staff Sergeant George W. Farmer, 37451733, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. Staff Sergeant Farmer was a member of a company which, while advancing through hazardous jungle terrain, came under flanking and frontal fire from enemy machine guns, mortars and rifles. Heavy casualties were inflicted by the enemy fire and the company was ordered to evacuate all casualties and withdraw. Staff Sergeant Farmer, on the extreme left flank, seeing one of his men was seriously wounded and in an exposed position made his way to the exposed position and moved the wounded man to a place of partial concealment, remaining with him and delivering covering fire for half an hour in the face of heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire until medical aid men could evacuate him. The gallantry and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Farmer saved the life of the wounded man and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department 1918), a Silver Star is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

Major Sanford J. Fencil, 0376708, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Leyte Island from 28 October 1944 to 13 January 1945. Major Fencil, a Battalion Executive Officer, through his expeditious and efficient handling of the plans of his battalion, was largely responsible for the successful outcome of the battalion's encounters with the enemy. Major Fencil, on numerous occasions, accompanied forward elements of his unit on their missions, assisting in coordinating the attacks and in keeping reserve troops in proper supporting positions. At one time when strong enemy resistance was met, Major Fencil organized two companies to protect a flank of an adjoining regiment. Major Fencil successfully controlled fire of his unit during the ensuing action, from an observation post under constant enemy fire. When artillery fire fell short of its target on the same day, Major Fencil went forward at great risk to his own life to within one hundred yards of where the shells were bursting and adjusted the fire on enemy positions. Major Fencil supervised his battalions supply under extremely adverse conditions of weather and terrain and at all times displayed qualities of leadership that were outstanding and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Sanford J. Fencil, Wife, Marshall, Wisconsin.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Private First Class William H. Filter, 36814326, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. Private First Class Filter's company was in an advance across an enemy held ridge which was so covered with coconut palms and Kuna grass that it was impossible to observe the actions of the enemy in the front and on the flanks, when it was subjected to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire causing heavy casualties. When orders were

received to evacuate all casualties and withdraw, Private First Class Filter and one other man voluntarily went forward one hundred and fifty yards under heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire to an exposed position and successfully evacuated a seriously wounded man. Private First Class Filter's heroic actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Edward A. Johnson, 32657333, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. When his company which was making an assault on an enemy held ridge, was pinned down by enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which caused heavy casualties, Private First Class Johnson, a member of a supporting platoon which was still under cover, voluntarily went forward for a distance of one hundred and fifty yards under the constant fire to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. Private First Class Johnson's courageous action contributed greatly to saving several men's lives and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John W. Kegg, 36319906, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 12 November 1944. During the attack on strongly defended Maulangan Ridge, Private First Class Kegg, a lead scout in a rifle platoon, came under intense enemy fire and was wounded. He continued returning fire on the enemy position, refusing to be evacuated until he had pointed out the enemy's location to his squad leader. Private First Class Kegg's heroic action caused the enemy to be eliminated and inspired the other members of his squad on to a successful completion of their mission. Private First Class Kegg's courage and great devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward Schwartz, 31341412, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 November 1944. When Private First Class Schwartz platoon encountered heavy automatic weapons crossfire from well concealed enemy positions and was compelled to withdraw from an attack, it was discovered that two men had been left behind. Fully cognizant of the dangers involved, and despite the platoon leader's assertion that it was impossible to do so, Private First Class Schwartz with two other men advanced to the area of action and crossed the field of fire of the enemy machine guns where he found the two men to be casualties and pronounced them dead. Private First Class Schwartz's courageous actions and great devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 11, War Relocation Authority Act, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act No. 100 of (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 August 1944, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class James C. Thompson, 38301567, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 12 November 1944. During the evacuation of casualties received when his unit was subjected to intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire prior to an attack on Maulangan Hill, when litter parties were pinned down by the enemy, Private First Class Thompson voluntarily moved into an exposed position and fired into the sector where the enemy were concealed to detract fire from the litter party. Private First Class Thompson effectively covered the removal of the wounded for a period of two hours during which time all casualties were successfully evacuated. Private First Class Thompson's courage and aggressive action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Arthur H. Bauer, 01288422, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 28 October 1944 to 18 January 1945.

Captain John E. Byers, 01286504, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hitmonog, Leyte Island on 27 November 1944.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade John P. McTully, W2120751, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 1 February 1945 to 25 May 1945.

Captain John J. McGoness, 0413766, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 April 1945.

Captain Charles R. Thom, 0406450, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 18 January 1945.

SECTION II

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders No. 272, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 May 1945 as pertains to Captain Robert D. Kennedy, 01010432, Infantry (Armored Force), is hereby rescinded.

2. So much of General Orders No. 243, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945 as pertains to Private First Class Donald F. Koebbe, 36471896, Infantry is hereby rescinded.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Officer per Section II, General Orders No. 213, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Captain Robert D. Kennedy, 01010432, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. In the attaining of valuable ground just south of Needle Point Ridge, Captain Kennedy, Tank Company Commander of a unit operating forward of the Infantry, displayed superior leadership by seeking and maintaining a highly exposed point from which he personally directed the forward action of his tanks. Although continually under heavy artillery and mortar fire, and at all times exposed to enemy observation and sniper fire, Captain Kennedy remained at his dismounted post and with complete disregard for his own safety, guided the movement of the tanks which were working in treacherous terrain that was ridged and land blocked to such an extent that the tank commanders were practically without vision. By establishing himself in the forward lines of friendly Infantry and personally directing his units from his highly vulnerable position, Captain Kennedy was largely responsible for the success of the attack. His cool and outstanding efforts were an inspiration to his men. Captain Kennedy's courageous actions and great devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders No. 257, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945, as pertains to Technician Fourth Grade Beaumont L. Wood, 38081070, is hereby rescinded.
2. So much of General Orders No. 276, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 31 May 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Elson C. Daggett, Jr., 0528937, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Elson C. Daggett, Jr., 0528937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. During the assault on White Ridge, First Lieutenant Daggett, a heavy weapons platoon leader, set up his heavy machine gun section in the face of intense enemy sniper fire to support an attacking rifle company. Due to the difficult observation imposed by the irregular terrain surrounding the objective, it became necessary for First Lieutenant Daggett personally to lay the guns of one section on the target and closely supervise the firing of all other guns of his sections. In so doing, he constantly exposed himself to direct enemy small arms fire. As a result of his highly effective supporting fires, the rifle company was able to advance and take the ridge with greater speed. First Lieutenant Daggett's commendable demonstration of skill and aggressive leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Elson C. Daggett, Sr., Father, 1307 NE 21st Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Richard L. Cartwright, 36273295, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Okinawa Island, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his squad located an enemy 210mm mortar emplacement and a machine gun which the enemy had succeeded in setting up during an attack. Private First Class Cartwright, although having been seriously wounded in both legs by an enemy mortar burst, maintained a continuous fire and in the course of the engagement, personally killed eleven of the enemy and helped knock out two enemy mortars and a heavy machine gun. Private First Class Cartwright's aggressiveness, fighting spirit, gallantry and devotion to comrades and duty were a source of inspiration to all the men of his unit. His feats undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and contributed greatly to the success of his unit's mission.

SECTION IV

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

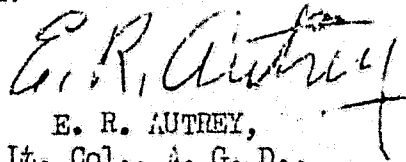
1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to Technician Fourth Grade Beaumont Hood, 38081071, DEML, per General Orders unknown, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island, on 6 April 1945.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to Technician Fourth Grade Beaumont Hood, 38081071, DEML, per General Orders unknown, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division for wounds received in action against the enemy near Kanilau, Okinawa Island, on 20 April 1945.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART I
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Benjamin F. Adams	38228761	MD	26 May 45
Pfc	Nelson L. Beneze	36915585	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Billie W. Clark	34629795	MD	26 May 45
Pfc	Harry E. Blush	39595704	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Anthony J. Pucciero	36861001	MD	26 May 45
Tec 4	Lowell R. Butler	35540225	MD	26 May 45
Pfc	Edgar R. Cansler	38335252	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Roland Chesbrough	39591067	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Merle B. Conrad	35937279	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Abbie Cormier	38617000	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Edward S. Critzer	38359105	Inf	14 May 45
Tec 5	Frank B. Gullivan	37227940	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	William C. Downs	33572231	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Raymond O. Dykes	34977492	Inf	21 Apr 45
S Sgt	Charles A. Fee	18214488	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Buster K. Greenwood	38271784	MD	26 May 45
Pfc	Edgar Gumm	37540609	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Overboy M. Hobbs	38632500	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Merle Hogg	39345701	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Edgar H. Hughson	19002026	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Etholbert F. Hunter	37317476	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Donald M. Krobs	35238852	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Stuart A. Lindman	17114672	MD	26 May 45
Pfc	Joseph B. Manchaca	33481209	Inf	13 May 45
1st Lt	George L. Marquis	01314805	Inf	1 Apr 45
T Sgt	William A. McIntire	34524512	Inf	21 Apr 45
T Sgt	John A. Marrah, Jr.	38231786	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Anthony F. Pelerossi	38744656	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Tony Quijano	39563254	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Kenneth A. Richards	31102387	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Robert E. Rodgers	38608155	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Ralph S. Ross	44015990	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Sebern M. Watley	38300132	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward Sharp, Jr.	38582812	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Lawrence H. Sharper	32773203	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	James N. Shoults	37990863	MD	26 May 45
Pfc	Carl H. Strauss	37345395	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Fredrick H. Thompson	6793896	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Matthew A. Vogel	32513071	Inf	13 May 45

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Pvt	James H. Waller, Jr.	39590948	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	George H. Zeff	364,4858	Inf	20 May 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Winfred R. Kirkman, 3435292, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 42, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 December 1944.

Sergeant Fredrick A. Pfeiffer, 37627461, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 near Ouki, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 279, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 June 1945.

Private First Class Donald R. Seymour, 35093802, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

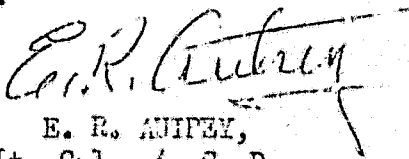
First Lieutenant Russell K. Sigler, 01324584, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 10, Headquarters 27th General Hospital, 9 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant David G. Watson, 36533802, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 47, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II

SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Staff Sergeant Clyde E. Fore, 16036289, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 November 1944. When Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Fore's platoon encountered intense enemy automatic weapons cross-fire from concealed positions, and in withdrawing was forced to leave several casualties behind, Staff Sergeant Fore, then a rifleman, voluntarily returned to the scene of action to assist the company aid man in locating the casualties and to give the aid man protection. Although he was forced to crawl to within twenty-five yards of an enemy machine gun, he did it with such skill and fortitude that he was not detected by the enemy and succeeded in locating the casualties. Next of Kin: Mary E. Fore, Mother, Route 2, Atlanta, Georgia.

Staff Sergeant William J. Thurstin, 33255834, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 November 1944. When his company was making an attack on strong enemy positions, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Thurstin, who was a light machine gun section leader, attached to a reserve platoon, upon hearing a slight sound to the rear of the company position and upon investigating, discovered, and without regard for his own safety, moved in quickly and killed three of the enemy who were in the act of setting up a heavy machine gun. Staff Sergeant Thurstin by his quick and courageous actions, averted a possible catastrophe and prevented many casualties in his unit. Next of Kin: Glenna Thurstin, Mother, Curwensville, Pennsylvania.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Men per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

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Technician Fifth Grade Bernard Konofsky, 16119937, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Konofsky, a member of a litter squad, without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety, repeatedly went in and out of the zone of fire evacuating casualties of a rifle company to which he was attached when it suffered heavy casualties from enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Technician Fifth Grade Konofsky's courageous actions and untiring efforts were instrumental in saving the lives of many men. Previous award per General Orders No. 60, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

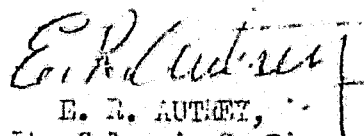
Private First Class Richard L. Leatherman, 35049821, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Leatherman, a member of a litter squad, with utter disregard for his own safety and at great risk to his own life, repeatedly went in and out of the zone of fire evacuating the wounded of a rifle company suffering many casualties from a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Leatherman, through his courageous actions, was instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded men. Previous award per General Orders No. 60, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

Private First Class Ira L. Walla, 17150909, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. During an assault on Cactus Ridge when his company suffered heavy casualties from enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Walla, a member of a litter squad, with total disregard for his own personal safety, went in and out of the zone of fire many times and unhesitatingly assisted in evacuating casualties. Due to the courage and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class Walla, the lives of many men were saved. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Beauford T. Anderson, 36. 2960, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 28 October 1944. Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Anderson, a mortar section leader in a rifle company, when his company was engaged in an attack on strongly defended enemy held Catmon Hill, and one of the rifle platoon leaders was seriously wounded and another man was also wounded when he attempted to render first aid to the officer, unmindful of the danger involved, crossed fifty yards of terrain under enemy observation and intense fire and rescued the two wounded men from the scene of action, removing them to an area of comparative safety where he administered first aid until litter bearers arrived. Staff Sergeant Anderson's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Ollie. B. Anderson, 33309251, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When an enemy rocket bomb fell among the Infantry troops in a forward area and buried several men, Technician Fifth Grade Anderson, a litter bearer, totally disregarding his own safety, voluntarily rushed to their aid. Aided by one other man, Technician Fifth Grade Anderson succeeded in reviving one of the injured by artificial respiration, and then continued his efforts despite the danger of enemy artillery, assisting in the evacuation of the other wounded men. The courage and quick thinking displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Anderson in going to the aid of the injured served as an inspiration to all who witnessed the action and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Lazaro A. Bahena, 39151761, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 5 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Bahena's untiring efforts, calm courage under fire and his pure and devoted duty have been instrumental in his unit's successes against the enemy. During the battle for Catmon Hill on Leyte, Staff Sergeant Bahena moved continuously through enemy sniper fire to bring much needed supplies forward to his unit, and in the Okinawa campaign, he not only supervised but helped carry water, ammunition and rations to the most forward elements of his unit. On one occasion when ammunition and water were seriously needed in the forward elements and an enemy machine gun nest and a group of enemy snipers harassed the supply train, inflicting heavy casualties, Staff Sergeant Bahena fearlessly and without regard for his own life, moved across open terrain in order to bring the enemy fire down on himself and thus enable the supply train to move forward. Staff Sergeant Bahena's untiring efforts in supplying his men contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit in combat and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Brazeal, 37392741, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Hamilton M. Cosnhan, 38282256, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 12 April 1945 to 25 April 1945.

First Sergeant Fay Fuller, 6293421, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Douglas J. Grunenwald, 36272434, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 January 1945.

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~~Technician Fifth Grade Lorraine C. Sharp, 36430286, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.~~

First Lieutenant Stanley P. Smith, 0374362, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 January 1945.

First Lieutenant James H. Sutton, 01308019, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 26 October 1944 to 18 January 1945.

First Lieutenant Thomas E. Sweeney, Jr., 01319235, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 November 1944.

First Sergeant Pat Vassallo, 6527212, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 3 December 1944.

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AWARD OF DISTINGUISHED
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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Paragraph No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Robert G. Bryson, 39101064, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hitmonog, Leyte Island on 24 November 1944. During the advance of his unit toward Mount Lobi over difficult terrain which was strongly defended by the enemy, Private First Class Bryson, a rifle company aid man, braved heavy enemy machine gun fire and crawled to within fifteen yards of an enemy position to render first aid to two seriously wounded men. Private First Class Bryson's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Chester R. Carr, 37132097, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 5 May 1945. Sergeant Carr, a tank commander by his industriousness and control of his tank and crew, was of invaluable aid to his platoon which was in support of an Infantry company's advance. On one occasion Sergeant Carr moved his tank into a forward position exposing it to heavy anti-tank fire to provide the necessary protective fire to cover the evacuation of his wound platoon leader from another tank. On 19 April 1945, Sergeant Carr, after observing that his platoon leader's tank was immobilized, moved his tank alongside to enable the platoon leader to use his tank for the control of the platoon. Sergeant Carr dismounted from his tank and while exposed to enemy fire, guided the remainder of the platoon past the disabled tank. He remained dismounted to effect the necessary repairs. Sergeant Carr's devotion to duty was a continual inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Mark R. Cauffman, 37586473, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945. Private First Class Cauffman a radio operator in a Field Artillery Forward Observer Section attached to an Infantry Company, during heavy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, when the section was forced to fall back to a safe position, went back through the intense enemy fire and retrieved the radio which enabled the forward observer to call for artillery fire which effectively destroyed the positions of the enemy and relieved the pressure on the Infantry Company. Private First Class Cauffman displayed great courage and initiative at all times. His complete disregard for self preservation and his constant courageous actions aided his section to operate efficiently and were an inspiration to the men who worked with him.

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Private First Class Walter H. Gray, 33328826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chatan, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. When his squad was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, and a man lay wounded some fifty yards to the front, Private First Class Gray, with complete disregard for his own safety, crawled out to the man where he rendered temporary first aid and carried him back to the safety of his unit's lines. Private First Class Gray's courageous action undoubtedly saved the wounded man's life. Private First Class Gray's heroism and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private George W. Harris, 34891089, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private Harris, with profound devotion to duty, labored amongst the numerous wounded which his unit suffered during an attack against the enemy in the vicinity ofactus Ridge, and although working at all times under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, his unflinching courage and devout attention to duty, enabled him to successfully evacuate many of the wounded men of his unit. Through his untiring efforts as litter bearer, many lives were saved. Private Harris' every action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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*Private First Class William Horn, 20261179, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Horn, a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observer Section, working with a front line Infantry Company, when the unit with which he was working was understrength due to previous casualties and which was subjected to an enemy counter-attack and was in a dangerous position, realizing the seriousness of the situation, left his position of comparative safety and exposed himself to enemy fire in order to take his place on the line as a rifleman. Although unfamiliar with Infantry weapons and tactics, he remained on the line for over an hour until the attack was repulsed and the ground held. Private First Class Horn accounted for many enemy casualties and was of great material aid in the successful repulsion of the enemy force. Private First Class Horn's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class George A. Johns, 38329740, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When the Infantry Company to which he was attached as a litter bearer was forced to make a temporary withdrawal and left a badly wounded man straggling from the front lines, Private First Class Johns, disregarding his own safety, volunteered to help evacuate him. Crawling forward, despite heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Johns reached the wounded man and assisted by one other man was able to evacuate him by making a series of short dashes over ground under constant enemy fire. The heroism displayed by Private First Class Johns in going forward of the front lines to the aid of the wounded man is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Ward L. Johnson, Jr., 36829211, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hitmonog, Leyte Island on 21 November 1944. Private First Class Johnson, a light machine gunner, was firing his machine gun with great intensity at three enemy heavy machine gun positions which had pinned down one of the front line Infantry platoons, when a round from an 81mm mortar fell short and landed under the barrel jacket of his machine gun, knocking it over. Without thought of his own personal danger from the enemy fire and the white phosphorous from the mortar round, Private First Class Johnson immediately uprighted his gun and resumed firing on the enemy positions. His heroic act made it possible for the platoon which was pinned down, to safely withdraw without casualties and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Jurak, 16141513, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 6 November 1944 and 26 November 1944. When a member of his squad was hit by enemy sniper fire during an advance near Hitmonog, Staff Sergeant Jurak fearlessly ran forward into an exposed area and removed the wounded man to a covered spot and immediately administered first aid in the absence of an aid man. On 26 November 1944 when his squad was under intense machine gun fire, he, with utter disregard for his own safety, dashed to a wounded BAR man, who had been firing on an enemy position, and, seizing the weapon, boldly and effectively fired on the enemy location until it was silenced. Staff Sergeant Jurak's courage under fire and his quick thinking and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technical Sergeant Alejandro V. Lopez, 39001214, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 22 November 1944. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire and his leading scout was seriously wounded and was lying in an exposed area forward of the front lines, Technical Sergeant Lopez, in view of the enemy, crawled out and succeeded in bringing him back to his own lines where he treated his wounds until the aid man arrived. He then improvised a litter of poles and fatigues jackets and supervised the evacuation. As a consequence of his prompt, cool, heroic actions, he undoubtedly saved the life of his scout and served as an inspiring force to the men under his command.

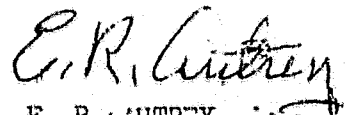
Private First Class Richard I. Lopshire, 37435377, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 November 1944 and 26 November 1944. Private First Class Lopshire, while on a reconnaissance patrol through enemy held territory, skillfully and successfully stalked and disposed of three enemy soldiers and later in the same day, he showed great courage and ability in assisting in flushing out and killing seven more of the enemy. On 26 November 1944, when he was seriously wounded while acting as leading scout, he maintained his composure and showed great coolness and courage in withdrawing unaided to his own lines, refusing to jeopardize the lives of his fellow soldiers. As a result of his heroic actions, Private First Class Lopshire was instrumental in the successful accomplishment of his unit's mission.

Private First Class Edward A. Martin, 36404120, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 30 November 1944. When his platoon ran into an enemy ambush of one light and one heavy machine gun, two men were seriously wounded and the platoon was pinned down by the intensity of the enemy fire, Private First Class Martin crawled forward to within twenty-five yards of the enemy position and with his automatic rifle, knocked out one machine gun and rendered the other one inaccurate in its fire. Private First Class Martin's act of great courage made it possible for the platoon to move forward to successfully eliminate the entire enemy force and to evacuate the two wounded men without further casualties.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technical Sergeant D. W. Mayes, 20740767, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 29 November 1944. When his rifle company came under intense enemy mortar fire in its move forward, Technical Sergeant Mayes, a weapons platoon leader, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety, ran forward to direct the mortar fire of his platoon. Although wounded in the back while moving to his forward position, Technical Sergeant Mayes continued to direct fire accurately and bravely until the enemy position was neutralized. Technical Sergeant Mayes' outstanding ability as a cool, courageous leader was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private Richard H. Meyer, 42035917, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private Meyer, a member of a litter squad, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, repeatedly and without hesitation went in and out of the zone of fire evacuating casualties of a rifle company suffering casualties from heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Due to the courageous and untiring efforts of Private Meyer, the lives of many men were saved and the company, confident that the casualties were taken care of, continued on the assault of an enemy-held ridge.

Private First Class Clifford V. Rex, 39621303, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When several Infantrymen were buried by an enemy rocket bomb during a heavy barrage, Private First Class Rex, a litter bearer, completely disregarded his own safety, and voluntarily rushed to their aid, where he assisted in digging the injured out and in the successful revival of one man by artificial respiration. Despite the danger from the enemy artillery, Private First Class Rex remained in the area and continued to assist in the evacuation of the other wounded men. Private First Class Rex's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul A. Ronco, 39344190, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an attack by his unit on heavily fortified enemy-held Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Ronco, who was one of the first men to reach the top of the ridge, stopped and rendered first aid to a man who had been wounded while clearing an enemy pillbox, and when the enemy started a fierce counter-attack, Private First Class Ronco voluntarily returned down the ridge to bring up a supporting platoon. When the unit withdrew before the support was able to reach them, Private First Class Ronco took up a position to the front of his unit and gave covering fire to the withdrawal, continually exposing himself to murderous enemy fire. After the last of the Company had withdrawn to a position of comparative safety, Private First Class Ronco, seeing another wounded man, gave aid to him and then, when subjected to heavy enemy fire, carried him to cover in a cave from which he successfully evacuated him after dark. The continued devotion to duty, unsurpassed courage, and bravery displayed by Private First Class Ronco will ever serve as an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert M. Taylor, 37522461, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When a temporary withdrawal of an Infantry unit which had met heavy enemy opposition resulted in the leaving behind of a badly wounded soldier who lay in an area exposed to heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Taylor, a litter bearer, without regard for his own safety, volunteered to go to his aid. Crawling forward over fifty yards through gullies and underbrush, under constant enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Taylor reached the wounded man, administered first aid, and by half carrying and half dragging him, brought him back to his unit's lines. Private First Class Taylor's courageous action under fire and his complete disregard for his own safety is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

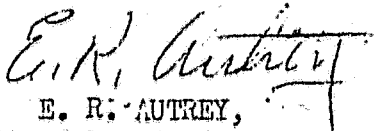
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man, per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on date indicated:

Private First Class William J. Cobb, 16145366, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 26 May 1945 near Kashukai, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 169, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class John R. Curns, 36680079, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Loyte Island on 21 November 1944. When one of the men of his platoon was seriously wounded while approaching a well concealed enemy machine gun position, Private First Class Curns seeing that the man was in danger of being killed unless he was removed from the line of fire, crawled forward with utter disregard for his own safety and at great risk to his own life and under heavy enemy machine gun fire, removed the wounded man to a position of safety and successfully administered first aid. Private First Class Curn's heroic act reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Delbert E. Grecian, 37435349, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Loyte Island on 5 November 1944. When the reconnaissance patrol for which he was a runner, ran into heavy enemy fire behind the enemy lines and one of the men was wounded and in a position from which he could not be evacuated due to the intensity of the enemy fire; Private First Class Grecian, who had also been wounded in the head and shoulders, voluntarily crawled from his covered position and despite the pain of his untreated wounds removed the wounded man seventy five yards to a position of safety. Private First Class Grecian's courageous actions and his willingness to place the welfare of his comrade above his own is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade James M. Lyons, 39453124, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. On several occasions when the command post of the regiment to which he was attached suffered intensive bombardment by enemy artillery fire, Technician Fourth Grade Lyons, a radio operator, aided in the maintenance of air-ground communications with every evidence of coolness and courage. On 18 April 1945 while under enemy sniper and artillery fire, Technician Fourth Grade Lyons assisted in the execution of an air mission for one of the battalions and in the knowledge that continuance of air-ground communication was essential for the successful completion of the mission, remained at his post in order to transmit information relayed from the observation post. Technician Fourth Grade Lyons' coolness and courage under circumstances extremely hazardous to his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Charles V. Reynolds, 38319965, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 24 November 1944. Private First Class Reynolds, a rifleman, during an assault on an enemy force which was in an entrenched and well camouflaged position, advanced by a series of bold rushes to the front of his squad and delivered such effective fire on the enemy that they were driven from their holes. Private First Class Reynolds then killed two of the enemy with a hand grenade and disclosed the presence of a third who was immediately disposed of by the squad which was thus enabled to continue its advance. Private First Class Reynolds' aggressive and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Harry H. Schmitt, 33541198, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hito Bay, Leyte Island on 25 November 1944. When the reinforced platoon of which he was a member was pinned down by two enemy heavy machine guns attacking an enemy force holding out in a native hut, Private First Class Schmitt voluntarily moved forward for ten yards where he was exposed to enemy fire, and firing his mortar single-handedly, eliminated one of the enemy guns. Through Private First Class Schmitt's display of courage and aggressiveness, eight of the enemy force were killed and the platoon was enabled to withdraw for a new attack.

Private First Class Augustino H. Sierra, 38254463, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 6 November 1944. During an advance by his platoon through thick jungle grass, when an enemy force opened up with machine guns and mortars from concealed positions and heavy casualties occurred, Private First Class Sierra, learning that the radio would not operate, voluntarily withdrew across open terrain under withering enemy machine gun and mortar fire and reported the situation to his Company Commander who was thus able to adjust effective fire on the enemy positions, and allow the platoon to withdraw without further casualties. Private First Class Sierra's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Thomas A. Jenkins, 39465096, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hitomog, Leyte Island on 2 December 1944. During an attack by his company on a strong enemy position, Private First Class Jenkins, acting as mortar observer, crawled to within twenty five yards of an enemy machine gun and from that position successfully directed mortar fire which succeeded in pinning the enemy down, thus enabling riflemen to advance and wipe out the enemy position.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal Norman W. Bergman, 32474554, Air Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. When the command post of the regiment to which he was attached was brought under intensive and accurate enemy artillery fire on frequent occasions, Corporal Bergman, a radio operator, maintained or assisted in the maintenance of ground-air communications with every evidence of courage and steadiness under extremely close fire. On three occasions, with the operator-mechanic, Corporal Bergman was at his post while the radio jeep or portions of the radio housing were struck by fragments of shrapnel from artillery bursting within the area. At all times, under conditions of hazard and severe strain, Corporal Bergman maintained an attitude of calmness and courageous indifference to his personal safety. His personal attitude and the thoroughness of his work under trying conditions were contributing factors to the maintenance of continuous communication throughout the period and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technical Sergeant Charles H. McCartney, 16063324, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Joseph E. Pugh, 02012613, Adjutant General's Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 25 May 1945.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following, named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 287, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 June 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Walter H. Gray, 38328826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit was subjected to a heavy barrage of enemy high-angle fire for a period of ten hours, and to numerous enemy counter-attacks, Private First Class Gray with complete disregard for his own safety, went from man to man cheerfully restoring morale and fighting spirit. It was largely due to his efforts that the men remained in position and were able to turn back a strong enemy counter-attack. On several occasions, Private First Class Gray exposed himself to heavy enemy fire in order to bring aid and comfort to those men of his squad who had been wounded. Later in the day, when a lack of ammunition and manpower necessitated a withdrawal, Private First Class Gray aided materially in the organization and evacuation of the wounded. Private First Class Gray's great devotion to duty and comrades and his courage under fire were a source of inspiration to the men of his unit.

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