

gunning to fall upon the troops, inflicting heavy losses. From his position, Captain Luter observed one of the cleverly concealed and camouflaged enemy 75mm guns and directed neutralizing machine gun fire upon it. Realizing that heavier weapons than those at his command would be required, he, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left his covered position and made a daring run across fifty yards of open terrain, exposed to direct enemy fire and observation, to contact a 37mm gun crew. He personally directed the fire of the gun against the enemy position and successfully knocked it out of action thus enabling the assault troops to continue. Captain Luter's unfaltering devotion to duty, aggressive and inspiring actions, and personal courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant John R. Miller, 38300932, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Chiyunna, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Miller's company was preparing its night perimeter of defense when it was brought under heavy enemy artillery fire. The artillery landed in Staff Sergeant Miller's platoon area, causing five casualties within the platoon. Although Staff Sergeant Miller was twice knocked off his feet by the enemy fire, he voluntarily exposed himself to assist the platoon sergeant in the evacuation of the five wounded men. Crossing open terrain fully exposed to enemy fire and observation, they succeeded in removing all of the men to the aid station. Staff Sergeant Miller's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Page, 37318318, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Page's squad occupied the foremost position and bore the brunt of an attack on a heavily fortified enemy hold ridge and when he saw an enemy counterattack forming, he continually went up and down the line directing the fire of his squad. He personally, from an exposed position, directed the fire of his automatic weapons on two enemy mortar positions, knocking them out. Staff Sergeant Page's courageous actions under fire were of material aid in the repulse of the enemy attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

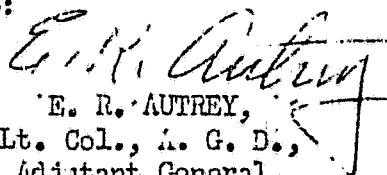
Sergeant Albert F. Bayley, 38272565, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 May 1945.

Master Sergeant Raymond A. Pippin, 20400461, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 18 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 1943; (see also II, 1, 11, 1943, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority conferred in War Department General Order, 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 23 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Kenneth G. Perry, 3937038, 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 Perry, ammunition bearer for a mortar squad, stayed out with his unit in the attack on Kakazu Ridge in the capacity of a rifleman. The approach to the hill became very costly and a withdrawal was necessary but rather than withdraw with his unit, Private First Class Perry upon his own volition remained with the wounded and although he was under a constant hail of enemy fire, he remained cool and steadfast, and personally saw that all casualties were evacuated before leaving the area. Private First Class Perry's courageous actions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Herman A. Polenz, 39595685, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Early in the morning of our attack upon Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Polenz was shot at by an enemy sniper. He noticed where the shot came from and on his own initiative took out after him. He crawled for some three hundred yards and was successful in killing the sniper. Looking about him, he found that he had become isolated from his company and was deep within the enemy lines. His presence was soon discovered by the Japanese and he shortly thereafter received heavy sniper and machine gun fire, but he managed to successfully dodge the bullets and remained within the enemy lines all that day and night and began to make his way back to our lines by early morning. An enemy mortar crew discovered him walking in their midst, but again he escaped, but this time he found it necessary to swing wide to the right and to travel along the seawall on the far west coast of the island. For two days he traveled thusly, until finally found by our troops. When he returned to his company, he was able to give valuable information as to the location of enemy gun positions which aided greatly in the ultimate capture of Kakazu Ridge. Private First Class Polenz's perseverance, initiative, courage, and great physical stamina reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John A. Pope, 12225706, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Seeing a position about 100 yards to his right front from which he could more advantageously offer defensive protection against the enemy installations, Private First Class Pope moved his squad across the open terrain under heavy enemy fire. The new position was easily observed by the enemy, and as a result drew heavy enemy fire, but Private First Class Pope remained steadfast and was constantly exposed while directing the fire of his gun.

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Shortly after he moved his squad to the new position, the enemy attempted a counterattack, but as a result of having moved his position, Private First Class Pope was able to bring flanking fire on the enemy and the counterattack was easily repulsed.

Private First Class Norman J. Poshusta, 37439767, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit was cut off from all friendly troops and was subjected to a barrage of murderous enemy high angle fire from encircling positions, Private First Class Poshusta held his position for ten hours and maintained communications with higher echelons. When it became necessary for his unit to withdraw, Private First Class Poshusta, acting on his own initiative, ordered and directed the fire of artillery smoke shells, thus enabling the safe evacuation of the wounded and the successful withdrawal of the troops. Private First Class Poshusta's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

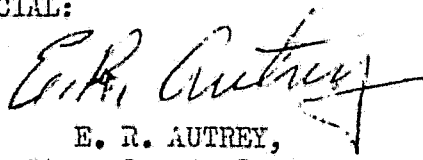
Private First Class Loren A. Redman, 37233384, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 29 and 30 April 1945. The night positions occupied by Private First Class Redman's squad were hazardous and exposed, but very essential, for here was the company's key resistance point, on the highest spot on the ridge. During the night there were repeated attempts by the enemy to gain admittance into the company perimeter, but the attempts were all suppressed due to the alertness of Private First Class Redman. During the early morning, Private First Class Redman exposed himself to enemy fire in order that he might direct the fire of his squad upon an enemy knee mortar which he had discovered. Private First Class Redman's initiative, aggressiveness, and courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant William T. Stonebarger, 38319073, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Stonebarger voluntarily led a tank company which was supporting his battalion, through a draw which was open to enemy observation and covered by enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to a position from which they could fire upon enemy pillboxes which were holding up the advance of the battalion. As a result of Staff Sergeant Stonebarger's action several enemy pillboxes were knocked out. In the subsequent fire fight, Staff Sergeant Stonebarger was wounded. His heroic action 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. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section III, Paragraph No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Revisions), 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 Juan P. Sanchez, 38254491, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When a fellow member of his platoon fell wounded into a position exposed to enemy machine gun fire while his platoon was on a patrol into enemy territory, Private First Class Sanchez, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled forward in the face of enemy fire and, unaided, evacuated his wounded comrade to a position of safety. Private First Class Sanchez's heroic act and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Woodrow Shultz, 37390973, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Shultz, at great risk to his life, courageously moved forward under heavy enemy fire, when the unit to which he was attached, was pinned down and reconnoitered for positions which would enable his platoon to bring a maximum of fire down on the enemy. After finding suitable positions, he moved his entire group forward over a safe route and placed a withering fire on the enemy, thus enabling the troops to advance, and subsequently take their objective. Staff Sergeant Shultz' exemplary courage and bravery in the face of heavy enemy fire, served as an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas G. Silvey, 37640279, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Upon reaching the crest of Kakazu Ridge early in the morning, Private First Class Silvey noticed enemy activity in a cave some two hundred yards to his front. He immediately put fire upon the cave and five of the occupants came running out. As soon as they evacuated the position, Private First Class Silvey opened fire again and killed all five of them. Later in the day, the fire from his BAR was in a large degree, responsible for the repulse of a strong enemy counterattack. Such later, when it became expedient that his unit withdraw, Private First Class Silvey aided immeasurably in the treatment and evacuation of the wounded. His steadfastness, dexterity with his weapon, aggressiveness and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Robert L. Simpson, 38292726, Infantry, United States Army For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. During an attack on a heavily fortified enemy position, Private First Class Simpson, a light machine gun section messenger, voluntarily and at great risk of his own life, went back over two hundred yards of open terrain through withering machine gun fire to bring up the supporting weapons of the company when our advance was halted by heavy machine gun fire. He later volunteered to go forward and locate the enemy guns that were holding up the advance of the company. During his reconnaissance, he was continually under enemy mortar and machine gun fire, but with the information gained, he was able to direct fire upon the enemy positions and make it possible for his company to continue its advance. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Simpson was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

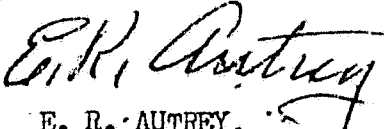
Private First Class Sam L. Sizemore, 34037506, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When the enemy inflicted heavy casualties on his unit, Private First Class Sizemore voluntarily and at great risk to his life, braved heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire to take up a position void of cover, with a machine gun. From his exposed position, Private First Class Sizemore covered the evacuation and treatment of all the wounded of his unit. The position which he held was under constant enemy observation, but by displacing the gun at intervals, he was able to cover the complete evacuation of the wounded. Although the enemy fire was intense, Private First Class Sizemore's unflinching courage enabled him to complete his mission, even after orders to withdraw came forward to him. Private First Class Sizemore's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Norman F. Snyder, 01286725, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Captain Snyder, during an attack on heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge, saw the necessity of having to split his forces before an effective attack could be launched. During the reorganization of his company, when they were attacked by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he cleverly maneuvered his men into positions from which cover was afforded and then outflanked the enemy, brought surprise fire upon and accounted for forty enemy dead. Five enemy pillboxes and many gun emplacements were also destroyed. During the attack, Captain Snyder was seriously wounded but refused evacuation. Only after his company had successfully attacked the position and brought destruction upon the enemy did he report for medical aid. His inspiring devotion to duty and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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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:

Pfc	Anthony M. Azzano	6905075	FA	25 May 1945
Pfc	Otis H. Bolser	34914752	Inf	16 May 1945
Lt Col	DeWitt Ballard	3784313	Inf	13 Jun 1945
Pfc	Nathan L. Belkin	3784313	Inf	14 May 1945
Tec 4	Alfred E. Blomgren	38007720	Inf	11 Jun 1945
Tec 4	W. D. Butler	38386111	MD	6 Jun 1945
Lt Col	Carson A. Cain	0700969	CWS	12 Apr 1945
Sgt	Peter A. Caserta	35911457	Inf	16 May 1945
Sgt	James P. Chapman	32730454	Inf	13 Jun 1945
Pfc	Alexander F. Cullen Jr.	31235531	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	William S. Daly	36914716	Inf	19 May 1945
Tec 5	Emil F. Feath	38232689	Cav	22 Jun 1945
Pfc	Kenneth D. Gray	37317206	FA	18 Jun 1945
Pfc	Harry L. Greer	34900790	MD	13 May 1945
Pvt	Charles E. Harrison	38227750	Cav	21 Jun 1945
Sgt	Lawrence F. Haskell	35261902	Inf	13 Jun 1945
Sgt	William W. Hasty	31763060	Inf	13 Jun 1945
2nd Lt	William V. Hoier Jr.	0544230	FA	17 Jun 1945
Tec 4	Johannie J. Karry	37231247	Inf	13 May 1945
Tec 5	Shepard K. Kays	42002455	Inf	17 Apr 1945
Sgt	Leonard J. Kennedy	32726719	Inf	11 May 1945
Tec 4	Emerson A. Ledford	31129745	Inf	17 May 1945
Pfc	Kenneth D. Long	33564141	MD	15 May 1945
Pfc	Roderick J. Long	39910285	Inf	13 May 1945
COM	Martin H. Moder	5105234	USNA	18 Jun 1945
Pfc	Boner E. Nicholson Jr.	34594624	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	Frank C. Ortez	37712345	Inf	18 May 1945
Capt	John F. Palmer, Jr.	0350430	CWS	12 Apr 1945
Pfc	Joseph R. Kasler	39053689	Inf	16 May 1945
Pfc	Paul J. Comprey	31102364	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	Joe Rozmus	42011114	FA	22 Jun 1945
Pfc	William W. Sanlberg	37774135	MD	18 May 1945
Pfc	James R. Schelhaas	36914129	MD	24 May 1945
Pfc	Ursel Steed	39935774	MD	25 May 1945
Pfc	Hilton M. Stern	33802772	MD	13 May 1945
Pfc	Cyril B. Stevens	37775386	Inf	15 May 1945
Pfc	Arthur L. Tobergte	35790460	Inf	18 May 1945
Tec 5	Donald E. Trobaugh	36430345	FA	25 May 1945
Pfc	James S. Whitmer	35794216	MD	19 Jun 1945
Pfc	Joseph A. Young	36431856	Cav	17 Jun 1945

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:

Captain Robert J. Antonelli, 0396181, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Kairazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 Jan 1945.

Master Sergeant Richard M. Byars, 6389380, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Nishabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 79, Headquarters XXIV CORPS, 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack H. Dressler, 35282749, Infantry (Armored), United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 79, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 March 1945.

First Lieutenant Frederick S. Green, 01286475, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 31 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 118, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 April 1945.

Corporal Cleo L. Greenfield, 37229180, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 30 April 1945, near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 111, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 April 1945.

Sergeant Jack C. McKeen, 36537394, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Yonagasuku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class James R. Middlebrooks, 38146688, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 376, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945.

Private First Class Frank C. Rodrigues, 39426153, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

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20 February 1950

WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 394, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division dated 27 June 1945 as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Peter A. Caserta, 35 915 485, is withdrawn.

The Purple Heart has previously been awarded to the above-named individual by General Orders 215, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 15 May 1945.

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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:

Staff Sergeant Paul H. Lemons, 38291131, 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 on heavily fortified, enemy held Kakazu Ridge, when his unit was continuously exposed to enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and suffered heavy casualties, many of whom had to be immediately evacuated to save their lives, Staff Sergeant Lemons voluntarily gathered all the walking wounded and improvised litters for those who were more seriously wounded and after reconnoitering for a covered route of withdrawal, he successfully led the wounded to the aid station.

Private First Class Delbert C. Russell, 39479322, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. During an attack on a heavily fortified hill, his unit came under such a heavy artillery and mortar barrage that many casualties were suffered and there was a shortage of litter bearers and first aid men. Private First Class (then Private) Russell, in the face of a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, fully exposed to the enemy, voluntarily offered his services in the evacuation of the wounded. The rifle company to which his machine gun section was attached was pinned down by heavy enemy fire, and although he was shaken up by the constant harrassing of the artillery fire, he risked his life many times in carrying the wounded through a heavy spray of enemy fire. It took most of the night to evacuate all wounded but he did not rest until all casualties had been evacuated to the aid station. The courageous and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Russell was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joe W. Swenson, 38254330, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. During an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Swenson, who was a cook, was called upon to go back to the battalion ammunition dump for mortar ammunition. In order to reach the battalion dump, he had to cross an open field covered by heavy enemy machine gun, sniper and occasional artillery and mortar fire but he crossed the field without hesitation and returned with the ammunition thus enabling his gun section to continue firing. By successfully completing the mission many times, Private First Class Swenson gave the men courage to carry on even though they were running short of ammunition. By keeping the guns supplied with ammunition, he did much in assisting the repulse of the enemy counter attack. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Swenson was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class James F. Turner, 33841589, 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 Turner's company was advancing from a covered position and had gone only three hundred yards when they were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun, rifle, mortar and artillery fire. The enemy held the only high ground in the vicinity and were able to observe all of their motions. After the company suffered heavy casualties and upon seeing that further advance under enemy fire would be impossible without withdrawing and reorganizing, orders came down for them to withdraw to the covered position five hundred yards to the rear. Instead of withdrawing with the rest of the company, Private First Class Turner volunteered to remain and assist in the evacuation of the wounded. All through the first aid treatment and evacuation, he was continually exposed to withering machine gun fire and mortar barrages but he did not leave the field until the last of the wounded men had been carried to safety. Private First Class Turner's heroic actions, courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Bernard J. Shilkonya, 37316142, Infantry, 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.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

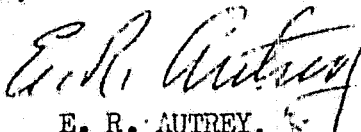
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Officer per General Orders No. 64, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Captain John A. Komagy, 0409671, 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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SECTION

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL 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, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), as 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:

Private First Class Richard C. Fox, 35/31964, 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. When his rifle platoon encountered intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire in an advance to the crest of Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Fox, on attaining the crest, moved forward ahead of the other troops in a determined and aggressive effort to scout out the machine guns and snipers holding up the advance. With his acute observation, Private First Class Fox quickly located and directed fire upon enemy positions but in doing so, was hit by enemy mortar fire and instantly killed. Private First Class Fox's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mabel M. Fox, Mother, 108 West Poplar Avenue, Newark, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant John F. Keeter, 20741518, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Keeter, in the face of heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, stood alone on a narrow shelf overlooking a gorge and directed his men across the deep gorge with utter disregard for his own safety until he himself was mortally wounded by an enemy shell. His undeviating devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Helen F. Keeter, Wife, Route #1, Dumas, Arkansas.

Private First Class Rayford D. Morton, 39421646, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When Private First Class Morton, second gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, was carrying out his duties and his unit became pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire coming from the right flank, he, after exposing himself to the heavy fire, attempted to locate the enemy position. The enemy fire became so heavy that a withdrawal was necessary but realizing the importance of his machine gun, he attempted to carry it with him. While crossing the exposed area, Private First Class Morton was hit by enemy fire and although seriously wounded, he managed to crawl a few yards to a place of cover, dragging the machine gun behind him, thus preventing any possibility of the weapon falling into the hands of the enemy. Private First Class Morton died a few hours later as a result of the wound but his heroic action, even as he lay mortally

wounded, will serve as a lasting inspiration to the men of his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Fannie M. Anderson, Mother, Route #1, Box 234, Kingsburg, California.

Private First Class Morris E. Thibodeaux, 6387412, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. During the withdrawal of his unit from Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Thibodeaux assisted in administering first aid to the wounded and helped evacuate them to safety. While engaged in evacuating the wounded, he saw a wounded man who had not been treated and stopped long enough to administer first aid, place him on a litter and remove him to a pillbox thus preventing him from being exposed to further enemy fire. Private First Class Thibodeaux evacuated the other men and remained on his mission until he was fatally wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Thibodeaux courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Marie Thibodeaux, Wife, Star Route, Andrews, Louisiana.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per General Order No. 393, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Robert L. Simpson, 38392786, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During the morning, six enemy troops infiltrated into the perimeter and approached Private First Class Simpson's foxhole from the rear. Immediately upon spotting them and with absolute disregard to their superior number, he opened fire with his carbine killing one and driving the rest to cover. The company was immediately notified that there were enemy troops in the perimeter and the remaining five enemy soldiers were killed before they could do any damage. Private First Class Simpson's prompt and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders No. 368, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Reuben L. Johnson, 37586381, is rescinded.

2. So much of General Orders No. 371, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Charles F. Reynolds, 01304948, is rescinded.

SECTION IIAWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per General Orders No. 81, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 December 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Private First Class Reuben L. Johnson, 37586381, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a machine gunner in a Heavy Weapons Company, Private First Class Johnson was responsible for the repulse of enemy counterattacks and our success in holding strategic terrain and the saving of many lives. Although his machine gun position was under constant enemy mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Johnson personally manned his gun in the face of great odds so successfully during three enemy counterattacks that altogether his gun accounted for twenty enemy dead. Private First Class Johnson's courage and devotion to duty resulted in accomplishments that were of great importance in the success of our holding hard gained terrain and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Charles F. Reynolds, 01304948, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As platoon leader of an 81mm Mortar Platoon of a Heavy Weapons Company, First Lieutenant Reynolds was greatly instrumental in the gaining and holding of strategic high ground in the drive southward on Okinawa. In pursuance of a normal mission, First Lieutenant Reynolds' platoon so placed their mortar fire that the objective was quickly gained with a minimum of casualties. Once the objective was gained First Lieutenant Reynolds established his observation post far in advance of our lines and in such a position that he was constantly under enemy observation and mortar and rifle fire and from his own position so directed his mortar fire with complete disregard for his own safety that three heavy enemy counterattacks were broken up. First Lieutenant Reynolds' devotion to duty, and the result of work done by the platoon under Lieutenant Reynolds' resourceful leadership resulted in accomplishments which proved of importance in both the saving of many lives and the success of our unit in holding coveted terrain.

SECTION IIIAWARD 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 Pollie L. Brown, 38292325, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Brown moved from a protected position to an exposed point in the face of an enemy counterattack in order to operate more effectively his automatic rifle. When his ammunition was exhausted, Private First Class Brown stood upright and threw six grenades into the midst of the oncoming enemy, thereby breaking up the counterattack at that point. Private First Class Brown's undeviating determination to destroy the enemy and to hold his position, were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Amos L. Johnson, 37257574, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. When the enemy attacked in force, the sector held by his rifle company at a position occupied by him, Private First Class Johnson, an acting squad leader, with rifle fire and grenades, forced the enemy to break and run. The coolness and courage exhibited by Private First Class Johnson under fire, were an inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George J. Mikalauskis, 13129353, 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 Mikalauskis, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy machine gun fire to remove a wounded member of his rifle platoon to a position of safety, during an assault on Kakazu Ridge. Private First Class Mikalauskis' courage and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry E. Moore, 37438244, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 May 1945.

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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 Man:

Staff Sergeant Virgil H. Furtlebaugh, 33536757, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Furtlebaugh held the foremost position in his company perimeter when the company was dug in on a newly won ridge, and in the early morning, seventy five Japanese launched a screaming Banzai attack against the position. Despite a hail of grenades and knee mortar shells that rocked his position which was almost completely exposed, Staff Sergeant Furtlebaugh gallantly held his ground and his accurate and blazing fire destroyed one group of the enemy who were trying to set up a light machine gun. As the attack continued with unabated fury, Staff Sergeant Furtlebaugh knocked out an enemy knee mortar with grenades and locating the enemy officer that was leading the attack, he killed him and as a result, the remaining enemy forces hastily withdrew. As this transpired to Staff Sergeant Furtlebaugh's front, he was also busily engaged in directing his own mortar fire, some of which he brought down to within fifteen yards of his own position gravely imperiling his life, in order to break up the fierce attack. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Furtlebaugh was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and 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:

Private First Class William A. Berry, 18232074, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Berry, a gunner in a machine gun squad, was firing upon an enemy machine gun position in a small clearing. During the action, enemy artillery began to fall near his position. Private First Class Berry, showing great courage, motioned the other men of the group to safety and at great risk to his own life, braved the artillery fire and moved the gun more than fifty yards to an alternate position from which he continued

to fire on the enemy. His courage and grim determination was a major factor in destroying the enemy position.

First Sergeant Walter Condrowski, 6554557, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. First Sergeant Condrowski reorganized his company and took six wounded men and the Company Commander of another company who had been seriously wounded, down a deep gorge, passing through heavily defended enemy territory. He led his men through heavy machine gun and intense artillery and mortar barrages. After many hours under these dangerous conditions, First Sergeant Condrowski got all wounded men to safety and was responsible for the successful return of his company to the battalion area.

Private First Class James B. Cline, 35742046, 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 company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Cline, assisted by three other men, maneuvered to his company's right flank and laid down a base of rifle fire to cover the evacuation of the wounded from the ridge. Private First Class Cline heroically held down his position under dangerous enemy mortar fire until all casualties were safely evacuated through a protective ravine which was the only route of escape. Private First Class Cline's courageous action, performed without regard for his own personal safety, aided materially in saving the lives of many wounded men, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Thomas W. Cutting, Jr., 39129643, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his unit was pinned down by heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Cutting, by leading the BAR teams, selected positions that would afford good fields of fire and in so doing, he continually exposed himself to the enemy. When his company was ordered to withdraw to a more covered area, Sergeant Cutting volunteered to remain behind and help carry the wounded men to safety. His fearless and courageous actions together with his qualities of aggressive leadership through heavy enemy fire, was instrumental in the evacuation of the wounded and in saving of many lives.

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Staff Sergeant William J. McElheran, 36534716, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company was receiving heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant McElheran volunteered his assistance in evacuating wounded men from an extremely hazardous sector. With full realization of the risks involved, and disregarding his own personal safety, he successfully made his way across the difficult terrain and through his courageous and able assistance succeeded in saving the lives of several of the wounded men. Staff Sergeant McElheran's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Bernt J. Rogstad, Jr., 01166364, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Captain Rogstad, a Liaison Officer for a Field Artillery Battalion, occupied a forward observation post on the front lines, which was spotted by a Japanese 75mm gun. Shells from the enemy gun caused several casualties among troops in the immediate vicinity of Captain Rogstad as the group hastily evacuated the position, abandoning the Section Radio during the withdrawal. Captain Rogstad, with exemplary courage and determination, crawled from his position of safety to the crest of the hill in full view of the enemy and dragged the radio to a protected position from which he completed his important task of adjusting artillery protective night fires for Infantry front line troops. Captain Rogstad, by his valiant action, assured security to the Infantry during the night. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jess D. Trent, 38567611, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company was in an exposed position and was forced to withdraw and reorganize, leaving behind many casualties, Private First Class Trent volunteered to remain with the wounded where he helped carry to a small gulch where his group was trapped by enemy fire. Private First Class Trent infiltrated through the enemy fire to a position where he found friendly troops to aid in evacuating the wounded. He did not cease working until all the wounded were removed to safety. Private First Class Trent's devotion to duty and his bravery and coolness under fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Kenneth D. Wildfong, 36540139, 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 came under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, and was pinned down, Private First Class Wildfong volunteered to go out into an open field and assist in administering first aid and evacuating men wounded in the attack. After first aid had been rendered, he acted as a litter bearer and helped carry the wounded to the aid station. Private First Class Wildfong was continually under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, but he remained in the field until all of the wounded had been evacuated. His heroic and unselfish actions under fire aided in saving the lives of many men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

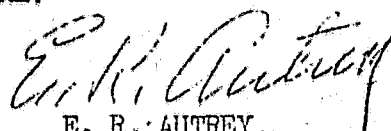
Staff Sergeant Edward E. Herrick, 36383002, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan-Mura, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Herrick, on seeing his platoon leader seriously wounded by enemy mortar and sniper fire, voluntarily moved forward through intense enemy mortar and sniper fire to eradicate the fire which was threatening our men from the rear. In the company of two other men, Staff Sergeant Herrick, at great risk to his own life, located the sniper and killed him. His act of great courage in the face of heavy enemy fire, and display of profound devotion to duty, was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant John J. Koler, 39329066, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. When his company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire during an advance, Sergeant Koler exposed himself to the enemy fire, maneuvered his squad into position and destroyed the enemy gun emplacement, thus enabling the company to move to a position of safety. Sergeant Koler's courage and aggressive actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

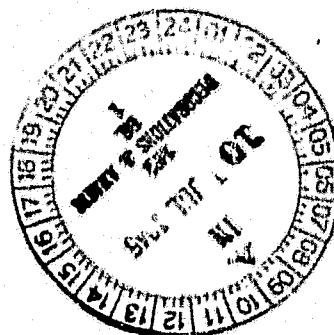
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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:

Pfc	Chester F. Archambault	39595202	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Ned G. Auman	36906439	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Bernard Baar	36407486	Inf	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Levi J. Easse	39935711	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	John W. Baliski	42183173	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	William J. Barnett	36213730	Inf	3 Jun 45
Tec 3	Mearl L. Barnhart	36803700	MD	24 Jun 45
Pvt	Frederick W. Barthels	36846700	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Paul E. Bechard	33108236	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pvt	Vaug'n E. Bennett	35283242	Inf	21 May 45
Cpl	Verna A. Betts	35282280	Inf	11 May 45
Pvt	Alfred M. Binner	39594760	Inf	19 May 45
Pvt	Garland G. Bissett	38680755	Inf	13 May 45
Pvt	Norman M. Bolan	39471190	Inf	12 May 45
Pvt	Donald R. Polin	31435782	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Arthur R. Brestel	37735404	Inf	12 May 45
Cpl	Joseph S. Bryk	36615460	FA	22 Jun 45
Pfc	James C. Butler	38631979	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Benito S. Candelaria	39865754	Inf	30 Apr 45
Pfc	Gerard G. Cassette	31402377	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	John H. Christner J.	32736133	Inf	11 Jun 45
Capt	Byron H. Close	01692198	MD	30 Apr 45
Pfc	Raymond P. Cody	42183199	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pvt	Andy T. Cole	35905656	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Gordon W. Coleman	33942651	Inf	6 Jun 45
S Sgt	Junior R. Collins	38288320	FA	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Eugene D. Connell	36534732	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Glen A. Coup	36916163	Inf	17 Jun 45
Tec 5	Virgil E. Cox	36539852	FA	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Albert H. Criner	36430002	Inf	29 Apr 45
Sgt	Albert A. Daggett	37438202	Inf	9 Apr 45
Tec 5	Earl I. Daley	36702978	Inf	12 May 45
2d Lt	John J. Dayton Jr	01331610	Inf	21 May 45
Sgt	Warren G. DeAgano	38312917	FA	23 Jun 45
1st Lt	Michael C. DeCecca	01063163	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Charles E. Dewberry	38508777	Inf (Armd)	18 Jun 45
Pvt	Harry B. Drake	37747435	Inf	9 Apr 45
Cpl	Carl Duthler	36405101	FA	22 Jun 45
Sgt	Frank J. Dziobek	31023823	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pvt	Robert C. Emmons	37699202	Inf	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Clarence G. Fisher	35498737	Inf	16 Jun 45
2d Lt	George W. Fleming	02012486	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	L. C. Giddens	38549187	Inf	3 Jun 45
S Sgt	Clarence A. Gifford	16026651	FA	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Earl Hankhammer	35763714	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Carby G. Harris	38227538	Inf	17 May 45

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Pvt	John W. Isbell	34584922	Inf	28 Apr 45
Cpl	William C. Jackson	38200260	FA	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Idon A. Johnson	37073123	Inf	7 Apr 45
Pfc	Donaldson Lockhart	37031702	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Isaac H. Mosey	42073805	FA	23 Jun 45
Pfc	John E. Mosey	34067820	Inf (Armed)	20 Jun 45
Sgt	Robert H. McMillan	38251253	Inf	4 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert J. Muna	37039105	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Henry J. Munnicoi	17003194	FA	23 Jun 45
Pvt	Andrew A. Michalak	38589403	Inf	6 Apr 45
Pfc	John P. Millick	37030601	Inf	22 Apr 45
Tec 5	Carl L. Myers	37089468	MO	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Ignacio L. Narvaiz	38059001	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Lyle B. O'Brien	39784535	FA	23 Jun 45
Tec 5	Carl C. Oert	39721805	FA	23 Jun 45
Pvt	Jessie L. Pennington	38010004	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Paul H. Pepper	38040005	Inf	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Perry J. Phelan	38080003	FA	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Howard L. Pittman	38080002	FA	23 Jun 45
S Sgt	Virgil Purdysburgh	38080007	Inf	29 Apr 45
T Sgt	Walter S. Ratliff	38071074	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Elmer S. Robison	38080005	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	James A. Salsgiver	38080009	Inf	22 May 45
Cpl	Edmund C. Sand	38080011	FA	23 Jun 45
Pfc	John J. Schraffisher	38080004	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	William D. Shaw	38080007	Inf	18 May 45
1st Lt	Charles D. Simon	01800001	Inf	13 Jun 45
Tec 4	George J. Siskin	38070009	Inf	7 Jun 45
Capt	James L. Spratt	01890151	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Childress Staggs	38227560	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Kenneth E. Stringer	38632251	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	James H. Swency	37774301	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Gordon W. Thomas	38080009	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	Ralph G. Tilley	01010005	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Vernon H. Vennessa	38080002	Inf (Armed)	20 Jun 45
Sgt	Civil D. Vaccarano	17017053	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Henry H. Wheeler	36213704	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Tom Lei Yee	36773255	Inf	8 Apr 45

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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 Men:

Private First Class Asencion Barajaz, 37457107, 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. When his rifle platoon was completely pinned down by enemy fire, Private First Class Barajaz aggressively worked his way forward with his automatic rifle to a good firing position and while firing into pillboxes which were holding up the advance of his platoon, he was hit by mortar fire and instantly killed. Private First Class Barajaz's devotion to duty and determination to carry the fight forward to the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Grace Barajaz, Mother, Minatare, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Riley, 36700632, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Riley, when assigned the mission of flanking an enemy strong point, went out ahead of his squad to reconnoiter the enemy's position, thus exposing himself to enemy machine gun and rifle fire. While making his reconnaissance, Staff Sergeant Riley was fatally wounded. His coolness and courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Alice Riley, Mother, 6328 South Lay Street, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class James C. Baldwin, 30573442, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. During an attack on strongly

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fortified enemy positions in caves and on ridges, a high explosive shell jammed in the chamber of the 75mm cannon of the tank in which Private First Class Baldwin was loader. On his own initiative, and with complete disregard for his own safety, he dismounted from his tank in the face of enemy small arms and mortar fire to dislodge the defective shell with a rammer. By Private First Class Baldwin's heroic action, the tank was immediately put back into action. His fearlessness and devotion to duty was a contributing factor in the destruction of key enemy positions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

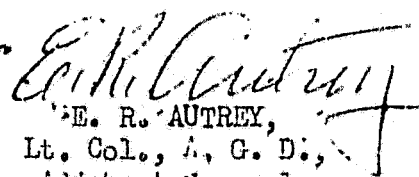
Private First Class Gervase D. Birster, 33837003, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Birster was a lead scout in an attack on heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge and was one of the first men to reach the top. When his company reached the top of the ridge, the enemy immediately opened up with mortars in preparation for a counterattack. As the mortar barrage lifted fifteen of the enemy made a rush for our positions and being the first to see them, Private First Class Birster opened up with his M-1 rifle, killing four and seriously wounding one. This action helped to break the counter attack, but the enemy engaged us again with machine gun fire, mortar and artillery fire, forcing our withdrawal to a former position a few hundred yards down the ridge. Private First Class Birster volunteered to remain on top and cover the withdrawal and by doing so, further exposed himself to the enemy fire. As the last of his unit was leaving the ridge, he joined them and upon reaching the covered area, assisted in administering first aid to the wounded men. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Birster reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Warren M. Blanchard, 38291199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Blanchard kept his heavy machine gun section in action against the enemy even though the positions which his guns held were receiving heavy and devastating enemy mortar barrages. As a result of his heroic action, Staff Sergeant Blanchard and his machine gun section were credited with destroying two enemy mortars which were shelling his positions and the adjacent areas. This remarkable demonstration of skill, leadership and determination on the part of Staff Sergeant Blanchard materially aided his company in the overcoming of enemy opposition in the area. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by him was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Vergil H. Allred, 39864883, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During an attack on a heavily fortified enemy held hill, the rifle company to which Private First Class Allred, an ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad, was giving supporting fire, was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. When it became necessary to replenish their ammunition, Private First Class Allred voluntarily went after it passing through open terrain, fully exposed to the enemy fire in order to reach the ammunition supply point. Although pinned down several times by the intensity of the enemy fire, Private First Class Allred continued on his mission and delivered the vitally needed ammunition in time for his squad to fire effective supporting fire to further the advance and to silence the enemy guns and also making it possible to evacuate the wounded. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Allred was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Howard E. Anderson, 37517186, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Anderson, a company runner, volunteered to help evacuate a casualty over rough and difficult terrain and through areas exposed to enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Private First Class Anderson stayed approximately four hours in the hazardous area with the casualty while another member of the group went for help. Private First Class Anderson's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Willet H. Anderson, 58292321, 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 company on Kalkazu Ridge, the advance was rapid until the top of the ridge was reached, at which time, the enemy opened up with heavy machine gun, mortar, artillery and sniper fire. When the enemy fire became unbearably heavy and had caused the company a great number of casualties, orders were given to withdraw. Instead of withdrawing with the rest of the company, Private First Class Anderson, a machine gunner, volunteered to remain on top of the ridge and cover the withdrawal. As the last of the men disappeared into a gorge, he, with the rest of the machine gun crew, began his withdrawal. Upon reaching the gorge, and discovering a wounded man who had been left behind, Private First Class Anderson hastily improvised a litter, and was assisting in carrying the casualty down the draw when the group came under

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a heavy enemy artillery barrage. Private First Class Anderson unselfishly placed the safety of the casualty before his own and carried him to a place of safety before taking cover himself. Once more, while on the way to the aid station, the enemy opened up with heavy machine gun and sniper fire. Again thinking first of the casualty, Private First Class Anderson carried the man to a position of comparative safety and assisted in laying down a curtain of fire which knocked out the enemy guns. He then continued his task of carrying the wounded man to the aid station. The unselfish and fearless actions displayed by Private First Class Anderson served as an inspiration to the rest of the men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

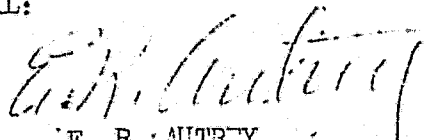
Staff Sergeant Gene L. Lydt, 36610812, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When the advance of his company was slowed down by accurate fire from concealed enemy machine guns and mortars, Staff Sergeant Lydt, and three other men boldly dashed ahead of the front lines through a hail of machine gun and mortar fire and hand grenades and undaunted by the intense enemy fire, managed to attain a position above the enemy gun emplacements from where they were able to knock out two machine guns and one mortar. This aggressive and daring action so reduced the enemy fire power that it was possible for the company to advance and take the objective with but few casualties.

Private First Class Joseph S. Babinsky, 36700753, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. During an attack on Kakazu Ridge, the mortar section of which Private First Class Babinsky was a member, was caught in an intense artillery barrage. During the barrage, an enemy artillery shell landed near him and the ammunition he carried was riddled beyond use by shrapnel. After his ammunition was gone, Private First Class Babinsky got up in the face of the falling artillery, still shaken by the explosion of the shell and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. When all the wounded had been evacuated, he joined another Mortar Section and advanced to the front lines. In the afternoon he rejoined his own section and when they were badly in need of rations, he voluntarily went through a sniper infested area in order to obtain them. Private First Class Babinsky showed a marked and exemplary devotion to duty which reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE PRIZE 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 was awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Elvin M. Baldwin, 37227309, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During his company's attack on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Baldwin observed a wounded man left lying on the side of a hill, fully exposed to enemy fire, as the company was withdrawing. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Baldwin and two other men crawled up the side of the hill under withering enemy machine gun and mortar fire to administer first aid to the casualty. Private First Class Baldwin improvised a litter and assisted in carrying the wounded man down a ravine to safety; then instead of rejoining his company after the man died, Private First Class Baldwin returned to the field and did not leave until all the casualties had been carried from the field. Private First Class Baldwin's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ronald W. Reichner, 37712719, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Private First Class Reichner, with other members of his litter squad, advanced nine hundred yards through enemy artillery and mortar fire to reach and evacuate casualties from one of the front line Infantry companies. Due to enemy infiltration into the area, his squad was put in danger of drawing friendly as well as enemy fire, but with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Reichner successfully completed his mission. His devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James W. Burroughs, 38711137, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When Private First Class Burroughs' platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, he personally proceeded to wipe out the machine gun by killing the gunner and an ammunition bearer. His accurate directions to the men of his platoon on the location of the enemy positions enabled not only his platoon, but also the men of his company to advance without much opposition and fewer casualties. Private First Class Burroughs' courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade Sam Cohen, 36242664, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Cohen was acting as senior aid man of his company, which was advancing in the face of the enemy in the vicinity of Momobaru. He became pinned down while administering aid to the wounded near the entrance of an enemy pillbox, from which the enemy was firing a machine gun. In spite of the intense machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Cohen coolly and without regard for his own safety, courageously continued to administer aid to two wounded men whose lives were thereby saved. He was wounded himself before supporting fire, necessary for the withdrawal, was laid. Technician Fifth Grade Cohen's heroic and entirely unselfish actions and his devotion to duty served as an inspiration to the rest of the detachment and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Albert C. Collins, 32235014, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When a Forward Infantry unit requested a tank dozer to cut a road deep enough to afford protection to troops bringing up supplies, Private First Class Collins was assigned the task. In first attempts to accomplish the road cut, Private First Class Collins, the tank dozer bow gunner, observed that the driver's vision was very limited, making control of the dozer blade difficult and on his own initiative, and despite the enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire which was falling in the area, dismounted from the tank dozer and guided the action of the driver by riding on the blade. He remained in his exposed position until the job was completed. Private First Class Collins' exemplary coolness under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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~~Technician Fourth Grade Clarence G. Comer, 37335796, Medical Department,~~
United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down while assaulting Kakazu Ridge, Technician Fourth Grade Comer and his litter squad arrived at the front lines and was informed that a wounded man was lying in a shell crater in the company area. In spite of the dangers involved, Technician Fourth Grade Comer and another man entered the hole and administered first aid to the casualty. Disregarding the dangers of exposing himself to the machine gun fire which was grazing the crater, Technician Fourth Grade Comer removed the casualty and carried him twenty yards in full view of the enemy and after placing him on a litter, he proceeded to help evacuate him. The courageous and untiring efforts of Technician Fourth Grade Comer were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and reflect great credit upon himself and 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. 2, 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 Lawrence E. Correll, 36615796, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During an attack on a ridge near the village of Kakazu, Private First Class Correll, voluntarily risked his life a number of times, defying the fire of four enemy machine guns, two mortars, heavy artillery fire and sniper fire, to lay and maintain a line of communication from his section of 81mm mortars to the front line observer. The wires were continually being severed by the enemy artillery and mortar fire. During the entire length of time he was repairing the broken lines of communication, he was under close observation of the enemy and under heavy fire. As a direct result of his courageous actions his section was able to give continual support to the assault troops thus enabling them to reduce the enemy positions, which would otherwise have halted the advance. His unrelenting courage and unhesitating and self sacrificing devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alvin D. Cosby, 34546041, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. During an attack on heavily fortified, enemy held Kakazu Ridge, the mortar section of which Private First Class Cosby was a member, was brought under an intense enemy artillery barrage. During the barrage, an artillery shell landed near him and his equipment was destroyed by shrapnel. The ammunition he was carrying being destroyed beyond use, he left it and assisted in the evacuation of those who were wounded during the barrage. After all the wounded had been evacuated, he joined another mortar section and advanced through heavy sniper and machine gun fire to a forward position. Later in the afternoon, Private First Class Cosby voluntarily made a return trip through sniper and machine gun fire to bring rations and water to his section. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Cosby was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Alexander R. Crabb, 0527081, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. First Lieutenant Crabb was acting as a Forward Observer with an Infantry Battalion at the time the unit to whom he was attached was subjected to intensified enemy mortar and artillery fire which drove the Infantry from the crest of Oboc Hill to a distance of about fifty yards down its slope. First Lieutenant Crabb was near the outer perimeter and ordered his section to withdraw. He remained in the area and called for a fire mission despite the serious danger of his position. When this was accomplished, he then removed the crystals and tubes from his radio to prevent the enemy from using it. His

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fearless conduct, resoluteness and devotion to duty contributed immeasurably to the success of our mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Albert H. Griner, 36130022, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During an attack on heavily fortified enemy held ledge, when the rifle company to which Private First Class Griner was attached to give supporting fire, was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, he, seeing the necessity of moving his mortar to another position in order to give closer support, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, carried part of his mortar through an area fully exposed to the enemy and placed his gun into action under a heavy barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Later in the day he volunteered to go after rations and in so doing exposed himself again to a heavy concentration of enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Griner's devotion to duty and courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant Raymond L. Cummings, 39224181, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Nishobara, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. First Sergeant Cummings was having a road block cleared by his men, during an advance toward the enemy, one mile east of Kuo when his company became pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire. With disregard for his own safety, First Sergeant Cummings advanced thirty yards over open ground to administer first aid to two wounded men. He then ordered the rest of the men to withdraw to a position of cover. After his men had withdrawn, First Sergeant Cummings aided the two casualties down the slope to a position of slight cover and remained there with them until more men were brought up to neutralize the enemy. First Sergeant Cummings act of courage in the face of intense enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade William I. Davis, 38299514, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Davis, with utter disregard for his own personal safety volunteered to go alone into an open field to repair a severed communication wire which led to one of the forward battalions. While on his mission he was fired on by an enemy sniper, but he unhesitatingly continued to search for the damaged wire and upon finding it, he took cover in a shell crater and successfully repaired the line and then only did he pursue the enemy sniper. His devotion to duty and knowing of the responsibility he had undertaken 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. 9210, 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. 1, 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 Salvatore A. Dell'Abate, 32820992, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 and 10 April 1945. Private First Class Dell'Abate's courage and fearlessness was demonstrated by his carrying out orders in a noteworthy and highly commendable manner. Performing the duties of a company aid man when his company suffered heavy casualties during enemy artillery and mortar barrages, Private First Class Dell'Abate fearlessly and at great risk to his own life, went out into an open field to render first aid to the wounded and to assist in their evacuation to the aid station approximately eight hundred yards away. On the night of 10 April 1945, fully realizing the dangers involved, Private First Class Dell'Abate left his foxhole to give aid to several men who had been wounded by artillery fire and by doing so exposed himself to heavy artillery and mortar fire. The courageous actions of Private First Class Dell'Abate served as an example to all who witnessed them and was instrumental in the saving of many lives.

Private First Class Ronald H. Duncan, 32292034, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Duncan on his own initiative crawled forward beyond his platoon to obtain an advantageous position overlooking the enemy installations. Taking exact note of the positions, he relayed messages back to the company observation post and succeeded in placing effective fire on the enemy thus enabling his men to withdraw to cover without further casualties. As a result of Private First Class Duncan's heroic actions, the previously sustained casualties were evacuated successfully.

Private First Class Noel L. Eastridge, 36540072, 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 came under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire and was pinned down, Private First Class Eastridge volunteered to go out into an open field and assist in administering first aid and evacuate men wounded in the action. After first aid had been given, Private First Class Eastridge acted as a litter bearer and helped carry the seriously wounded to the aid station. He was continually under heavy artillery and mortar fire but he remained in the field until all the wounded had been evacuated. Private First Class Eastridge's heroic and unselfish actions under fire aided in saving the lives of many men in his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Corporal James C. Feagans, 37392712, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Corporal Feagans displayed courage and coolness during an advance through an enemy held village, when, as the assault troops were leaving the village, they encountered heavy enemy sniper fire and were held up, causing the village to become crowded with troops who were still moving up. The enemy knowing that it was the only route of approach, opened up with heavy artillery and mortar barrages causing several casualties and momentary disorder. Corporal Feagans in spite of a serious shrapnel wound, continued crawling forward, under the artillery and mortar fire, with the hipod of his 61mm mortar and successfully got the mortar into action against the enemy.

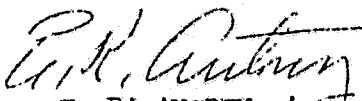
Private First Class Eddie Giddings, 38329141, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. While an Infantry company was pinned down in an open field by enemy machine gun fire and cut off from the battalion, Private First Class Giddings, after several attempts had failed to supply the beleaguered company, volunteered to try to break through the enemy's fire after dark with the necessary supplies to repulse a possible enemy counter-attack. Private First Class Giddings, burdened with sixty pounds of ammunition, was pinned down four times during his attempt, by enemy machine gun fire. Wading a creek neck deep and crawling on his hands and knees over terrain that furnished scanty cover or concealment, Private First Class Giddings finally reached the company with the vital supplies. On his return trip, he assisted with the evacuation of a seriously wounded man over treacherous terrain and was thereby instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Private First Class Giddings' courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Clarence A. Gifford, 16026651, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Gifford was a member of an Artillery Forward Observer party attached to an Infantry Company when an enemy mortar barrage fell in the company area in the vicinity of his position wounding an infantryman who was outside his foxhole. Staff Sergeant Gifford seeing the plight of the wounded man, with utter disregard for his own safety, proceeded through the withering enemy mortar barrage for a distance of about twenty five feet towards the enemy lines to evacuate him. He carried the wounded man and returned him to the safety of our lines where medical treatment was rendered. Staff Sergeant Gifford's heroic act and courage under fire 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 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 Louis V. Gomolka, 6731193, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When the battalion commander of the Infantry Battalion to which Technical Sergeant Gomolka was attached, was wounded during a heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage, Technical Sergeant Gomolka, without hesitation, left the safety of his foxhole and with complete disregard for his own safety, ran across an exposed area under heavy enemy fire to his aid. He administered emergency first aid, secured a litter bearer and assisted in the immediate removal of the casualty from the heavily shelled area. Technical Sergeant Gomolka's heroic action was an inspiration to all who witnessed his act and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Jack Lamar, 36407477, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Lamar, a platoon sergeant in a Combat Engineer Battalion, took his platoon ahead of our forces to clear a half mile of mined road leading into Yonabaru. The mined section of the road was under enemy observation from heights to the South and East and subject to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire. With steadfast devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant Lamar, without regard for his own safety, moved down the center of the road in front of his men and directed the clearing of the mines. Exposing himself to small arms fire, thereby diverting enemy fire from his men, he was able to complete his mission on schedule, so that the road was ready for use by our armored vehicles which were to spearhead the offensive scheduled for that day. Staff Sergeant Lamar's aggressive leadership and the courage with which he worked, despite the hazards of all types of enemy fire, inspired his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Mervin O. Lewis, 38293037, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. As squad leader of a mortar squad which was subjected to a heavy enemy counterattack, Sergeant Lewis strategically employed the men in his squad to meet the infiltrating enemy. Sergeant Lewis who took his men inside a tomb to protect them from the barrage, noted that the Japs were advancing directly by his tomb. Despite the continuous mortar fire, he placed his self and his men around the inside part of the wall surrounding the tomb. When our own artillery and mortar fire opened up on the advancing enemy, the Japs attempted to seek cover on the opposite side of the same wall Sergeant Lewis was defending. Since it was a dark night, Sergeant Lewis threw hand grenades wherever he could hear the

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Japs talking. One Jap stuck his head through a hole in the wall and was about to notify the other Japs when Sergeant Lewis shot him through the head. When a Jap machine gunner succeeded in setting up his gun on top of the wall, thus endangering our troops, Sergeant Lewis quickly instructed his men on how to eliminate the gun noiselessly and quickly. Before dawn broke, Sergeant Lewis killed two more Japs who were attempting to infiltrate. Around his cave, twenty seven dead Japs were counted some of whom had attempted to climb the wall but were killed in the attempt. Sergeant Lewis' heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Otis G. Lunsford, 38293826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When the advance being made by his company was slowed down by accurate fire from concealed enemy machine guns and mortars, Sergeant Lunsford, accompanied by three other soldiers, boldly dashed ahead of his own front lines through a hail of machine gun and mortar fire and a shower of hand grenades and undaunted by the intense enemy fire, attained a position above the enemy gun emplacements from which they were able to knock out two machine guns and one mortar. Sergeant Lunsford's aggressive and daring action so reduced the enemy fire power that it was possible for the company to advance and take the objective with but few casualties.

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* ~~Private First Class George H. Lynch, 39000532, Infantry, United States Army.~~ For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Upon seeing two men of his company lying in an open field seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Lynch voluntarily crawled out after them and brought them to safety, where they received medical aid. It was necessary for him to work his way across approximately one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain, exposed to enemy machine gun fire. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Lynch was instrumental in the saving of the two men's lives and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant William S. Oudenkirk, 01101607, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Roswell E. Suzden, 37438215, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 May 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

29 June 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 Act 60045 (Legislation), 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 John V. Horton, 36700127, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchiternari, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Horton, a Platoon Sergeant in a Combat Engineer Battalion, took a twelve man party to reconnoiter a reported enemy minefield immediately to the rear of our lines. After the successful reconnoitering of the area, Staff Sergeant Horton took his platoon into the mine area and working at the head of the party proceeded to clear the field. Four times during the operation Staff Sergeant Horton was forced to withdraw his men because of heavy enemy mortar fire in the sector of operations. The courage and extreme coolness under fire exhibited by Staff Sergeant Horton gave his men a sense of confidence that enabled them to complete their mission rapidly and without a casualty. Sharing the hazards of the mission with his men and with their welfare always in mind, the leadership and devotion to duty demonstrated by Staff Sergeant Horton reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles Hughes, 36702528, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Hughes in the face of an enemy counterattack, following a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, held his ground and by rifle fire and grenades forced the enemy to break and run. The coolness and courage displayed by Private First Class Hughes not only served to keep the line intact but served as an inspiration to the remainder of the platoon to hold their position against the enemy.

Private First Class Nunzio Incremona, 12170181, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While his company was subjected to heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class Incremona volunteered his assistance in evacuating wounded men from a hazardous sector. Although he fully realized the risks involved, he fearlessly and unselfishly made his way over difficult terrain covered with heavy enemy fire to the wounded and through his heroic action, was instrumental in the saving of many lives.

Private First Class Vestal Jacks, 38300584, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When the advance of his company was slowed down by accurate fire from concealed enemy machine guns and mortars, Private First Class Jacks, accompanied by three other men, boldly dashed ahead of his own front lines through a hail of machine gun and mortar fire and hand grenades, undaunted by the intense enemy fire attained a position above the enemy gun emplacements from where they were able to knock out two machine guns and one mortar. Private First Class Jacks' aggressive and courageous action so reduced the enemy fire power that it was possible for the company to advance and take their objective with but few casualties.

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Private First Class Ralph E. Janoe, 38272273, 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 Janoe was seriously wounded during an engagement with the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, but despite his wounds and the intensity of the enemy fire, he held on to his rifle and covered the withdrawal of another wounded man. Private First Class Janoe's courage, coolness under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Robert D. Kennedy, 20742311, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 and 6 April 1945. During an attack by his company on a heavily fortified enemy hill ridge, Technical Sergeant Kennedy took command of his platoon when the platoon leader was seriously wounded and continually remained in front of the platoon, leading them in the attack, in spite of the intense enemy fire. On 6 April 1945 when his company was again attacking a heavily fortified ridge, Technical Sergeant Kennedy, together with his platoon guide and messenger, spearheaded the attack. In spite of the proximity of the enemy, he remained in his position under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, rifle fire. While he himself brought fire upon the enemy, he also directed the fire and movement of his platoon. The cool courage and aggressiveness exhibited by Technical Sergeant Kennedy was instrumental in aiding the advance of his company, and served as an example to all who observed his actions.

Private First Class Nels E. Olson, 3755330, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. Private First Class Olson twice volunteered to assist in the evacuation of casualties suffered by his battalion at a time when the high rate of casualties among the medical section had threatened to halt all evacuations. The action of Private First Class Olson in volunteering for an extremely hazardous duty while under constant enemy observation and deadly fire from enemy machine guns, mortars and artillery was directly responsible for the saving of several lives. His devotion to his wounded comrades, his courage and complete disregard for his personal safety in a mission other than his assigned duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Henry C. Reich, 6577752, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 19 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Warren H. Torrey, 6864384, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 June 1945.

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29 June 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 408

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:

Recd. by Ho # 454 - July 5, 1945
~~*First Lieutenant Rudolph Mamula, 01014397, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army.~~ For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. When one of his tank crew who was dismounted was seriously wounded, First Lieutenant Mamula, the tank commander, despite heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, got out of his tank to administer first aid. He then carried the wounded man three hundred yards through the field of enemy fire to an aid station. After treatment, First Lieutenant Mamula again carried the wounded man back over the same hazardous route and placed him on the back deck of his tank. At the same time, he assisted two other wounded men to his tank and immediately evacuated the three men to a rear aid station. First Lieutenant Mamula's courageous and steadfast devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Third Grade Gerald E. Nelson, 37313594, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tabontabon, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. When unusually heavy enemy mortar fire had inflicted heavy casualties upon the troops and shrapnel rendered the area almost untenable, Technician Third Grade (then Technician Fourth Grade) Nelson fully aware of the danger but disregarding his own safety, left the protection of his foxhole and braved the hail of enemy fire to reach and treat the wounded men, travelling over one hundred yards of open terrain under extreme danger. Technician Third Grade Nelson's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Frank L. Owen, 36535919, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Owen, a member of a Forward Observer Section with an Infantry Regiment, learning of the serious plight of one of his wounded comrades who was lying under enemy fire in an exposed location, with utter disregard for his own safety, left his position of cover and proceeded towards the enemy lines through heavy cross fire for a distance of one hundred yards, to evacuate the wounded man. By his intrepid action, he removed the casualty to safety to our own lines and saved his life. Staff Sergeant Owen's heroic act and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant Joseph Pakney, 36535787, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Pakney was forced to take cover from an intense enemy artillery barrage during an attack on Kakazu Ridge and when he saw one of his men fall from shrapnel wounds, entirely disregarding his own safety, he immediately moved from his position of cover and carried the casualty out of the dangerous area to medical aid, which was approximately five hundred yards away. The heroic action of Sergeant Pakney reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Eddio E. Payne, 38288466, 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 Payne, in order to support a dawn attack on enemy positions, exposed himself to heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to move an anti-tank gun into a position from which the most effective fire could be given. Private First Class Payne, serving as a gunner, remained at his gun, and maintained his fire even though the enemy's fire increased in intensity. His courageous action was instrumental in knocking out many enemy positions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Stephen J. Perlinski, 36610924, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 April 1945. On 5 April 1945, Technician Fifth Grade Perlinski accompanied a forward observer to a position exposed to enemy machine gun and small arms fire in which they could observe and adjust artillery fire easily on the enemy. Although his exposure drew additional enemy machine gun and mortar fire and although the forward observer was mortally wounded by that enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Perlinski remained at his post and effectively transmitted fire commands until another observer came forward to complete the mission. Technician Fifth Grade Perlinski's achievement and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

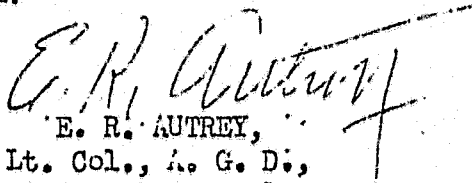
Technician Fifth Grade Earl M. Lawson, Jr., 35683039, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 7 May 1945.

Private First Class Wilbur J. Madden, 37438215, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 May 1945.

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29 June 1945.

GENERAL 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:

Rec'd by No # 495 - July 11, 1945
* ~~Private First Class Carl B. Pierce, 36293419, Infantry, United States Army.~~
For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Without regard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Pierce, during an assault on Kakazu Ridge, moved forward to an exposed position and delivered effective fire on the enemy positions on the ridge. When casualties became extremely high, the order to withdraw was given and Private First Class Pierce assisted in evacuating his wounded comrades back into a draw about 200 yards away, and later volunteered to help carry them on make-shift litters to the battalion aid station.

Technical Sergeant Ivan K. Pribbenow, 6558796, 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. Technical Sergeant Pribbenow, under heavy enemy machine gun fire, led an ammunition carrying party to Infantry Company's positions, approximately 800 yards southwest of Chatan and succeeded in delivering 50 rounds of mortar ammunition and machine gun ammunition at a time when the company was out of these vital supplies and were unable to send details to the supply point because of contact with the enemy. On the return trip, Technical Sergeant Pribbenow unhesitatingly gave assistance to a litter squad and succeeded in evacuating three casualties under fire, which action undoubtedly saved their lives. Technical Sergeant Pribbenow's indomitable courage, coolness under fire and skill in leading a large carrying party over terrain covered by enemy fire without the loss of a man reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond M. Quernmoen, 37585461, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When the advance of his company was being slowed down by accurate fire from concealed enemy machine guns and mortars, Private First Class Quernmoen, and three other men, boldly dashed ahead of the front lines through a hail of machine gun and mortar fire and a shower of hand grenades. Undaunted by the intense enemy fire, they managed to attain a position above the enemy gun emplacements from where they were able to knock out two machine guns and one mortar. The aggressive and daring action of Private First Class Quernmoen so reduced the enemy fire power that it was possible for the company to advance and take the objective with a minimum of casualties.

Private First Class Martin F. Quinn, 35124088, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When the battalion to which Private First Class Quinn was attached needed ammunition and water urgently and it was too late in the day for a hand carrying party to take the supplies forward

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over a safe route, Private First Class Quinn, realizing that the vehicle route of 1200 yards was under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, voluntarily drove his vehicle over the route and delivered the supplies in time to be of most value.

Technical Sergeant Stanley Sawyer, 3657331, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. When his unit was under heavy enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire, in their attack on heavily fortified Kakazu ridge, Technical Sergeant Sawyer, at the risk of his own life, crawled out into an open area, fully exposed to enemy fire, in order to administer first aid to and evacuate one of his men who had been seriously wounded by shrapnel. During the evacuation, Technical Sergeant Sawyer was constantly endangered by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, but he courageously continued dragging the wounded man until he was in the safety of a draw in the reverse slope of a hill. The courage and concern for the welfare of his men displayed by Technical Sergeant Sawyer served as an example to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

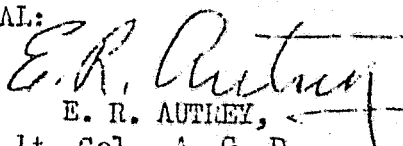
Private First Class William J. Serren, 33382845, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When his unit was pinned down by intense enemy fire from the right flank, Private First Class Serren, an ammunition bearer in a machine gun squad, bravely went in search of the location from which the enemy fire was coming, but the fire became so heavy that the entire unit was forced to withdraw. Private First Class Serren returned and gathered up a full load of ammunition, in the midst of the fire, and at great risk to his safety, worked his way across open terrain in full view of the enemy to reach his unit. His ammunition later aided the unit in taking the objective when the unit attacked later in the same day. The exemplary display of great devotion to duty and calm courage reflects great credit upon Private First Class Serren and the military service.

Private First Class Lyman E. Deason, 36440687, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. When a rifle squad had advanced against the enemy to the forward slope of a hill near Monobana, and had been pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from the front and both flanks, Private First Class Deason volunteered to advance seventy-yards and lay fire upon the forward enemy machine gun making it possible for his squad to withdraw without casualties. Private First Class Deason's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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29 June 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 410

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of DA Form 1 (10-4), (10-1-43), 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	Ralph S. Abbott	37752730	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Harold F. Acosta	39722875	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Tom S. Acuna	39722802	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank B. Allen	37752801	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Lesley E. Anderson	37752821	Inf	31 May 45
Sgt	Robert R. Bousley	37752898	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pvt	Herbert E. Bennett	37752813	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Clayton T. Berry	37752896	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	James W. Bjornson	37752871	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Walter E. Bidwell	37752891	Inf	29 May 45
Pfc	Elmer R. Blackburn	37752840	Inf	4 Jun 45
S Sgt	Don J. Boyd	37227864	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	John Brilla	37752861	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Walter W. Broemer	37752897	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Roy V. Buford	37752826	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Thomas F. Bullock	37752819	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert L. Carlson	37752893	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Saverio Calderara	37752806	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Ralph S. Carner	37752899	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Henry A. Chalupczynski	37752834	Inf	9 Jun 45
Pfc	Dennie G. Chapman	37752844	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	James Chapman	37752813	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Carl W. Christian	37752805	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Daryl G. Christensen	37752844	Inf	12 Jun 45
Tec 5	Harold K. Clau	37752807	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Emilio R. Cardova	37752859	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Albert W. Couch	37752889	Inf	14 Jun 45
Cpl	Larry G. Davis	37752834	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	William S. Davis	37752822	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Anthony J. Dentico	37752844	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Charles E. Desrosiers	37752843	Inf	23 May 45
Sgt	Douglas D. Dodd	37752872	Inf	4 Jun 45
Pfc	Harry K. Downing	36405098	Inf	10 Jun 45
T Sgt	Donald W. Eberhardt	36700481	Inf	9 Jun 45
Pfc	Ralph R. Fields	37640201	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Arthur L. Findley	37594066	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Roscoe Fleetwood	38320163	Inf	22 May 45
Sgt	Robert H. Gear	39053587	Inf	14 Jun 45
1st Sgt	Fred Gay	20545715	Inf	12 Jun 45
S Sgt	Russell V. Gipsberich	6910844	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Harvin D. Gregerson	39935801	Inf	24 May 45

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Pfc	Daniel F. Hermesen	39480564	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	M. T. Irwin	38582074	Inf	30 May 45
1st Sgt	Ben Kladder	6730635	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Arthur R. Koch	37587857	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Peter A. Kopp	39931255	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Walter J. Kostenski	36476849	Inf	24 May 45
1st Lt	Joseph J. Lambiase	0477235	MO	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Elmer G. Lang	37315481	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Russell Loosier	44031209	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Jackie D. Marks	35857528	Inf	26 May 45
S Sgt	William F. Martens	19089681	Inf	20 May 45
Cpl	Harry E. Nogle	38297226	Inf	6 Jun 45
Sgt	Arvel Norris	36101184	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Earl F. Pennell	3610779	Inf	24 May 45
Sgt	Edward A. Poludnikowicz	35517700	Inf	12 Jun 45
T Sgt	Ronald P. Raleigh	3627777	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	John W. Russell	37427253	MO	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Ernest C. Sanchez	3724580	Inf	23 May 45
Sgt	John G. Sarris	1738087	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Herbert W. Sax	36434578	Inf	25 May 45
Sgt	Guy A. Scarborough	14001546	Inf	6 Jun 45
Tec 4	Delbert E. Schwind	38272755	MO	12 Apr 45
Sgt	Frank J. Sierawski	36889180	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Rex H. Smart	39470536	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	William D. Smith	34437106	Inf	25 May 45
Sgt	George Solis, Jr.	38254928	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Leonard E. Strait	37752370	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	Albert C. Streicker	36383453	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	J. W. Thompson	38550060	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Cornelius Venhuizen	36914948	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Richard B. Victor	39480626	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Buck W. Wade	38632152	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	James D. Wagner	39426266	Inf	9 Jun 45
Sgt	Raymond E. Wahl	37315801	Inf	5 Jun 45
2d Lt	Donald S. Walsh	01331789	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Theodore B. Weber	38566093	Inf	9 Jun 45
Pfc	Clifford E. Wensley	39921856	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	James W. Wetsel	30573555	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	James T. Wiles	36815148	Inf	1 Jun 45
Sgt	Edward Woenovich	36381516	Inf	26 May 45
Pfc	Wing D. Wong	42182329	Inf	4 Jun 45
Pfc	Bartley J. Wood, Jr.	33432249	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Barnum B. Wright	38332677	Inf	9 Jun 45
Pfc	Joye G. Wright	37711447	Inf	4 Jun 45

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29 January 1957

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders #10, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 29 June 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Elmer G. Lang, 37 315 681, for wounds received in action on 6 June 1945, is withdrawn.

2. This individual was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously, since wounds received in action on 6 June 1945, resulted in his death on 8 June 1945.

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

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29 June 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. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-25 (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 H. Sharp, 3642332, 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 attack on and subsequent withdrawal from Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Sharp displayed unsurpassed courage and devotion to duty in the face of heavy enemy fire. In order to give the wounded greater protection, he moved forward into withering enemy fire to defend the men who were incapacitated. On succeeding in this, he voluntarily added to his own peril, the burden of carrying the wounded from the danger area. Private First Class Sharp's exemplary actions, cool courage and profound devotion to comrades and duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert T. Snodgrass, 13186273, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kamzato, Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. When one of his comrades lay wounded in a position close to the enemy lines, Private First Class Snodgrass braved intense enemy machine gun fire in order to rescue him. Knowing full well the hazards involved, he nevertheless went forward into the face of the enemy fire and was successful in evacuating the wounded man to the safety of our own lines. Private First Class Snodgrass' courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George R. Specht, 37569271, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an attack on heavily fortified, enemy held Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Specht, an aid man, administered first aid to the casualties suffered during the attack and when heavy enemy fire became so intense that it became necessary to withdraw to a position of cover about two hundred yards to the rear, he volunteered to remain behind in order to give all possible aid to the wounded. He remained in the open field until the last of the wounded men had been evacuated. During the time he was rendering first aid, he was working under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Private First Class Specht was wounded by enemy machine gun fire but refused first aid until all others had been taken care of. His courage and devotion to duty saved the lives of many other wounded men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Walter J. Stypula, 33306656, 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 came under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire and was pinned down, Technician

Fifth Grade Stypula volunteered to go out into an open field and assist in administering first aid and evacuating men wounded in the attack. After first aid had been rendered, Technician Fifth Grade Stypula acted as a litter bearer to help carry the seriously wounded to an aid station. He was continually under heavy artillery and mortar fire, but he remained in the field until all the wounded had been evacuated. His heroic and unselfish actions under fire aided in saving the lives of many men in his unit. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Stypula was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jossie W. Sutton, 31627310, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When the battalion to which Private First Class Sutton was attached needed ammunition and water urgently and it was too late in the day for a hand carrying party to take the supplies forward over a safe route to the troops, Private First Class Sutton, although realizing that the vehicle route of twelve hundred yards was under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, voluntarily drove his vehicle over the route and delivered the supplies in time to be of most value. As a result of Private First Class Sutton's action, the battalion was able to continue its mission with a minimum of casualties.

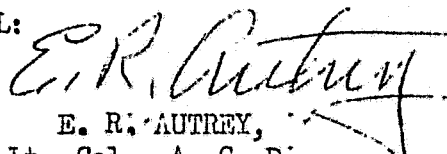
Private First Class Cone H. Tallman, 37675980, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Showing profound devotion to duty, Private First Class Tallman, on receiving orders to withdraw, moved forward toward the enemy at great risk to his life, in an effort to bring a greater protective barrier between his wounded comrades and the enemy force. He continued to give supporting fire until again ordered to withdraw, and then, in complying with the order, assisted in aiding the wounded to the safety of a sheltered position and then to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Tallman's heroic action, his blazing courage in the face of heavy enemy fire and superior numbers, and his marked devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond E. Wahl, 37315801, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. In the face of heavy machine gun and mortar fire and at the risk of his own life, Private First Class Wahl advanced over difficult and exposed terrain to a position where he could fire his heavy machine gun. By this courageous movement and his accurate firing, he decreased the effectiveness of the enemy fire and materially aided his battalion's advance.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Calvin J. Barnett, 3949764, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Barnett was with a wire team whose mission was to lay a vital wire to an Infantry battalion. Darkness was approaching rapidly. Communications by wire was extremely necessary because radio communications were out and the battalion was attacking the enemy at dawn. Realizing the importance of a successful wire laying mission, Private First Class Barnett volunteered to accompany two other men to reconnoiter a safer approach to the battalion as their direct route was covered by enemy machine gun fire. During the course of the reconnaissance, they were fired upon from an enemy Observation Post as they progressed in territory not yet entirely cleared of the enemy. The discovery of this Observation Post was helpful in the advance of one of the other battalions in the regiment. The heroic and fearless actions displayed by Private First Class Barnett and his measures to insure a successful mission enabled the rest of the wire team to successfully lay the essential wire, and thereby contributed highly to the success of the battalion which attacked at dawn the following morning.

Private First Class Henry W. Singleton, 38272372, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Singleton was with a wire team whose mission was to lay a vital wire to an Infantry Battalion. Darkness was approaching rapidly and communications by wire were extremely necessary because radio communications were out and the battalion was attacking the enemy at dawn. Realizing the importance of a successful wire laying mission, Private First Class Singleton voluntarily accompanied two other men on a reconnaissance for a safer approach to the battalion as their direct route was covered by enemy machine gun fire. During the course of their reconnaissance, they were fired upon from an enemy Observation Post as they progressed in territory not yet cleared of the enemy. The discovery of this Observation Post was helpful to one of the other battalions in the regiment. The heroic and fearless actions displayed by Private First Class Singleton and his measures to insure a successful mission, enabled the rest of the wire team to successfully lay the essential wire and thereby contributed highly to the success of the battalion which attacked at dawn the following morning.

Private First Class Carl S. Thomann, 36405183, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company was receiving heavy enemy mortar

and machine gun fire, Private First Class Thomann volunteered his assistance in evacuating wounded men from a hazardous sector. With full realization of the danger involved, and without regard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Thomann made his way across difficult terrain under heavy enemy fire to the wounded men whom he successfully evacuated to safety. Private First Class Thomann's heroic actions and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.


Technician Fourth Grade Charles A. Theurer, 57439291, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Theurer led his litter squad approximately four hundred yards through scant cover to a village which was under heavy enemy machine gun fire and while the barrage was still in progress, he and his litter squad treated a seriously wounded casualty and splinted his leg. Technician Fourth Grade Theurer then assisted in evacuating the casualty to the battalion aid station, the route to which was under the fire of one enemy machine gun and two rifles. Technician Fourth Grade Theurer's courage under fire and willingness to place the welfare and safety of the wounded above his own was directly responsible for the saving of the wounded man's life, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Billie M. Tucker, 38290810, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies of his battalion was halted in its advance by heavy enemy machine gun fire from a fortified cave, Corporal Tucker and two other men volunteered to close the cave with a demolition charge. The entire stretch of ground between Corporal Tucker's position and the enemy held cave, was open, offering no cover or concealment. Enemy machine guns had clear field of fire and commanded the approach to the cave. Burdened with three satchel charges, Corporal Tucker crawled from his position of cover, traversed the open ground under a murderous enemy fire, and succeeded in reaching the cave and sealing it with the charges. Corporal Tucker's courageous and aggressive action resulted in the death of thirty of the enemy and in the successful occupation by his unit of a prominent and important position with a minimum of casualties.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR METAL

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 Olva W. Tuuri, 3757367, Infantry, United States Army. For her heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Tuuri was with his company in an attack on the enemy who held Kakazu Ridge. In order to secure their objective, they had to cross an open unactivated field. After advancing about one hundred and fifty yards into the field, they were engaged and pinned down by heavy sustained enemy machine gun and sniper fire. At this point, the company commander gave the order to withdraw to the nearest available cover, which was one hundred and fifty yards to their rear. After the company had withdrawn, it was found that four men had been wounded, and were still in danger of enemy fire. Private First Class Tuuri volunteered to accompany his commanding officer back into the open field and retrieve the four men to cover. Just as the men entered the field, the enemy, in addition to their machine gun and sniper fire, opened up with artillery and mortar fire. Entirely disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Tuuri crawled the one hundred and fifty yards of field four successive times in order to recover the wounded men. After the men had been evacuated to a position of safety, first aid was administered. The coolness and courage displayed by Private First Class Tuuri served as an example to the rest of his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Frank H. Wilkinson, 38260769, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Wilkinson displayed extreme courage and devotion to duty by doing forward observation work for his mortar squad under a hail of enemy machine gun fire. Informed of an enemy counterattack and receiving orders to lay mortar fire on the advancing enemy, he crawled out into an exposed area in order to bring effective fire upon a position within thirty five yards of his observation post. Staff Sergeant Wilkinson's action was partially responsible for repulsing the enemy counterattack and although wounded, he refused medical treatment for several days and reported for treatment only after the company had been relieved. Staff Sergeant Wilkinson's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Third Grade Joseph G. Zirwas, 35301134, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When leading a litter squad at dusk to a rifle company to evacuate a seriously wounded man, Technician Third Grade Zirwas was not informed of the presence of an enemy sniper in the area where the wounded man lay. In the process of placing the casualty on the litter,

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Technician Third Grade Zirwas had to work alone as one of his men was injured and the other killed by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Third Grade Zirwas quickly dragged both wounded men to safety. The courageous and untiring efforts of Technician Third Grade Zirwas were instrumental in saving the lives of the two wounded men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

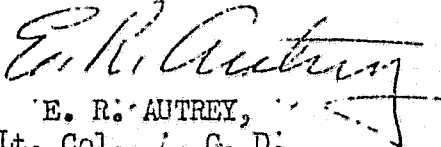
Private First Class Ernest M. Zobel, 36611011, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kamzato, Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. When one of his squad members lay wounded close to the enemy lines, Private First Class Zobel, disregarding his own personal safety, and on his own volition, went forward under intense enemy machine gun fire to effect rescue of the man. Fully aware of the hazards he was subjecting himself to, Private First Class Zobel crawled forward under intense enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in extracting the wounded man from the dangerous position. The action of Private First Class Zobel was responsible for the saving of the man's life for he was found to be bleeding profusely and was perilously close to death. Private First Class Zobel's heroism, great regard for his comrades and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond F. Zuehlke, 36700234, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When Technician Fifth Grade Zuehlke was repairing a battalion wire line on the flat approach to Conical Hill, he had to work under a constant barrage of enemy mortar fire. At great risk to his life and without hesitation, he worked under those difficult conditions until all wires were in operation only to find that during the entire action of the enemy fire, he had to constantly repair the lines he had just completed. Before the enemy fire had ceased, Technician Fifth Grade Zuehlke had repaired the same wires three times. His determination and devotion to duty is a striking example of courage and fortitude and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

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 Officers:

First Lieutenant Leo W. Ford, 0527793, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company commander was wounded in an assault on Kakazu Ridge, First Lieutenant Ford took command and under intense enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, reorganized and reorganized the shattered company. When strong enemy counterattacks threatened the entire position, he voluntarily assumed the task of assembling and evacuating the men wounded. The company withdrew, leaving a small skeleton force to assist him with the evacuation. Facing the enemy without further support or protection, he collected the injured and began the slow evacuation. When the route was blocked by enemy fire, on numerous occasions, First Lieutenant Ford exposed himself to enemy fire to search the narrow crevices and ledges for alternate routes. Finally when it became apparent that further movement was impossible by the light of day, he led his wounded men into a cave, established a guard and then made a lengthy reconnaissance through organized enemy sniper fire, for a route safe enough for night movement and under the cover of night, he led the men to safety. It was only then, when safety had been reached, that he disclosed his own leg wounds which had been inflicted early in the assault. First Lieutenant Ford's supreme courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain Robert E. Rector, 01286704, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 and 24 May 1945. During the assault on the main Japanese defense line north of Shuri, Captain Rector was in command of one of the lead rifle companies. Due to casualties and a scarcity of leaders, the elements of the entire battalion were unified under one control in order to hold the ridge after it had been taken. To Captain Rector fell the job of molding a determined fighting team out of the units and the responsibility of holding his ground for the security of the units to his right and left. During the night, the enemy launched their greatest counterattack, aimed at the annihilation of our remaining forces. Charging with hand grenades and satchel charges, the enemy swept in behind heavy mortar barrages to smash against our lines in suicidal frenzy. After this night of maintaining communications, Captain Rector moved among his men, instilling in them, the will to hold their ground. Captain Rector exposed himself to heavy enemy fire on several occasions. His courageous and aggressive actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

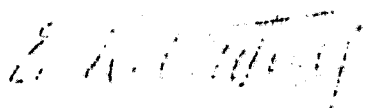
First Lieutenant Hugh D. Stetler, 01286729, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Volcano Hill, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Under First Lieutenant Stetler's aggressive and fiery leadership, his company swinging into an attack, seized their initial objective almost immediately, then swept on to seize Volcano Hill, two hundred and fifty yards further south. Fighting their way up the hill, the men attained the crest, and locked in savage hand to hand combat, with the enemy finally entrenched on the reverse slope. Since his unit had advanced alone, and were from three hundred to five hundred yards ahead of all adjoining friendly units, murderous flanking enemy fire now hit First Lieutenant Stetler's company, pinning them down. Displaying extraordinary heroism and infinite courage, he led each of his platoons forward to positions of cover and then moved alone across the fire swept field to Volcano Hill and ignoring the enemy mortars and grenades which fell around him, he reorganized his assaulting platoons' positions to defend the reverse too hold they had taken. He then worked his way back to the support platoon and saw that all casualties were taken care of after which, he personally led his support platoon forward to the hill and placed them in position. Under First Lieutenant Stetler's inspirational and aggressive leadership and extraordinary heroism, the hill was held against five vicious enemy counterattacks, for more than forty eight hours at which time pressure was alleviated as the adjoining units came abreast. First Lieutenant Stetler's extraordinary heroism and blazing courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain Albert A. Todd, 01010270, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Shuri, Okinawa Island on 28 and 29 April 1945. Captain Todd, with utter disregard for his own life, and in a display of gallant actions, took command of the lead tank of his company and led them into the heavily defended enemy positions in the outer ring of defenses of the enemy bastion of Shuri. Captain Todd, with the mission of lending close support to the Infantry unit to which he was attached, showed unsurpassed courage and intrepidity in preceding the Infantry forces and blasting the enemy positions which were in great depth and containing a wealth of fire power. Disregarding the intense enemy artillery, mortar, and automatic weapons fire, Captain Todd gallantly led his men and so devastating were the brilliant sweeps and maneuvers which his group executed, that the enemy was routed all along the line and the Infantry forces able to advance and secure the entire first line of the enemy defenses around Shuri. Captain Todd's inspirational leadership, his profound devotion to duty and his gallant actions were responsible for substantial gains, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
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 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Private First Class Gerald F. Charlesworth, 39054937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 10 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire on Kakazu Ridge and it was necessary for fire to be brought down on the enemy positions, Private First Class Charlesworth, at great risk to his life, made a dash down the ridge and described the situation and exact positions of the forward elements, thus enabling supporting fire to be laid on the enemy. Private First Class Charlesworth then returned over the same hazardous route to his unit where he was killed by enemy mortar fire. Private First Class Charlesworth's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Marion E. Charlesworth, Wife, Route 2, Box 160, Oakdale, California.

Private First Class Joseph A. Ferrari, 38292164, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 April 1945. Throughout this period of combat, Private First Class Ferrari showed aggressiveness and determination in his ability to use his BAR with great effectiveness against the enemy. He faced the enemy against all odds of weather, terrain and observation and performed with superior effectiveness. In several counterattacks and moves across difficult terrain under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and in close support of his squad and platoon, Private First Class Ferrari demonstrated high courage and outstanding efficiency in the fulfillment of his duties. Next of Kin: Mrs. Viola Ferrari, Mother, Box 34, Berling, Arkansas.

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Sergeant Francis J. Metz, 37232999, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy phosphorous shell landed among men of his squad and injured several of them, Sergeant Metz, acting on his own initiative, ran to their assistance. Although it was almost dark and heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire was falling all around him, Sergeant Metz was able to evacuate one of the men to the battalion aid station. His courageous act served as an example to all who witnessed it and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: William Metz, Father, 620 South Third Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

Private First Class Paul H. Ostrowske, 33414211, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 April 1945. The communications of his rifle company were always in highly efficient working order because of the unceasing efforts of Private First Class Ostrowske. In difficult moves over fire-swept terrain, in fierce defenses of vital objectives, Private First Class Ostrowske, a 300 radio operator in a rifle company, unflinchingly and bravely labored in the reception and transmission of messages. His alertness and exclusive attention to his duties were contributing factors to the successful fulfillment of his company's missions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Margaret Ostrowske, Mother, 1080 Blackstone Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Verron E. Peters, 37322602, 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. When his rifle platoon was completely pinned down by enemy fire, Private First Class Peters worked his way forward to a good firing position and determinedly fired into enemy pillboxes that were holding up the advance. While performing in this intrepid manner, Private First Class Peters was hit by mortar fire and instantly killed. His courage and tenacity were superior in all contacts with the enemy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Alice E. Peters, Mother, 4620 Drew Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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:

Sergeant David R. Miller, 15311651, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Miller voluntarily went forward alone under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire to remove mines which were impeding the advance of his battalion against the enemy. Sergeant Miller's great efficiency coupled with courage and coolness under fire was an inspiration to the men of his organization and reflect great credit upon himself and 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:

Staff Sergeant Leo M. Allen, 35429616, Infantry, 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.

Sergeant Clyde E. Angles, 35635944, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Cecil O. Ball, 39086225, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 16 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Wesley L. Boerner, 38393473, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Raymond H. Carey, 31216548, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 3 April 1945 to 5 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Erving G. Harnier, 37453242, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 2 April 1945 to 1 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Marvin W. Hoffman, 01173645, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

Captain Richard F. Jack, 0331914, Dental Corps, 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.

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Technician Fourth Grade Johnnie Lee, Jr., 38282200, 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.

Corporal Paul Stewart, Jr., 39004138, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade William Stocker, 36580821, 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.

Sergeant George T. Stronach, 3438048, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 June 1945.

Corporal John E. Williams, 37009100, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 4 April 1945.

SECTION II

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:

Cpl	James F. Chicco	16125663	FA	20 Jun 45
Tec 4	Floyd W. Hayes	37182657	FA	9 Jun 45
Col	Aubrey D. Howard	38300286	FA	1 Jun 45
Tec 5	Paul R. Justice	35437071	FA	27 Jun 45
S Sgt	Thomas J. Slawson	36701025	FA	1 Apr 45

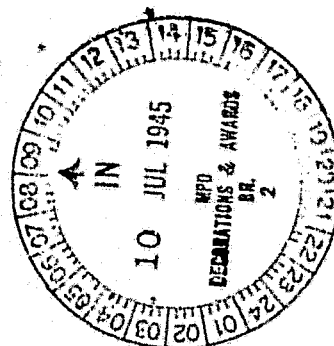
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SECTION I

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 by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Vernon Larson, 36273287, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing two men from drowning six miles south of Dulag, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 March 1945. While two soldiers were attempting to save the life of a drowning man, Private First Class Larson observed that they themselves had become exhausted and were in imminent danger of drowning. He immediately dived into the water and after battling through dangerous breakers and a strong rip-tide, finally reached the helpless men and sustained them until help arrived to return them to shore, thereby saving their lives. The heroism displayed by Private First Class Larson reflects great credit upon himself and 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 Enlisted Man:

Sergeant Harmon O. Whitoman, 36339337, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Sergeant Whitoman, in a display of cool courage, heroism and profound devotion to duty, led a rescue party forward and in the face of enemy observation and fire to rescue the bodies of two men who had been killed in action. Although it was not his task to retrieve the bodies until the area thereabouts had been secured, Sergeant Whitoman's great devotion to duty, and the thoughts of his fellow men, led him to take up his mission. He was completely successful in his mission, which entailed extreme labor, under full enemy observation and constant accurate and harassing fires. His accomplishment reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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 military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Star Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof, by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

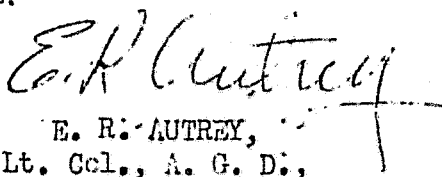
Private First Class Samuel E. Russell, 39864389, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During the hours of darkness, Private First Class Russell's company was occupying a forward position on the battalion perimeter. Seeing that one of his comrades was pinned in an intense enemy mortar barrage, Private First Class Russell, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, left his position and with two other men, went to assist in taking the casualty to the aid station. The heroic and unselfish actions on the part of Private First Class Russell, in spite of heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire, directly assisted in the saving of the wounded man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 359, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Sergeant Harmon O. Whitoman, 36339337, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Sergeant Whitoman was in charge of three men engaged in preparing a body for evacuation from an extremely hazardous area to the cemetery when a sudden burst of enemy machine gun fire killed the three men and also seriously wounded him. The evacuation of the dead man was being accomplished under adverse circumstances in that he was operating in an area that was under complete enemy observation and was not yet free of small arms fire. Sergeant Whitoman's courageous actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section II, General Orders No. 417, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Shirley M. Aldrich	28420202	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pvt	Dwight S. Ardila	39111102	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Frank A. Bower	39111102	Inf	11 Jun 45
S Sgt	Earl V. Casanova	38411106	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	George W. Cookdall	39108638	Inf	3 Jun 45
T Sgt	Horace R. Egan	29210719	Inf	30 Apr 45
Pfc	Rand A. Barker	39549825	Inf	28 Jun 45
Sgt	Orville S. Beard	18117166	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pvt	Jesus Bernard	39595313	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Donald L. Bell	39421953	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Franklin A. Bolter	36510580	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles W. Bolin	31989171	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pvt	Clarence F. Bolton	39909848	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Roscoe L. Bullis	38630824	Inf	29 May 45
Pfc	Harry L. Busarth	31436279	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pvt	Raymond E. Doyle	35896105	Inf	25 Apr 45
Pfc	Jordan R. Briggs	39122787	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Dain L. Brock	37135572	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank P. Beshovich	39122700	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Junior A. Brown	37615711	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Merle Q. Bupp	33276221	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles F. Burns	35909219	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	James C. Buson	35361730	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Leo J. Carroll	35851120	Inf	29 May 45
Pfc	Edward R. Collis	38111149	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Earl W. Conrad	36122772	Inf	23 May 45
S Sgt	Hurvey E. Constable	37130992	Inf	14 Jun 45
S Sgt	Billy G. Cox	37211435	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pvt	Paul H. DeVault	33182261	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Arthur J. Decker	36700716	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	William J. Drury	38711153	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Harvey E. Dunn, Jr.	39123626	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pvt	James L. Eberly	38570376	Inf	27 Apr 45
Sgt	Joseph W. Foley	37392777	Inf	9 Apr 45
Cpl	James C. Ferguson	37392712	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Lawrence E. Friedman	39131920	Inf	11 Jun 45
S Sgt	Louis H. Garey	38291242	Inf	7 Jun 45
Sgt	Clarence J. Hatch	39530936	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Jesus H. Hernandez	39535580	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	John E. Keller	18164769	Inf	15 Jun 45
S Sgt	Kitchell F. Keut	36700072	Inf	12 May 45
S Sgt	Milton E. Longfield	36431813	Inf	24 May 45

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Pvt	Ruel H. Leo	39933341	Inf	1 Apr 45
Sgt	Albin C. Lubarda	36431595	Inf	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert J. McLeod	36700745	Inf	23 May 45
S Sgt	Michael R. Martz	36284126	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Gilbert L. Miller	39622634	Inf	3 Apr 45
Pfc	Elmer E. Minor	36431425	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Henry W. Mudd	33260488	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Dennis W. Mullen	39455177	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	WILLIS C. Murphy	38289294	Inf	13 Apr 45
S Sgt	Joseph Palney	36535787	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Benjamin J. Papa	33811443	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	George R. Popp	39140030	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	Wallace L. Quinby	42000037	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Emel Rannals	33532021	Inf	11 Jun 45
Tec 4	Americo H. Ricciardelli	32001719	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	James R. Richmond	37774808	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Norman L. Richter	38656428	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Willard N. Roberson	44012784	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	Ronald Rossell	39475874	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Verlon A. Russell	35815279	Inf	13 Jun 45
S. Sgt	George E. Schmoll	15075258	Inf	5 Apr 45
Pfc	James R. Shelley	38632761	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	John W. Shipwash	31436095	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Louis G. Sirrianni	33271633	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Sam L. Sizemore	34037506	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Edward J. Stamm	12219913	Inf	3 Apr 45
Pvt	Ira R. Stanfield	38667850	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Roy J. Stejskal	36770194	Inf	30 Apr 45
Pfc	Paul R. Stolzner	37647649	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	Dale E. Stockard	39933844	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Frank H. Thiltgen	36700335	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Edward W. Turcotte	31319915	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Alan N. Uffman	37622186	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	John B. Unruh	37353563	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Ebert H. Van Buren	38496734	Inf	29 Apr 45
T Sgt	Clarence VerVoer	36405208	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Lavell W. Warren	38329638	Inf	24 Apr 45
Pfc	Thomas Warren, Jr.	35781557	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	John W. Welch	36240111	Inf	12 Apr 45
S Sgt	Harold N. Whitney	38312464	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Clair A. Wood	33408722	Inf	13 Apr 45
Cpl	Homer A. Wright	38272633	Inf	11 Apr 45

*Rec'd by Lt. 1000
10 Oct 45*

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AGRC-GDP 201 Langfield, Milton F.
36 431 813 (16 Jul 53)

10 August 1953

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 418, Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division, dated 30 June 1945, as pertains to the Purple Heart, as reads "Staff Sergeant Milton E. Langfield, 36 431 813", is amended to read "Staff Sergeant Milton F. Langfield, 36 431 813".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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GENERAL ORDER'S
NUMBER 419

ORIGINAL ORDER

30 June 1945

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	Richard J. Ainsworth	42027572	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Herman J. Alexander	38251298	SigC	25 Jun 45
S Sgt	John F. Ansbro	15091319	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Albert Arellano	37711986	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Ben Axt	37411118	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pvt	Charles T. Bealmer	37611151	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Ronald W. Beichner	33712119	MD	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Raymond C. Binder	36433969	Inf	26 Jun 45
Pfc	Bryan W. Blount	15305759	Inf	24 May 45
Pvt	David C. Bowen	35850592	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	James Burke	38551239	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Melford M. Burns	38634347	Inf	15 Jun 45
Sgt	Byron H. Caldwell	39470463	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Homer H. Calvert	44030212	Inf	24 May 45
Sgt	Bernard A. Carlson	37312685	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Howard R. Carlson	39934430	Inf	24 May 45
Tec 5	Leonard K. Carter	38419558	MD	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Anthony T. Caurvina	33926285	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Lester L. Conaway	38585148	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Elmo L. Covell	39596369	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	William D. Coppin	37774825	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Fredrico G. Corral	39593452	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Cecil D. Deshazo	39866013	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Eugene Doerflinger Jr.	33925980	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald W. Donavan	39196831	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	John W. Duren	38697548	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Emil L. Erickson	39934878	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pvt	Robert P. Faber	37735520	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Kenneth A. Frame	37752207	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Agapito Garnica	39730451	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	John L. Heerschop	36914915	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Lauren M. Henderson	38549847	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Ignacio Hernandez	38585132	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	James W. Hess	39921499	Inf	25 May 45
Tec 5	Edmund E. Jackson	38277566	SigC	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold F. Kalb	35211412	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Earl H. Kelly	31470341	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Theron R. Keyes	39934988	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	David F. Kirn	13098751	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Ernest J. Klasek	37266266	MD	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Arvo H. Kerpela	37598065	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	George F. Kuntz	35908781	Inf	29 May 45
Pfc	Wesley B Laffen	37774498	Inf	15 Jun 45
Sgt	Albert Lave	39621742	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Arnold C. Iobkyer	36471988	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert G. Looper	36430608	Inf	18 Jun 45

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Pfc	Ralph S Osborne	35213111	Inf	14	May	45
Pfc	Stanley Indrasik	35213114	FA	25	Jun	45
Pfc	Carl L. Mack	35213171	Inf	30	May	45
Pfc	Earl Williams	35213171	Inf	19	May	45
S Sgt	Edward J. McKay	35213171	Inf	19	Apr	45
Cpl	Gordon L. McKeenan	35213175	Inf	19	Jun	45
Sgt	Joseph F. McManrose	17213175	Inf	13	May	45
Pfc	Cecil C. Myers	35213179	Inf	15	Jun	45
Pfc	Joseph H. Neale	35213180	Inf	26	Jun	45
Pfc	Robert A. Peterson	35213185	Inf	12	Jun	45
Tec 4	Charles H. Falkst	6021319	FA	23	Jun	45
Pfc	Elmer W. Fernal	35213190	Inf	15	Jun	45
Pfc	Fred A. Foyson	35213195	Inf	18	Jun	45
Tec 5	Stanley J. Parlinski	35213194	FA	22	Jun	45
2d Lt	Louis H. Perry	08213195	Inf	9	Apr	45
Pfc	Otto H. Rosano	35213194	Inf	25	May	45
Pfc	Russell H. Richter	35213190	FA	12	Jun	45
Pfc	Deane A. Robinson	35213117	FA	12	Jun	45
Pfc	Robert J. Russell	37721102	Inf	13	Jun	45
Pvt	Adrian J. Ryan	42021115	Inf	21	May	45
Pfc	James M. Salicbury	35213177	Inf	17	May	45
Pfc	Ted E. Samerwon	36213373	Inf	15	Jun	45
Sgt	Haskell W. Sands	35213114	Inf	8	Jun	45
Sgt	Clarence J. Schalz	18151233	Inf	22	May	45
Pfc	Matthew L. Shuster	38021121	ID	20	Jun	45
Pfc	Lawrence E. Slight	37131113	Inf	26	Jun	45
Pfc	Ernest E. Snyder	35951107	ID	15	Jun	45
Tec 5	John S. Stasnek	36571115	Inf	8	Jun	45
Tec 5	Walter Stasiak	16211099	FA	24	Jun	45
S Sgt	William H. Steinmetz	32361734	Inf	15	Jun	45
1st Lt	Leslie H. Strand	01312214	Inf	20	Jun	45
Pfc	Theodore D. Sweden	35213173	Inf	20	Jun	45
Pfc	Adolpho P. Tuffillo	35213172	Inf	24	May	45
Pfc	William W. Tuter	35213140	Inf	27	May	45
Pfc	Gregory F. Vars	37213142	Inf	17	Jun	45
Cpl	Howard H. Weaver	35213173	FA	22	Jun	45
Pfc	Richard A. Whelan	35213171	Inf	26	Jun	45
Pfc	Diego A. Rosales	35213179	Inf	22	May	45

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30 June 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. 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 Matthew U. Agritsch, 37586137, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During a heavy enemy counterattack, Private First Class Agritsch, a LIF man, left a comparatively well-emplaced position and deliberately exposed himself to withering enemy machine gun fire in an attempt to destroy a sniper who was harassing our flank. Taking his weapon, he made his way alone down the reverse slope of the debilitated ridge trying to spot the sniper's position. He encountered heavy fire before he completed his mission but not until he had killed several of the enemy. In doing this, he was seriously wounded and had to be evacuated. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Agritsch was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Marvin W. Arthur, 38319444, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Corporal Arthur, a first gunner in an 81mm mortar squad, with utter disregard for his personal safety, left his position three different times during the night to repair the company communications which were knocked out by enemy artillery fire. Each time he went forth to repair the damage, he was subjected to heavy enemy artillery fire which was falling in the immediate area. The fearless action and devotion to duty displayed by Corporal Arthur reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ilton L. Bouchard, 39004155, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. During the daylight hours, Private First Class Bouchard made repeated trips to the front line companies with water, rations and much needed ammunition travelling under intense mortar and artillery fire. Under cover of darkness, he assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the front lines to the battalion aid station. The supply and evacuation route was covered by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, but Private First Class Bouchard unhesitatingly and determinedly continued his efforts which aided materially in the success of his unit's mission.

Private First Class Joseph P. Dunn, 31326867, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. While his organization was being subjected to a

deadly enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Dunn noticed a soldier in another organization who was seriously wounded and who was exposed to machine gun fire. To reach him, Private First Class Dunn had to cross through the artillery fire and expose himself to the danger of small arms. Realizing that the rendering of first aid in the exposed position would be virtually impossible, he dragged the casualty back to cover and although still exposed to artillery fire, he improvised a litter, secured the aid of two other men and effected the evacuation to the aid station. Private First Class Dunn's heroic action and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul T. Elliott, 36616486, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakezu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. In order to support a dawn attack, Private First Class Elliott, bravely exposed himself to a withering fire of enemy mortars and small arms and from an exposed position, serving as a cannoneer, remained at his post throughout the enemy's continuous withering barrage to bring destructive fire on many enemy emplacements and pillboxes. Due largely to Private First Class Elliott's tenacity of purpose, his cool courage and profound devotion to duty, many of the enemy emplacements were destroyed.

Private First Class Kenneth S. Haddock, 36404127, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When the battalion to which Private First Class (then Private) Haddock was attached, needed ammunition and water urgently and it was too late in the day for a hand carrying party to take the supplies forward over a safe route to the troops, Private First Class Haddock, although realizing that the vehicle route of twelve hundred yards was under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, voluntarily drove his vehicle over the route and delivered the supplies in time to be of most use. As a result of Private First Class Haddock's heroic action, the battalion was able to continue with its mission with a minimum of casualties.

Sergeant Russel D. Reese, 19118570, 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 22 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

In accordance with the direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 1 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 military personnel:

First Lieutenant Kenneth K. Gruver, O1172475, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 7 April 1945. First Lieutenant Gruver, as Forward Observer for an Infantry assault Company, displayed great personal courage and exemplary devotion to duty in occupying exposed positions to direct vital counter-battery and harassing artillery fire on the enemy. He was personally credited for the detection and destruction of a 75mm enemy field piece which had been harassing and impeding the advances of our troops for some time. His initiative and aggressiveness was responsible for the constant neutralization of enemy positions in his zone of action. His skillful coordination of defensive fires was of material assistance in the success of this unit in accomplishing their objectives. On the morning of 9 April, First Lieutenant Gruver as the Company Commander, spearheaded an attack on Kakazu Ridge by a rifle company. During this action he was seriously wounded and evacuated. His untiring devotion to duty and aggressive and accurate direction of supporting artillery fires served as an inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Lieutenant Colonel Francis W. Jenkins, O21087, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. As Commanding Officer of a Field Artillery battalion Lieutenant Colonel Jenkins, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved to a forward position under intense enemy fire to direct accurate artillery fire upon the enemy. From his hazardous position Lieutenant Colonel Jenkins coordinated the actions of his Forward Observers and succeeded in destroying several enemy strong points and suppressing a possible enemy counterattack. This heroic action of Lieutenant Colonel Jenkins served as an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John L. Nigro, 37704512, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Nigro was in charge of a detail of troops searching for two men reported killed but not yet evacuated. He organized the search party in such a manner that it disclosed the presence of a large mine field, valuable Jap materiel and the activity of a well fortified position which was still being manned by the enemy. Observing a huge pile near a highway which was under enemy observation and occasional artillery fire, Private First Class Nigro noted that the ground and surroundings in the center were too orderly to be unoccupied so he descended to make an investigation. In company with an officer, he probed all of the smaller caves and shelters finding freshly cooked rice in one. As he glanced into the big cave he saw a Jap with fixed bayonet who was intently watching the officer who was not aware of the situation. Without regard to his own safety and in the face of certain enemy fire, Private First Class Nigro rushed to the side of the officer and fired into the cave from the hip.

Private First Class Negro later in the afternoon led an armed patrol to the fortified position, killed two more Japs and obtained information which later resulted in the complete destruction of the strong-point. Private First Class Negro's integrity and qualities of aggressive leadership was a source of inspiration to the men working under him and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant James R. Clark, 01171490, Field Artillery, United States Army For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945.

First Sergeant Paul Rayner, 6326153, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 May 1945.

Major Peter J. Van Loben Sels, 0347154, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth F. Yessen, 37233140, 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 31 May 1945.

Private First Class Robert W. Hunter, 39202796, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Private First Class Hunter, a company messenger, endangered his life many times in order to carry messages from the Company Command to the platoon leaders. He was continuously under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, but with complete disregard for his own safety, he always continued on. On one occasion, when his unit received a heavy enemy counterattack, Private First Class Hunter volunteered to go up to the foremost positions to help ward off the attack, and in the action he personally killed three of the enemy. Private First Class Hunter was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, by his display of courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty which reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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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:

Corporal Richard Jefferson, 36789833, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Corporal Jefferson, with utter disregard for his own safety, showed a profound devotion to duty and cool courage in going forward to retrieve the bodies of two men who had been killed in action. Corporal Jefferson accomplished his mission successfully in spite of having to work while under constant enemy observation and fire in an area which offered little protection. Corporal Jefferson's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Glen Jefferson, Father, 4562 Cottage Street, St. Louis, 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 Earl P. Hallums, 36534651, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Hallums, an automatic riflemen, was with his front line rifle platoon in a coordinated attack against the enemy when it was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire from a concealed pillbox. Private First Class Hallums moved forward and to the right flank of his platoon for twenty five yards and, from a selected position, while under intense enemy mortar fire, delivered from his automatic rifle, continuous and accurate fire upon the enemy machine gun position, making it possible for his platoon to gain more advantageous positions from which it could effectively engage the enemy and evacuate the wounded. Private First Class Hallums brave and aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

** Rec'd by No 495 - July 11, 1945*
~~Private First Class Walden H. Hawkins, 33277774, 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 the attack on and subsequent withdrawal from Kakazu Ridge by his unit, Private First Class Hawkins displayed a profound devotion to duty and cool courage in the face of heavy enemy fire. When his unit was ordered to withdraw from positions on the ridge, Private First Class Hawkins voluntarily and at great risk to his life, moved forward with his squad under withering enemy fire to a position from which he could better deliver supporting fire to cover the evacuation of the wounded and maintained the position until all troops had withdrawn. Private First Class Hawkins' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Bernice R. Hodges, 35807122, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies of an attacking Infantry battalion suffered several casualties as it was making an assault on an enemy hold hill, two of the casualties were in such a position that to reach them required crossing one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain under enemy fire. Receiving word that the men were seriously wounded and needed immediate evacuation, Private First Class Hodges, attached to the company as a litter bearer, volunteered with three other men to bring them out. He crossed the exposed area under extremely heavy enemy machine gun fire, gave the casualties immediate first aid, and evacuated them successfully to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Hodges' heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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 the following named Officer per General Orders No. 95, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 11 April 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant Ralph L. Palm, 0527104, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. First Lieutenant Palm, acting as a forward observer moving forward with the assault troops of an Infantry company, through intense enemy fire, with complete disregard for his own safety in this dangerous situation, successfully adjusted artillery fire to protect the units' exposed left flank and left rear which was in dire jeopardy. The adjusted artillery fire, within seventy five yards of our troops, stopped the enemy counterattack and saved the lives of many of the infantrymen. First Lieutenant Palm's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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1 July 1945

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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:

✓ Pfc	Charles N. Airhart	36914802	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pvt	Alfred L. Allen	37748646	Inf	1 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Lenzie M. Allred	36909327	Inf	26 May 45
✓ Pfc	Wilson H. Allred	19332187	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Augustine Arias	39728523	Inf	14 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Morgan L. Arnold	38582630	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Albert L. Baber	39728857	Inf	12 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Joe L. Bacca	38584740	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Jack H. Bacon	39935111	Inf	24 May 45
✓ Pfc	Ynas B. Barrigas	39728601	Inf	9 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	James M. Barron	37641111	Inf	24 May 45
✓ Sgt	Vernon E. Behlke	36846633	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Alvin H. Berlin	36844321	Inf	23 May 45
✓ Pfc	Frank W. Biolinski	39728348	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pvt	Bernard W. Blankenship	39592778	Inf	30 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	James I. Bowen	36915957	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	Ronald W. Bracken	39595401	Inf	26 May 45
✓ Pfc	Arthur W. Brown	39729057	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Max F. Brown	39470458	Inf	23 May 45
✓ Pfc	Anthony Byzewski	36914571	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Everett J. Cassady	6382111	Inf	17 May 45
✓ Pfc	Gerald W. Cavanaugh	38572261	Inf	14 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Paul O. Chesney	35835505	Inf	15 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Charles L. Clawson	37752091	Inf	14 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Jose C. Charles	38672768	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Antonio A. Chavez	38581749	Inf	31 May 45
✓ Pfc	Raymond C. Clapp	34455318	Inf	1 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Russell H. Crane	39475209	Inf	1 Jun 45
✓ T Sgt	Paul R. Crocker	34895840	Inf	13 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	James A. Deegan, Jr.	39728087	Inf	24 May 45
✓ Pfc	William J. Dombrowski	36914580	Inf	30 May 45
✓ Pfc	Jesse G. Eoff	38573142	Inf	26 May 45
✓ Pfc	Gregg R. Frost	32760652	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Felipe Gomez	39728883	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Ignacio A. Gomez	39590966	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Raymond J. Guzik	36466433	Inf	12 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	George W. Harris	34891089	MD	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	William F. Herbert	6144168	MD	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	George F. Hoey	33811891	Inf	12 Jun 45
✓ Tec 4	Seymour Hoffman	38292705	Inf	7 Jun 45
✓ Tec 5	Melvin J. Honnette	37438128	Inf	29 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Harry K. Jaeger	37712120	Inf	12 May 45

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✓ Pfc	Harvey Kaplan	32993550	Inf	19 May 45
✓ Pfc	Raymond F. Keegan	31433543	Inf	12 May 45
✓ T Sgt	Donald J. Keene	35879738	Inf	31 May 45
✓ Pfc	Cecil L. Kennedy	37537147	Inf	14 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	John E. Korth	36637147	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	Marvin E. Nevius	36429541	Inf	25 May 45
✓ Pfc	Earl F. Ninsfeldt	37304014	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	Joseph E. O'Connell	36961790	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	George I. Patterson	36531207	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	James P. Rigg, Jr.	17344442	Inf	12 Jun 45
✓ 1st Lt	George E. Rinker	01307854	Inf	31 May 45
✓ Pfc	William V. Roebuck	44015162	Inf	19 May 45
✓ 2d Lt	Elmer W. Russell	01208755	Inf	14 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Andrew M. Salsog	37312113	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	John F. Schein	36630428	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Carroll M. Schiencel	36324951	Inf	24 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Maurice F. Sloughnessy, Jr.	36002868	Inf	24 May 45
✓ Pfc	Fred E. Sorenson	39235089	Inf	1 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Charles J. Sorek	36907708	Inf	7 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Earl S. Stapleton	33762060	Inf	3 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Floyd R. Stevenson	36030066	Inf	29 Apr 45
✓ 2d Lt	William D. Stocks	01331781	Inf	23 May 45
✓ Pfc	Philip H. Trew	38573654	Inf	12 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Harvey M. Tubor	35816669	Inf	30 May 45
✓ Pfc	George J. Tucci	37774144	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	John K. Tuttle	36472521	Inf	15 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Buell V. Underwood	39480346	Inf	14 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	Walter W. VanCoillie	36431572	Inf	22 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Lester M. Van Gruening	37712192	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Ted H. Vaughn	38604217	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Henry B. Vaux	39425046	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Harold E. Vincent	35909691	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Eril J. Wagaman	37775417	Inf	2 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	William V. Waggoner	39346918	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Gerald M. Wallace	38604069	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Raymond W. Walworth	33947692	Inf	30 May 45
✓ Pfc	William J. Warless	39935806	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Robert E. Waters	36915805	Inf	23 May 45
✓ Pfc	Paul K. Wilkison	36644222	Inf	7 Jun 45
✓ Pvt	David B. Wotzer	3318804	Inf	23 May 45
✓ Pfc	John Youhasick	32637000	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Charles O. Young	36938815	Inf	11 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Edwin N. Sprank	37115515	Inf	23 May 45

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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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:

Private First Class Delvin L. Householder, 39470430, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During the hours of darkness, when Private First Class Householder's company was occupying a forward position on the battalion perimeter, seeing that one of his comrades was wounded by an intense enemy mortar barrage, Private First Class Householder, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, with two other men, left his position to assist in removing the casualty to the aid station, where plasma might be administered. The heroic and entirely unselfish action on the part of Private First Class Householder, in spite of heavy enemy sniper fire, directly assisted in the saving of the wounded man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Wilbort Kemp, 36789664, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Corporal Kemp, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, displayed great courage, bravery and a profound devotion to duty and his comrades in going forward to rescue the bodies of two men killed in action. Moving through an area still infested by enemy snipers and covered by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Corporal Kemp and two other men voluntarily went on this mission in order to retrieve the bodies. Under full enemy observation and heavy fire, Corporal Kemp went about his portion of the tedious task and was highly instrumental in the complete accomplishment of the most difficult and dangerous mission. His every action under fire, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Sterling E. Kinney, O. 317799, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When, during a battalion attack, one of the companies was being held up and was unable to move or evacuate its wounded men, First Lieutenant Kinney, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of comparative safety to find out from where the enemy machine guns that were causing most of the casualties, were firing. It was necessary for First Lieutenant Kinney to expose himself to this same machine gun fire while he was endeavoring to locate the enemy positions and once he found them it was only a matter of seconds until his mortars were firing on the machine guns forcing them to cease firing long enough to effect the evacuation of the wounded men. First Lieutenant Kinney, in bringing his platoon into action, exhibited the highest type of leadership of the military service. His intrepidity and devotion to duty inspired his men to unflinchingly accomplish their mission. The extraordinary employment of professional knowledge in a delicate situation was indispensable to the successful attack of the battalion. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant Mitchell F. Kogut, 36700072, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Kogut displayed exemplary courage and devotion to duty when his squad was subjected to a heavy concentration of enemy artillery. Acting with reserved coolness, he reorganized his squad, directed the evacuation of the wounded to safety and then advanced to further the attack. Having been exposed to direct enemy fire for more than an hour, he retained, at all times, his courage and complete control of his men. Later in the day, with indomitable courage and a true spirit of leadership, he voluntarily led a detail through unsecured terrain for rations and water.

Staff Sergeant Edwin A. Kopacz, 36615987, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 and 10 April 1945. During an assault on a heavily defended enemy position, Staff Sergeant Kopacz pushed forward to the front lines through a deluge of enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire in order to find an Observation Post from which to spot enemy installations. After finding the post and using it to good advantage, he was forced to move to a new position because of enemy mortar fire. While digging in at the new position, when six mortar crewmen were wounded by an enemy mortar shell, Staff Sergeant Kopacz went to each one and administered first aid. In so doing, he crossed ground covered by enemy fire. On the following morning when his First Sergeant was badly wounded and lay on open ground fully exposed to enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Kopacz again went forward with absolute disregard for his own safety and moved the wounded man to a more covered position where he could render first aid. Staff Sergeant Kopacz's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward T. Sazama, 37775276, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Sazama, with other members of his litter squad, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, went forward of the front lines and rescued a wounded soldier from an exposed position which was under heavy enemy fire when one of the front line Infantry companies was temporarily forced to withdraw due to the intense enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Sazama's courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and 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 Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Albert W. Grossman, 39151546, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Nishi-Baru, Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Private First Class Grossman, although suffering severe phosphorous burns on both hands, covered the withdrawal of his platoon to a more strategic spot when counterattacked by the enemy. He then joined his platoon, taking up a position between two machine guns that had been put out of action, and through his initiative, enabled the casualties to be removed and new gunners to put the light machine guns back into action. Private First Class Grossman exposed himself several times to pull wounded men to covered positions and placed fire on the enemy. When the attack was halted, Private First Class Grossman followed the enemy down the hill firing from the hip thus completely routing them. Private First Class Grossman's devotion to duty and courageous and aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mathilda Grossman, Mother, 1110 Los Palos Street, Los Angeles, California.

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 Enlisted Man:

Private James E. Jarrell, 15116900, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Riuge, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945 and 9 April 1945. Private Jarrell, on 7 April 1945, finding his unit pinned down by fire from an enemy pillbox, took a flame thrower, and at great risk to his life, fearlessly charged through the intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire to knock out the position. Private Jarrell pushed up to the mouth of the fortified position and knocked out a machine gun and killed a number of the enemy. His action enabled the entire unit to resume its advance. Again on 9 April 1945, Private Jarrell volunteered to act as a guard for litter bearers who were being brought under heavy enemy fire. Private Jarrell's unswerving devotion and loyalty to his comrades were exemplary and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9129, 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:

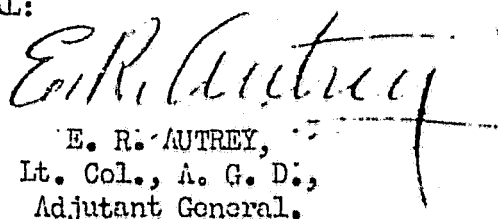
Sergeant Isadore J. Nodus, 36700508, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Sergeant Nodus led his mortar squad to the base of a hill, which at the time was under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, in order to protect the left flank of the perimeter which was being set up for the night. After finding cover for his men and setting up the gun, he ran a phone to the Observation Post in the front lines and in doing so, exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar and artillery fire. On the following morning, when the enemy tried a counterattack, Sergeant Nodus, who had his gun set for two hundred yards, immediately gave the gunner the necessary adjustments to bring the range down to seventy five yards but finding this unsatisfactory, he again changed the range and called for smoke which had a demoralizing effect on the enemy. Sergeant Nodus' courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William A. Plaster, 33662386, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. When his company was undergoing an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Plaster held a post of great responsibility. In his capacity as BAR man, he fired continually against the enemy and killed a great number of them, including a sabre-waving officer who was screamingly urging his men forward. Private First Class Plaster, in all the danger and confusion, fearlessly held his position until he was seriously wounded. He was evacuated because of the nature of his wound. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Plaster was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and 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:

Private First Class Francis M. Rall, 35730152, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 5 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Private First Class Rall, first gunner on a light machine gun, advanced with the leading elements of the assaulting rifle companies, giving direct support to the rifle platoons by laying down machine gun fire on all pillboxes within his sector. When the assault was slowed down by a barrage of enemy fire, he moved forward through the enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire in order to locate the enemy position and direct fire upon it. On one occasion, when the rifle platoons were pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Rall advanced across a field which was under heavy enemy machine gun crossfire, to a knoll from which he was able to observe the course of enemy fire and direct fire upon it. On 11 April 1945, two days after his section was cut off from the company, Private First Class Rall volunteered to secure rations and water and in so doing, he crossed several open fields and was under constant enemy fire. After returning with rations and water, he remained with his section until his company advanced and they could set up in their own lines. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Rall reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Tom W. Sellars, 44036151, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Private First Class Sellars, with other members of his litter squad, advanced nine hundred yards through enemy artillery and mortar fire to reach and evacuate casualties from one of the front line Infantry companies. Due to enemy infiltration into the area, this squad was put in danger of drawing friendly as well as enemy fire, but with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Sellars and the other men, completed their mission. Private First Class Sellars' devotion to duty and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ernest E. Smith, 36777849, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yakima Yama, Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Smith, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, drove a weazel to a front line Infantry company through enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to evacuate casualties with the greatest speed to the Battalion Aid Station, and thereby lighten the burden of litter bearers in the rough terrain being traversed. Private First Class Smith's devotion to duty and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Roland S. Smithers, 37315803, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery shelling of Sergeant Smithers' organization, which had been able to only partially displace, several men were seriously wounded. Leaving his partially completed foxhole, Sergeant Smithers crossed the exposed area to a seriously wounded man and with the aid of another man, improvised a litter and carried him back to the aid station. They then returned and continued the evacuation of three more litter cases. During this time, the enemy artillery continued to lay down heavy concentrations in the vicinity of the wounded man. Sergeant Smithers' utter disregard of the deadly fire, his quick thinking and heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART


Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the 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:

Tec 5	Dayton L. Johns	37461906	FA	25 Jun 45
Cpl	Arnold J. McDougall	30539123	FA	25 Jun 45
Sgt	Alvin J. Heuner	36066654	FA	13 Jun 45
Pvt	Marshall O. Thomas	33262169	Inf	21 Apr 45

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade John J. Bartos, 36383257, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroism displayed on the night of 26 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. When his water unit was in immediate danger of being swept away by the sudden flooding of the stream from which he was drawing water, Technician Fourth Grade Bartos, at great personal risk, swam out into the raging torrent to pull to safety, parts of his unit which were being floated away. Throughout the entire rescuing operation, the area of the water point was the center of heavy enemy artillery fire and the fast moving water which was churned by debris further hampered the work of Technician Fourth Grade Bartos. Without regard for his own personal safety and the quickness with which he set about rescuing extremely critical equipment was inspiring to his crew and instrumental in the saving of the most of the unit.

Technician Fifth Grade Bryant F. Bunch, 39568859, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in the vicinity of Abuyog, Loyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 March 1945. Hearing the cries of a man who was in distress while swimming in a rough sea, Technician Fifth Grade Bunch, with unhesitating courage, swam to his assistance and despite the strong undertow and high waves, kept the man afloat until he was carried to the safety of the shore. Technician Fifth Grade Bunch's heroic actions were instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier.

Private First Class John Falzone, 32830938, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroism displayed on the night of 26 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. When the water unit on which he was working was in immediate danger of being swept away by the sudden flooding of the stream from which he was drawing water, Private First Class Falzone, at great personal risk, swam out into the raging torrent to pull to safety parts of the unit which were being floated away. Throughout the entire rescuing operation the area of the water point was the center of enemy artillery fire and the fast moving water which was churned by debris further hampered the work of Private First Class Falzone. Without regard for his own personal safety and the quickness with which he set about rescuing extremely critical equipment was inspiring to the other members of the crew and instrumental in the saving of much of the unit.

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Hapac, 36700821, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in rescuing a drowning man on Tarragona Beach, Loyte, Philippine Islands on 15 March 1945. Observing a man who was caught in a rip-tide and was being carried out to sea, Staff Sergeant Hapac, voluntarily and at great risk to his own life, after battling through dangerous breakers, managed to reach the drowning man and assist in returning him to shore. Staff Sergeant Hapac's heroic action required tremendous physical exertion and determination against outstanding odds. The heroism displayed by him on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class William G. Ford, 6959607, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroism displayed on the night of 26 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. When the water unit to which he was assigned was in immediate danger of being swept away by the sudden flooding of the stream from which he was drawing water, Private First Class Ford, at great personal risk, swam out into the raging torrent to pull to safety parts of the unit which were being floated away. Throughout the entire rescuing operation the area of the water point was the center of enemy artillery fire and the fast moving water which was churned by debris further hampered the work of Private First Class Ford. His regard for his own personal safety and the quickness with which he set about rescuing extremely critical equipment was inspiring to the other members of the crew and instrumental in the saving of much of the unit.

Private First Class George B. Harris, 38340291, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism in rescuing a drowning man on Tarragona Beach, Loyte, Philippine Island on 15 March 1945. Observing a man who was caught in a rip-tide and was being carried out to sea, Private First Class Harris, voluntarily and at great risk to his own life, after battling through dangerous breakers, managed to reach the drowning man and sustain him until help was secured to return him to shore. Because of the strenuous exertion expended to keep the man and himself afloat in the exceedingly rough water, Private First Class Harris was barely able to swim back to safety. The heroism displayed by Private First Class Harris on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant John P. Stevens, 01185140, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed in the vicinity of Abuyog, Loyte, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. Hearing the cries of a man who was in distress while swimming in a rough sea, First Lieutenant Stevens, with unhesitating courage, swam to his assistance and despite the strong undertow and high waves, kept the man afloat until he was carried to the safety of the shore. First Lieutenant Steven's heroic actions were instrumental in saving the life of this soldier.

Sergeant Tony Terry, 32479099, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a drowning man on Tarragona Beach, Loyte, Philippine Islands, on 15 March 1945. Observing a man who was caught in a rip-tide and was being carried out to sea, Sergeant Terry, voluntarily and at great risk to his own life, after battling through dangerous breakers, managed to reach the drowning man and assist in returning him to shore. Sergeant Terry's heroic action required tremendous physical exertion and determination against outstanding odds. The courage displayed by Sergeant Terry on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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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 military personnel:

Captain James P. Alexander, 01297646, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. In a series of aggressive and heroic actions, culminated by a display of intrepidity and gallantry, Captain Alexander led the men of his company in the heavy fighting throughout the Kakazu Ridge sector. When the anti-tank platoon leader of his company was seriously wounded, Captain Alexander worked his way up to the gun positions, under a hail of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, to bring the guns into position and bring down fire on the enemy. Although the enemy was bringing down torrents of heavy fire against our positions, Captain Alexander, through his inspirational leadership, rallied his men and they practically carried their Anti-tank guns forward one hundred and fifty yards to a defiladed position brought down devastating fire on the enemy, knocking out three fortifications, destroying untold numbers of the enemy and breaking up two impending enemy counterattacks. Although he was wounded in this skirmish with the enemy which lasted for more than seven hours, Captain Alexander never left the gun positions and continually exposing himself to enemy fire, rallied his men, who were suffering from weariness and minor shrapnel wounds themselves, after ten days of close combat with a fanatic enemy. Not until the positions and his unit had secured their lines, forty eight hours later, did Captain Alexander accept evacuation for the treatment of his wounds. His brilliant leadership and gallant actions inspired his men to new heights and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Willie L. Allen, 34435499, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Although his gun position had been hit particularly hard by a heavy and sustained barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Allen, an assistant gunner in a 60mm mortar squad, remained with his gun, keeping up a steady volume of fire. He received a serious wound but refused evacuation and remained at his gun until he collapsed and was evacuated. Before his evacuation, Private First Class Allen's gun had been credited with the complete destruction of forty three of the enemy. His deep loyalty, courage and profound devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Antonio Ballesteros, 39866418, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Private First Class Ballesteros was with his company in an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions on Charley Hill near Conical Peak. In the first stages of the advance, Private First Class Ballesteros's platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he, in company with another member of his platoon, leaped to his feet and charged into the positions where he cleared two of the entrenchments of a machine gun and riflemen in fierce hand to hand fighting. Inspired by his

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outstanding display of gallantry and bravery, his platoon followed and after severe fighting, managed to secure the position and consolidate its lines. In this action, Private First Class Ballesteros was personally credited with the destruction of one enemy machine gun and crew and three known enemy riflemen. His gallant actions are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

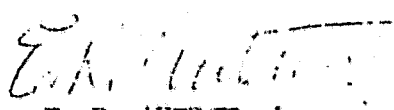
Lieutenant Colonel Prosser E. Clark, 0351149, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Ozato, Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Clark assumed command of a Battalion which was badly shaken and disorganized by heavy casualties during the day's fighting, and continued the attack. Lieutenant Colonel Clark, with utter disregard for the hail of enemy fire, left his Observation Post and moved forward to the assault elements. By crawling forward into the front line positions, he personally contacted the squad leaders and individual riflemen of both assault units and directed and advised them as to methods of continuing the attack. Inspired by the outstanding and gallant display of courage, the men continued the attack and by the day's end, had cleared the enemy from Ozato and advanced to position more than three hundred yards in advance of the town. During the entire day's action, Lieutenant Colonel Clark constantly exposed himself to direct enemy fire as he moved among the assault units, leading and directing them in the attack against the enemy strongpoints. Without the personal leadership and the magnificent display of courage demonstrated by Lieutenant Colonel Clark, the attack would have failed. Lieutenant Colonel Clark's courageous actions and inspirational efforts are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class John H. Elliott, 39246682, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Private First Class Elliott was with his company in an attack on strongly fortified enemy positions on Charley Hill near Conical Peak. In the first stages of the advance, Private First Class Elliott's platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine and sniper fire. Disregarding any attempt at personal safety, he, in company with another member of his platoon, leaped to his feet and charged into the positions, clearing two enemy entrenchments of a machine gun and riflemen, in fierce hand to hand fighting. Inspired by such an outstanding display of bravery, his platoon followed and after severe fighting, managed to secure the position and consolidate its lines. In this action, Private First Class Elliott was credited with personally destroying five known enemy riflemen and an enemy machine gun and its crew. His gallant actions are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

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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 military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Lewis J. Tucker, 38393141, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Maeda, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Tucker in an unsurpassed display of gallantry and courageous action while advancing with his section, ordered his men to cover when they were suddenly hit by withering fire from a well concealed enemy emplacement which preceding riflemen had unknowingly by-passed. Taking his rifle and grenades, Staff Sergeant Tucker then, alone and unaided, personally assaulted the enemy position in the face of a withering and devastating fire. Unmindful of his own safety and thinking only of his comrades, he boldly rushed the enemy position, knocking out a heavy machine gun, its crew and the enemy within who had been placing mortar fire upon the troops. Although mortally wounded by the enemy fire in the engagement, Staff Sergeant Tucker continued to worry only of the welfare of his comrades. Staff Sergeant Tucker's gallant and intrepid actions, his unswerving devotion to duty and fellow men, and great courage are in keeping with the highest military tradition. Next of Kin: Margaret E. Tucker, Wife, Rosie, Arkansas.

Second Lieutenant George A. Weiner, 02007276, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Weiner distinguished himself through his constant, fearless aggressiveness and indomitable courage in the face of fanatic enemy opposition. He repeatedly led his men in attacks against strongly fortified enemy positions exposing himself to deadly fire. In the attack on the "Gate" leading to Kachi on 22 April, as he spearheaded his own assault platoon, Second Lieutenant Weiner directed supporting medium tanks by hand signals and by radio, and fearlessly exposed himself to withering enemy machine gun and mortar fire. With enemy fire falling all around him, he led his platoon gallantly, accounting for three enemy pillboxes and the inhabitants, fifteen other known enemy killed and four machine guns captured before he was mortally wounded by the rain of enemy fire. Second Lieutenant Weiner's fearless leadership, blazing courage and gallant actions will ever serve as an inspiration for the men whom he led and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Norma B. Weiner, Wife, 3300 Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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:

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Staff Sergeant Stephen Peknik, 32686589, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Peknik, a squad leader, acting as a platoon sergeant, led his platoon in an attack on the heavily defended village of Yanabaru and during the course of the attack, when his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, realizing the perils of the situation, he sought the guidance of his platoon leader, but was informed that the officer had been killed. Without hesitation, Staff Sergeant Peknik assumed command of the platoon, consolidated the position and in spite of the heavy rain of enemy machine gun and mortar fire, crawled four hundred yards across bullet-riddled open ground to secure the support of an adjacent platoon. He was wounded while on this mission and although in need of immediate medical attention, he refused to be delayed and again went forth under the heavy enemy fire and reached the company Observation Post. Still devoted to his task, Staff Sergeant Peknik insisted upon guiding the support platoon forward by a route which he had selected as the best possible route of approach. Before he could initiate the final phase of his mission, he collapsed and was evacuated. From the information furnished by him, the support platoon was able to go forward with a minimum of casualties. Staff Sergeant Peknik's gallant exemplary initiative, courageous determination to carry on in spite of his wounds and his unwavering devotion to duty and to his comrades was an inspiration to all and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Andrew M. Salsog, 37512113, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 May 1945. Private First Class Salsog, a second runner in a light machine gun section, gave overhead fire while the leading elements of the assaulting rifle companies were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from two enemy pillboxes. After he brought effective fire on the two pillboxes and knocked them out, the leading elements were able to advance and take the hill which was the company objective. Soon after the hill was taken, the enemy staged a counterattack in an effort to recapture the commanding ground. Observation from his machine gun position was such that he could not see the advancing enemy. Realizing that in order to effectively engage the enemy, he would have to move his position, Private First Class Salsog picked his machine gun up, advanced to the crest of the ridge and, by firing from the hip, succeeded in killing many of the enemy. While accomplishing this heroic act, Private First Class Salsog exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and was forced to move from place to place in order to become a less inviting target. His fast and accurate firing was a deciding factor in the repulse of the enemy counterattack. His courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Salsog was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private Robert Webster, 20283812, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a drowning man on Tarragona Beach, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 15 March 1945. Observing that a man who was attempting to rescue a drowning man, was himself in imminent danger of drowning, Private Webster, voluntarily and at great risk to his own life, after battling through dangerous breakers and a strong rip tide, managed to reach the helpless man and return him to shore. Because of the strenuous exertion during this heroic action, which required great courage and determination, Private Webster, himself a poor swimmer, was barely able to return to safety. The heroism displayed by Private Webster on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and 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:

Private First Class Phillip D. Branch, 38439324, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. Private First Class Branch voluntarily assisted in the evacuation of casualties suffered by his battalion when the high rate of casualties among the medical section had threatened to halt all evacuations. The action of Private First Class Branch in volunteering for an extremely hazardous duty while under constant enemy observation and deadly fire from enemy machine guns, mortars and artillery was directly responsible for the saving of several lives. His devotion to duty and courage under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Norris J. Crouch, 37647139, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During the hours of darkness, Private First Class Crouch's company was occupying a forward position on the battalion perimeter. Seeing that one of his comrades was wounded in an intense enemy mortar barrage, Private First Class Crouch, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, with two other men left his position of comparative safety to assist

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in taking the casualty to the aid station, where blood plasma might be administered. The heroic and unselfish action on the part of Private First Class Crouch, in spite of heavy enemy sniper fire, effectively assisted in the saving of the wounded man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clous Daggett, 36293359, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Girwan, Okinawa Island, on 4 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies of his battalion was halted in its advance by heavy enemy machine gun fire from a fortified cave, Private First Class Daggett, and two other men, volunteered to close the cave with a demolition charge. The entire stretch of ground between Private First Class Daggett's position and the enemy-held cave was open, offering no cover or concealment. Enemy machine guns had a clear field of fire and command fire was directed against him as he tried to approach the cave. Burdened with three satchels of explosives, Private First Class Daggett crawled from his position of cover and fastened the explosive under a numerous enemy fire, and succeeded in reaching the cave and sealing it. His outstanding action resulted in the death of thirty of the enemy and in the successful occupation of a prominent and important position with a minimum of casualties.

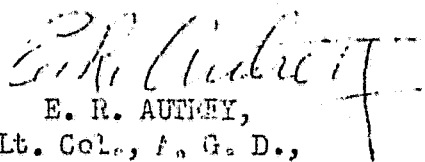
Private First Class German L. Delgado, 36254363, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When his battery's position was subjected to an enemy counterattack in the early hours of the morning, Private First Class Delgado moved with his mortar squad under heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire from his dug-in position on the rear of the perimeter to an exposed position facing the attack. From his exposed position he and his squad placed accurate fire that added materially in breaking up the attack. Private First Class Delgado's heroic action and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Glen P. Fildman, 36292646, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Fildman was with his 81mm mortar platoon firing a large quantity of fire upon enemy positions. When enemy artillery fired a mortar shell which landed close to a piece of the shrapnel ignited a pile of ammunition covering the ammunition and in turn ignited the increments of the mortar ammunition. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Fildman and three other men immediately proceeded to stop the burning of the fire. He was not only successful and responsible for extinguishing the fire but undoubtedly saved the lives of the men who were in the immediate vicinity of the ammunition dump.

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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 Man:

Staff Sergeant Thomas J. Slawson, 36701925, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Sakugawa, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. While on guard of a perimeter, Staff Sergeant Slawson boldly engaged a party of eight heavily armed Japanese soldiers who had infiltrated through the perimeter and had shot and bayoneted two officers. Before receiving any aid, Staff Sergeant Slawson, with great courage and coolness and facing great odds, killed the leader of the party who was armed with a light machine gun and wounded another. In the subsequent melee, Staff Sergeant Slawson although painfully wounded in the shoulder, broke his carbine over the head of another Japanese soldier; then, seizing another carbine, he pursued the fleeing enemy. By his prompt and determined action, Staff Sergeant Slawson prevented other casualties among the reconnaissance party. His gallantry and courage are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

SECTION II

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section III, 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 Harold O. Adams, 38293734, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Walter Bagdon, 31134227, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Roland K. Cook, 38272700, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 8 May 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Edward Dunning, 16141556, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 14 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Walter E. Frickey, 37265461, Infantry, 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.

Private First Class William F. Hames, 38192518, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 12 June 1945.

First Lieutenant John Kevlik, 01039669, 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.

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* ~~Private First Class Lloyd S. Hoins, 374671042, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 May 1945.~~

Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Kline, 36429634, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant R. V. Long, 34132846, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 14 April 1945.

Private First Class Edward H. Lyman, 32570811, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 14 April 1945.

Private First Class Annie O. Makela, 36272765, Infantry, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank E. Marsh 35904524, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Marion W. Oliver, 01057656, 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 11 April 1945.

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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:

First Lieutenant Owen B. O'Neill, 01297934, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 May 1945.

Sergeant Bernard G. Palmer, 36430106, 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 20 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Casimer Pawlaski, 36700689, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles F. Preusser, 36383273, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Raymond E. Reed, 37318719, Infantry, 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.

Captain Nicholas Sanoff, 01702786, Dental Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 12 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant John L. Shipp, 20741867, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Private First Class Almore F. Stade, 37439389, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

Private First Class Carl D. Uhlhorn, 37233081, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant Kenneth E. Ulery, 37135630, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Private First Class James L. Williams, 37232942, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

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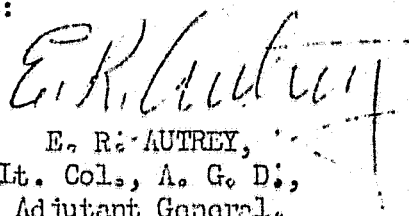
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 358, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Kenneth E. Swenson, 36823804, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Private First Class Swenson, without regard for his personal safety, subjected himself to enemy small arms fire to assist in the rescue of a man who had been seriously wounded by the same fire. Rushing into an open area that was under observation by the enemy, Private First Class Swenson dragged the man to a waiting tank and with the aid of another soldier hoisted the wounded man aboard. The intestinal fortitude with which Private First Class Swenson handled himself and the wounded man and the explicit manner in which he accomplished his mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

OK 1. So much of General Orders 336, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 June 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Chester Kwiatkowski, 36771564, and Technician Fifth Grade George R. Specht, 37569271, is rescinded.

OK 2. So much of General Orders 353, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945, as pertains to Private Edgar Davis, 38227525, is 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 Enlisted Man:

Private Edgar Davis, 38227525, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 26 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs Annie L. Davis, Mother, Tinsman, Arkansas.

SECTION III

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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:

Private First Class Carl Babler, 16156412, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Bartlett, 01785142, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 May 1945.

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Master Sergeant Carl D. Mercer, 35205753, 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 22 June 1945.

Master Sergeant John R. PehmoeUler, 36223216, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 21 November 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Jack R. Barron, 36344609, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 5 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Captain Chester I. Bieck, 0362404, Infantry, 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.

Technical Sergeant Gerald R. Gray, 36534071, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

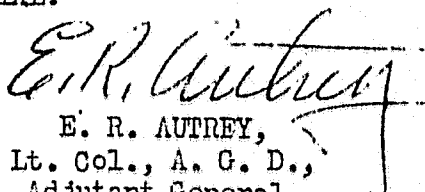
Corporal George Regas, 36609860, Infantry, United States Army. For Meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

Master Sergeant John J. Bolger, 31031278, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 31 May 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Lindley J. Evans, 98883, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When his company was engaged in an attack on the approach to Tanaka, Staff Sergeant Evans, a squad leader, witnessed the death of his platoon leader during heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. While attempting to administer first aid to the platoon leader, he was wounded in the hand and face by shrapnel. In spite of his wound, he unselfishly refused to be evacuated, and quickly mastering the situation, reorganized the remnants of two platoons which were without officers and non-commissioned officers. He held his men in position through repeated barrages of enemy artillery fire, awaiting support from the Battalion. After eight hours, he was forced to withdraw under the cover of darkness to fill a gap between two other rifle companies. This outstanding action, in which Staff Sergeant Evans displayed remarkable leadership, and resourcefulness, materially aided our forces to overcome enemy resistance and accomplish their mission.

Private First Class John I. Fox, 35539728, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Private First Class Fox was with his 81mm mortar platoon firing a heavy concentration of fire upon enemy positions when the enemy artillery hit near the mortar ammunition dump. A piece of shrapnel ignited a poncho, which was covering the ammunition and in turn ignited the increments on the mortar ammunition. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Fox and three other men immediately proceeded to stop the spreading of the fire. He was not only responsible for extinguishing the fire but undoubtedly saved the lives of the men who were in the immediate vicinity of the ammunition dump.

Sergeant Robert G. Illum, 36617315, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When his battalion position was subjected to a violent enemy counterattack, Sergeant Illum moved with one of his mortar squads under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, from his dug-in position on the rear of the perimeter to an exposed position facing the attack and from the exposed position placed accurate fire that aided materially in breaking up the attack. Sergeant Illum's courage and aggressive action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Raymond Jankovich, 36407462, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Jankovich and one other man occupied a defensive position on a high ridge which offered little cover and concealment. Throughout the night they were constantly exposed to enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire in observing enemy movements and mortar positions and directing our own mortar and artillery fire against them to break up enemy attempts

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to organize for counterattacks. The heroic service and devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Jankovich reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Ray R. Lester, 38272621, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When artillery hit near a mortar ammunition dump, a piece of the hot shrapnel ignited the increments on the ammunition. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal Lester and three other men proceeded to stop the spreading of the fire. He was not only responsible for extinguishing the fire but undoubtedly saved the lives of the men who were in the immediate vicinity of the ammunition dump.

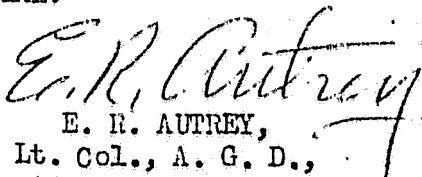
Corporal Charles D. Lowry, 37438195, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. Corporal (then Private First Class) Lowry twice volunteered to assist in the evacuation of casualties suffered by his battalion at a time when the high rate of casualties among the medical section had threatened to halt all evacuations. The action of Corporal Lowry in volunteering for an extremely hazardous duty while under constant enemy observation and deadly fire from enemy machine guns, mortars and artillery was directly responsible for the saving of several lives. His devotion to his wounded comrades and his courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Gordon M. Wilson, 37443683, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Sergeant Wilson, a machine gun squad leader, led his men forward well in advance of the assault platoons in order to lay down an effective curtain of fire to support the advance of the company. Noticing a high knoll one hundred yards to the front he moved his squad across the open field under a hail of enemy machine gun fire; effectively set up his positions and was successful in neutralizing the enemy fire and enabled the company to advance. On another occasion Sergeant Wilson moved his squad across a field approximately 75 yards and once again under heavy enemy fire to a position from which he could observe the enemy and place devastating fire upon the enemy positions. The coolness, courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Wilson was instrumental in the successful advances of the company and 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. 9119, 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 Edward C. Evans, 38292309, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. During the assault by his company on a heavily fortified enemy held ridge, Technician Fourth Grade Evans, an ammunition bearer for a light machine gun squad, repeatedly went through areas fully exposed to enemy observation and fire to keep his squad well supplied with ammunition. He also moved forward in an attempt to spot enemy positions which were holding up the advance of his company. In doing so, he often became the enemy's target and repeatedly was forced to change his place of observation to escape the withering enemy machine gun fire. From the information he gained, the company was able to direct the fire of its guns on the enemy strong points, thereby making it possible for the unit to continue its advance. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Evans was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Floyd L. McLain, 38313011, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Sergeant McLain, a rifle squad leader, occupied a position which offered no cover from enemy observation and which was subjected to hostile artillery mortar and small arms fire. Sergeant McLain held his position against several enemy infiltration attempts even after two of his men were wounded and in so doing he enabled his platoon to hold a dominating piece of terrain. His heroic actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Paul L. Newton, 38230472, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. In the face of a heavy barrage of enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Staff Sergeant Newton, a platoon sergeant, voluntarily aided in repairing vital communications lines between the platoons and the battalion Command Post. Throughout the night, Staff Sergeant Newton moved along the lines at great risk to his life to give confidence and encouragement to his men. Staff Sergeant Newton's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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* ~~Private Clyde S. Snyder, 33733552, Infantry, United States Army.~~ For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private Snyder and his platoon sergeant occupied a defensive position on a high ridge which offered little cover or concealment and were constantly exposed to enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire while observing

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enemy movements and mortar positions and directing our own mortar and artillery fire against them, thus breaking up enemy attempts to organize for counter-attacks. The heroic service and devotion to duty displayed by Private Snyder reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James R. Tierney, 35652210, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. Private First Class Tierney twice volunteered to assist in the evacuation of casualties, when the high rate of casualties among the medical section of his unit threatened to halt all evacuations. The action of Private First Class Tierney in volunteering for an extremely hazardous duty while under constant enemy observation and fire was directly responsible for the saving of several lives. His devotion to his wounded comrade, his courage under all types of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain David V. Tudor, 01308024, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies suffered a casualty on Kakazu Ridge; and blood plasma was necessary to sustain life, Captain Tudor, Battalion S-3, on his own initiative, moved through the heaviest kind of enemy fire over steep and rocky terrain with a group of volunteers, to where the wounded man lay; picked him up, and returned over the same route to the aid station where the required medical aid was available. Captain Tudor's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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* ~~Private First Class Harry I. Waldman, 37392713, Infantry, United States Army~~
For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. When the battalion to which Private First Class Waldman was attached was stopped in their advance by fierce enemy action, it was decided to lay heavy mortar and artillery barrages in order to reduce the strong points. Although the route forward from the battalion supply point to the front lines, approximately two thousand yards, was infested with land mines and under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class Waldman, fully realizing the great risk involved, voluntarily drove his vehicle over this route about forty five times during daylight hours and twice during the night hauling mortar ammunition and evacuating casualties. As a result of Private First Class Waldman's heroic action, the battalion was able to lay heavy mortar barrages and continue with its mission with a minimum of casualties.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

- 1. So much of General Orders No. 284, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 June 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Edward S. Critzer, 33859405, is rescinded.
- 2. So much of General Orders No. 415, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Francis A. Metz, 37232999, is rescinded.
- 3. So much of General Orders No. 344, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 June 1945, as pertains to Major Howard R. Miles, 0341318, is rescinded.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS 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 Posthumously to the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 139, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 29 April 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Sergeant Francis A. Metz, 37232999, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy phosphorous shell landed among men of his squad and injured several of them, Sergeant Metz, acting on his own initiative, ran to their assistance. Although it was almost dark and heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire was falling all around him, Sergeant Metz was able to evacuate one of the men to the battalion aid station. His courageous act served as an example to all who witnessed it and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: William Metz, Father, 620 South Third Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

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 Officer:

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Major Howard R. Miles, 0341318, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the only feasible entrance to an area wherein his battalion was to relieve another, was swept by heavy machine gun and sniper fire from dominating, enemy held Kakazu Ridge, Major Miles, sizing up the situation rapidly, ran, with complete disregard for his own safety, across the exposed area to a small hummock from which he encouraged and directed the movement of each member of the entire battalion. Although working from an exposed position which was under constant enemy observation and fire, Major Miles unhesitatingly remained in his position for some three hours until the relief had been accomplished. Through the superb leadership and gallantry of Major Miles, this hazardous feat was accomplished with an exceptionally light number of casualties. His profound devotion to duty does honor to and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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* Sergeant Warren A. Bury, 36731403, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When a strong enemy force armed with automatic weapons and mortars attacked our positions, Sergeant Bury displayed brilliant leadership and gallantry in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant Bury exposed to both enemy and friendly fire, rallied his men to cope with the situation. He observed an enemy automatic weapon pinning down his squad and disregarding personal safety, Sergeant Bury crawled within grenade range and knocked out the weapon with hand grenades. The courageous and heroic leadership displayed by Sergeant Bury was instrumental in the repulse of the enemy attack and is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Kenneth C. Wattenberger, 39562161, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his company was faced by a heavy enemy counterattack, Private First Class Wattenberger, a machine gunner, manned his gun even after being wounded, killing twenty of the enemy and contributing greatly in repelling the attack. During the enemy assault, Private First Class Wattenberger was constantly exposed in order to deliver effective machine gun fire. His bravery inspired others to hold their ground despite the grave danger and is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

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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:

First Lieutenant Robert J. Bolan, 01307795, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During a battalion attack when an Infantry Company was surprised by an ambush and pinned down by enemy small arms and mortar fire, evacuation of the wounded was immediately necessary. Atmospheric conditions prevented effective use of smoke. First Lieutenant Bolan was ordered to move his company with the support of three tanks to relieve the stranded company. Directly in the face of enemy fire, First Lieutenant Bolan led his organization down the slope. He achieved a position of some cover with slight casualties where he was able to draw fire from the stranded company. The company was then able to move back with its wounded. With utter disregard for his own safety and realizing the precarious situation of the two companies, First Lieutenant Bolan courageously moved from one position to another directing the tactical maneuvers of his men and pointing out for them what cover was available. He did not hesitate to move with the tanks in front of his troops in the face of the small arms, mortar, and anti-tank fire. First Lieutenant Bolan in moving his company exhibited the highest type of leadership of the military service. His intrepidity and devotion to duty inspired his men to unflinchingly accomplish their mission. The extraordinary employment of professional knowledge in a delicate situation was indispensable to the successful attack of the battalion. His gallantry in action is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Staff Sergeant Charles J. McGee, 33592984, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During an attack on a heavily fortified enemy position, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) McGee's squad, advancing with a tank unit, were caught in a concentration of enemy mortar and small arms fire, as well as fire from a large calibre weapon directed at the tank. When one of the men of his squad was wounded and lay exposed to this heavy enemy fire, Staff Sergeant McGee rushed from his place of cover and picked up the wounded man and carried him to a place of relative safety behind a thick wall. He then observed a second man wounded and lying exposed to further enemy fire. He called to the aid man to stay clear of the zone of fire and again traversed the open area to reach his wounded comrade. He carried this second man to the safety of the wall, where the aid man rendered first aid. In this short space of time, Staff Sergeant McGee twice imperiled his life to lend assistance to his wounded comrades. He showed courage of the highest quality, absolute fearlessness, presence of mind and the faculty of quick thinking and immediate action, the greatest attributes of a good soldier and excellent leader.

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Private First Class Ronald Roessel, 39475674, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Takawa, Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. When his platoon had been engaged in a fire fight with a numerically superior enemy force and had been pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, and when three men of the unit had been seriously wounded and lay quite close to the enemy lines and all of these men were in need of immediate medical attention Private First Class Roessel voluntarily and on his own account, went forward into the teeth of the enemy fire, to effect the rescue of the men. Although he knew full well the personal danger involved, and although each of his three separate trips was met with increasingly heavy fire, Private First Class Roessel disregarded his own safety and pulled the men out from danger. His heroic and selfless action saved the men's lives for all had been seriously wounded and required immediate medical attention. His steadfast devotion, his conspicuousness and fortitude reflect great credit upon himself and 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 the following named Officer per General Orders 32, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 January 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant Robert J. Bolan, 01307796, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During our attacks upon the southern Okinawa defense line, the battalion in which First Lieutenant Bolan was a rifle company commander, succeeded in gaining a foothold on a strategically important ridge southwest of Kaniku. Despite the heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire the three companies managed to hold until the left flank unit, after suffering many casualties, began to move to its former position of cover. Soon the right flank element followed suit and the company commanded by First Lieutenant Bolan found itself alone on the ridge with the difficult task of covering the moving men. After the other units had reached positions of comparative safety, First Lieutenant Bolan began to move his own unit and at this time was wounded by the blast of a mortar shell that landed in his close proximity. Refusing medical aid he stayed with his men and eventually was struck by a machine gun bullet in the shoulder. In spite of this wound he consolidated his position for the night and it was not until the next morning that he accepted evacuation. First Lieutenant Bolan's unselfish devotion to duty and his brilliant leadership were of material aid to the ultimate success of the battalion in securing their objective.

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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 Richard C. Bernard, Jr., 33737607, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his unit was holding a two hundred yard front along the precipice of the Maeda Escarpment one thousand yards south of Mishi-Baru, the whole company came under a rain of enemy mortar fire which lasted for more than an hour. At the same time, enemy machine gun fire was cutting through the company from the left flank. At that time, the company commander ordered the 60mm mortars to fire upon the enemy machine gun. Despite the continued rain of enemy mortar fire throughout the company area, the 60mm mortars fired although they sustained a casualty every few minutes. Finally when all the mortar section had been wounded or killed, Private First Class Bernard, an ammunition bearer, moved up and alone, held the mortar tube with one hand and with the other hand, dropped the rounds into the tube. Through all of this, he remained calm and unafraid. He fired until the company commander from his Observation Post, saw that the enemy machine gun had been wiped out, and ordered him out of action. Private First Class Bernard's gallantry in action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ross S. Gilbert, 36559458, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Gilbert advanced to evacuate two casualties from an exposed position forward of the Infantry front lines. Both casualties, who were lying in exposed positions, were carried fifty yards by Private First Class Gilbert, to a place of partial cover where first aid could be given. Private First Class Gilbert then called the other members of his litter squad forward, one of whom was wounded while moving to the position. Private First Class Gilbert administered first aid to this man immediately and, then seeing the danger of recrossing the exposed position, he went forward through the exposed area to a tank to cover his evacuation. The tank crew stating that they were unable to move forward in the area due to mines, Private First Class Gilbert walked through the area leading the tank into a position to cover his evacuation squad. Private First Class Gilbert, with the aid of the remaining members of his litter squad, then evacuated the three casualties to a place of safety. Private First Class Gilbert's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Second Lieutenant Francis E. Kinsella, 01327854, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Kaniyama, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Leading his platoon in an assault, Second Lieutenant Kinsella's right flank became pinned down by accurate and heavy enemy fire, coming from his rear and to the unit's front. Observing this, Second Lieutenant Kinsella immediately led a squad to alleviate the pressure on his beleaguered first squad. After flanking the enemy position and destroying it, through the heroic and inspiring leadership of Second Lieutenant Kinsella, another enemy strongpoint brought fire to bear on the unit and Second Lieutenant Kinsella, after instructing his men to maintain their covered positions, raced alone across the bullet swept field and brought aid to the rest of the company. He took the lead position and maneuvered his men and knocked out the second machine gun position. The aggressive leadership and series of heroic actions on the part of Second Lieutenant Kinsella were responsible for the continuous advance of his company. His every action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Sergeant Alfred C. Robertson, 6744673, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. During the attack on the steep, rocky escarpment south of Kaniya, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant) Robertson inspired the men of his company to hold during a fierce enemy counterattack. He led squads personally to strengthen their positions and beat off the enemy thrusts. First Sergeant Robertson had to constantly expose himself to carry out his hazardous and important duty. Without a doubt, his gallantry prevented the loss of the high ground and the casualties that would have been necessary to effect a withdrawal.

SECTION II

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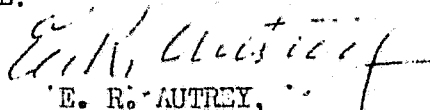
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Technician Fifth Grade Elmer R. Rautenkranz, 37433063, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nishi-Baru and Kakazu Ridges, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. When it became necessary to follow the Battalion Commander, whose orderly he was, across a forty yard open field swept by machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Rautenkranz unhesitatingly made the dash, narrowly escaping a burst of enemy fire. His heroic act was highly exemplary and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1942, 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	Walter S. Acklin	38230458	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Warren C. Andert	37774232	Inf	23 May 45
✓ Sgt	Angelo C. Arcara	36863119	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Halish R. Banderas	39126116	Inf	16 May 45
✓ Pvt	William E. Barber	38712186	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Oliver C. Bates	38732858	Inf	15 May 45
✓ Pfc	James H. Bettle	34839574	Inf	26 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	John F. Baumbach	39596348	Inf	28 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Robert W. Beach	36887175	Inf	26 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Chester J. Echreuds	37735599	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Robert H. Beutler	35909394	Inf	11 May 45
✓ Pfc	Clair L. Rice	39595477	Inf	26 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Donald E. Bierhaus	37735528	Inf	26 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Dale L. Billman	36843978	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Edward C. Elazek	36844015	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Robert M. Eleiberg	32871452	Inf	28 Apr 45
✓ S Sgt	John B. Bruno	19063283	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Manferd L. Burgener	36767581	Inf	22 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Ralph E. Campos	39865909	Inf	19 May 45
✓ Pfc	Hugh R. Catron	35846389	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Jesus R. Cenicerros	39595767	Inf	20 May 45
✓ Pvt	Mathew P. Chavez	39596264	Inf	28 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Jesse G. Clark	38582189	Inf	21 May 45
✓ Pfc	Kenneth G. Clark	36472192	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Charles B. Clay	35776704	MD	1 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	Allan H. Crain	36403990	Inf	22 May 45
✓ Pfc	Steward C. Denton	39345640	Inf	11 May 45
✓ Pfc	Allen D. De Vries	39475658	Inf	16 May 45
✓ Pvt	Loyd E. Dickerson	37645932	Inf	13 May 45
✓ Pfc	Frank L. Dorbin	36658521	Inf	29 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Henry J. Dunich	37710270	Inf	22 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Joseph H. Dunham	38550685	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Densel E. Durst	35738031	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pvt	John E. Eggleston	39595085	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Charles J. Eyr	37735625	Inf	22 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Robert E. Epcards	35908639	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Charles St. C. Etheridge	33627558	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Sgt	Charles L. Eubanks	38227684	Ord	27 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Charles L. Frazier	35908743	Inf	20 May 45
✓ Pfc	Lavoight F. Hale	34808140	Inf	19 May 45
✓ Pfc	Imon E. Hamric	38227600	Ord	27 Jun 45
✓ Pvt	Henry R. Heckens	37747315	Inf	21 May 45
✓ Pfc	Sylvester P. Hemp	37774550	Inf	12 May 45

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✓ Pfc	Edward L. Herbol	37748935	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Sgt	Leslie E. Hertenstein	35679839	Inf	26 May 45
✓ Pfc	Edward W. Herzig	37770007	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	James H. Hols	38813103	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Joseph F. Horney	35511010	Inf	29 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Harold W. Hord	35511017	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Langdon L. Inaros	35511042	Inf	17 May 45
✓ Pfc	Walter J. Arany	35511077	Inf	16 May 45
✓ Pfc	James F. Isur	35511093	Inf	12 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	David E. Jodin	14120002	Inf	7 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Stanley R. Jorgie	37748940	Inf	16 May 45
✓ Pfc	Walter M. Jovan	35511063	Inf	10 Jun 45
✓ T Sgt	Jack M. Justice	37748970	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pvt	Carl J. Kutz	35511074	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Francis H. Madison	37748941	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ T Sgt	William M. Mahler	36431293	Inf	28 May 45
✓ Pfc	William M. Mahler	35511066	MD	19 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	John H. Maltor	35511092	Inf	22 May 45
✓ Pfc	William O. Mason	35511053	Inf	21 May 45
✓ Pfc	Casimir W. Mrazik	36583961	MD	14 May 45
✓ Pfc	George P. O'Connor	31267511	Inf	23 May 45
✓ Pfc	William A. Patterson	37748903	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Joseph M. Prusak	35511013	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	William T. Ransay	34914893	Inf	11 May 45
✓ Pfc	Jefferson D. Robinson	35511043	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Tec 5	Constantino Sandoval	20607102	Inf	15 Jun 45
✓ Sgt	Galen W. Sander	35511060	Inf	19 May 45
✓ Pfc	Clyde V. Salyers	35511079	Inf	20 May 45
✓ Pfc	Charles E. Shaughter	35511051	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Sgt	Leonard J. Sebliff Jr	30272275	Inf	24 May 45
✓ Pvt	Raymond W. Seydel	37748905	Inf	16 May 45
✓ Pfc	John W. Sikorski	35511010	Inf	13 Apr 45
✓ Sgt	Joseph W. Spears	35511008	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pfc	Paul H. Springston	35511062	Inf	6 Jun 45
✓ Pfc	Paul E. Stubble	35511077	FA	23 Jun 45
✓ S Sgt	Justin G. Teak	35511060	Inf	4 Jun 45
✓ Pvt	Norman L. Thomas	35511013	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Charles H. Thompson	35511079	Inf	29 Apr 45
✓ Pvt	Paul J. Toman	35511066	Inf	27 Apr 45
✓ Sgt	Alex G. Trivieso	30250886	Inf	12 May 45
✓ Pfc	Michael J. Tibo	36580351	Inf	27 Apr 45

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AGRS-DA 201 Hertenstein, Leslie E.
36 679 839 (9 Jul 51)

14 August 1951

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Leslie E. Hertenstein
590 Division Street
Coal City, Illinois

1. So much of General Orders 439, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 3 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Sergeant Leslie E. Hertenstein, 36 679 839, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded to above named former soldier by General Orders 256, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, dated 22 June 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. A. Leary
Adjutant General

to file

HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 96

3 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 440

AWARD OF ORIGINAL ORDER
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	Donald E. Addis	39730498	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Myron G. Anderson	37772903	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	James E. Avens	44036115	Inf	21 May 45
T Sgt	Wilton D. Ballinger	10035045	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Garfield Baslin	36474544	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	William H. Berndt	37774304	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Paul B. Bilger	39935594	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Michael F. Brezenvor	36945501	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Harold D. Brown	39148907	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Emmett L. Carter	36572877	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Ivan H. Cashman, Sr.	37752410	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Homer S. Clark	32435861	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	George N. Creech	38680648	Inf	17 Jun 45
Tec 5	Raligh B. Cullen	38293170	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Kenneth H. Curnow	37774209	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	James W. Darby	44006236	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Vance G. Davids	19212205	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Cecil E. Dayley	39935791	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	James E. Doan	34838464	Inf	25 May 45
Sgt	Eugene M. Dorr	36876455	Inf	31 May 45
Pfc	Seamus J. Diamond	32692922	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	William E. Dickon	38635364	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Michael Drozd	31412707	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Galen B. Emair	37502601	CE	27 Jun 45
Pfc	Richard F. Evert	37751170	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Warren H. Fox, Jr.	35782270	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Rhilio A. Gaven	32601006	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Harold E. Graves	36914600	Inf	13 Jun 45
1st Lt	Kenith V. Hallrark	01011038	Inf (Armed)	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles H. Hoffee	36914463	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Lester O. Hood	38272103	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Wilbur W. Howard	39596587	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Albert Indiven	39422951	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Billy B. Jackson	38635560	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Lester M. Johnson	39480188	Inf	21 May 45
T Sgt	Warren P. Johnson	36429534	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul B. Johnston	33713115	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Harold E. Jones	39345856	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Norris Kelish	32692575	Inf	24 Jun 45
Pfc	Sol A. Kanady	38635081	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Kent B. Kellogg	39562143	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Orville F. Knisley	35881648	Inf	22 Jun 45

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Sgt	William F. Kozmar	35620975	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Frank A. Kulla	37774425	Inf	21 May 45
Tec 5	Josse T. Lambeth	38517036	MD	14 Jun 45
Pfc	John Laws	24937557	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Robert R. Leonard	35210173	MD	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Claude E. Livingston	38538563	MD	14 Jun 45
C.	Ervin T. Mallak	36271717	Inf	18 Jun 45
Tec 5	Donald O. McMorris	36534658	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Milton M. Meridier	38655734	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Archie J. Monday	38625553	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Donald M. Niemeyer	35729222	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Lawrence C. Oakland	35729091	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Ealo Olson	37771864	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Patsy Papa	38501768	CE	27 Jun 45
Pfc	Richard L. Parham	38712191	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	Alvin R. Parker	39935801	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	John J. Petrik	38573251	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Bonjamin Pistokache	38423629	Inf (Armd)	21 Jun 45
Sgt	Carl J. Pullen	35547479	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Rodolfo R. Rendon	38680577	Inf	25 May 45
Tec 5	Joseph Rifkin	32693038	CE	27 Jun 45
Pfc	Wesley A. Rundell Jr	36472616	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	John J. Ryan	38582845	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Anthony J. Salawoitis	36486723	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Gilbert S. Sera	38582168	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Ralph L. Shannon	18213040	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Cleavern F. Sharry	39730406	Inf	25 May 45
Tec 5	Birney E. Short	37339339	MD	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Roy M. Simonsen	39424756	MD	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul Singh	39426250	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Walter F. Speth	35909502	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Roy H. Stafford	36844457	MD	15 Jun 45
Tec 5	Fred E. Starner	39621045	CE	27 Jun 45
S Sgt	Donald E. Sturm	35242990	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Oscar L. Taylor, Jr.	39599314	Inf	17 Jun 45
Sgt	Ramon C. Trejo	38254901	Inf	17 Jun 45
Sgt	Molvin P. Viotti	36431793	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	Louie G. Villa	39730426	Inf	17 Jun 45
1st Lt	Winthrop W. White	01049034	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	John E. Whiteaker	36272947	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Robert E. Wolfe	35241518	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Yit H. Wong	35988769	Inf	19 Jun 45
S Sgt	Ludwig O. Zoch	38678971	Inf	17 Jun 45

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AGRS-DA 201 Hood, Lester G.
38 272 103 (20 Feb 51)

28 March 1951

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 440 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division dated 3 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Lester G. Hood, 38 272 103 for wounds received 21 June 1945 is withdrawn.

2. The above named individual was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart inasmuch as he died of wounds received on 21 June 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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AGRC-GD 201 Vietti, Melvin P.
36 431 798 (18 Sep 53)

14 December 1953

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

So much of General Orders 440, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 3 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Sergeant Melvin P. Vietti, 36 431 798, as reads "for wounds received in action 3 June 1945" is amended to read "for wounds received in action 26 April 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 96

3 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 441

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, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Casimir F. Maurer, 36431757, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his mortar could no longer function, Private First Class Maurer, an ammunition bearer, voluntarily moved into the line as a riflemen when casualties, resulting from terrific barrages of enemy fire, seriously threatened our hold on strategic ground. In aiding in the repulse of two savage enemy counterattacks, Private First Class Maurer was credited with the destruction of five of the enemy. With utter disregard for his own life, he took a BAR from a wounded comrade and stood upright in order to sweep the crushing enemy with devastating fire. Later in the day when our positions became untenable and withdrawal a necessity, he again, on his own volition and initiative, exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun fire in order to rescue three of his comrades who lay wounded in close proximity to enemy lines. Private First Class Maurer's determination, courage and steadfastness was an inspiration to all and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Arthur J. Hilly, 01320320, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 27 April 1945. First Lieutenant Hilly, displaying gallantry and profound devotion to duty, assumed command of his Infantry unit when the Commanding Officer was seriously wounded and evacuated, and though the entire unit was under intense enemy fire, he rapidly withdrew them, reorganized and launched another attack. During these actions, Lieutenant Hilly constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire while moving from place to place to insure coordination. The ground which was taken was consolidated and a great number of the enemy destroyed in counterattacks which the enemy launched. Under First Lieutenant Hilly's inspiring leadership, the unit stood their ground. Again on 27 April 1945, First Lieutenant Hilly, displaying gallantry and intrepidity, moved under heavy enemy fire and with four men, personally assaulted and destroyed an enemy pillbox, which combined fires of mortar, artillery and tank fire could not neutralize. His unit continued their advance under his inspiring leadership, aggressively assaulting the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, destroying five more enemy pillboxes, twenty one known enemy dead and untold numbers of other enemy dead. First Lieutenant Hilly's aggressive actions, his inspiring and gallant leadership, will ever serve as a shining example for the men of his unit and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Robert E. Westholm, 39218242, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Completely disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Westholm personally evacuated seven of his wounded comrades and assisted in the evacuation of three others. In order to accomplish this extraordinary feat, Private First Class Westholm made seven separate trips across four hundred yards of open terrain in the face of intense enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire each time returning with a wounded man on his back. When this work was temporarily halted by a counterattack, Private First Class Westholm calmly and courageously joined in repulsing the enemy and then immediately resumed his single handed evacuations. At nightfall, he had to be forcibly restrained from continuing his gallant attempts to rescue the wounded who lay outside of our lines. By his indomitable courage and unswerving loyalty to his wounded comrades Private First Class Westholm set an inspiring example for all who were present, reflecting great credit upon himself and 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 Enlisted Man:

Technician Fourth Grade Donald F. Adams, 37438090, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. In order that communications might be maintained by the Battalion Commanding Officer, Technician Fourth Grade Adams unhesitatingly dashed over an open field, a distance of some forty yards, across which a machine gun was firing. A marked target, and slow because of his radio, Technician Fourth Grade Adams heroically risked his life to perform his duty. His courageous act was inspirational to all who witnessed it and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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

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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), the Silver Star is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

First Lieutenant Victor E. Armandariz, 01320085, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When a man was wounded by enemy machine gun fire from a pillbox on a bluff about two hundred and fifty yards from a road bend near the town of Uchitomari, First Lieutenant Armandariz, despite being cautioned that he would be killed if he went into the open, fire-swept area, voluntarily ran to the aid of the man. A burst of machine gun fire killed First Lieutenant Armandariz, but his gallant sacrifice of his life inspired his men to maintain their position despite the heavy mortar and machine gun fire. His heroic actions and great courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Virginia Armandariz, Wife, 5968 East Fifth Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class John Kalogeras, 16172267, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Conical Hill, Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When the rifle platoon in which Private First Class Kalogeras was medical aid man was assaulting a heavily fortified ridge leading up to Conical Hill, enemy resistance was strong and the advance of the platoon was slow. Private First Class Kalogeras, keeping in constant contact with the platoon, observed that the two leaders had been hit by enemy machine gun fire. Without hesitation and heedless of warning that the two wounded men were in full view of the enemy, he crawled forward thirty yards past the leading elements of the platoon through withering machine gun fire to where the two men lay and administered first aid. Then, observing that one of the men was unable to crawl to safety, he placed himself between the heavy enemy fire and the wounded man and assisted him down the slope and across twenty yards of open terrain. Before reaching safety with his patient, both were caught in a burst of enemy machine gun fire and killed instantly. Private First Class Kalogeras' conspicuous action which resulted in the loss of his life reflects extraordinary courage and devotion to duty and was an incentive and a source of inspiration to all who witnessed his courageous act. Next of Kin: George Kalogeras, Father, 2426 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Ben A. Tlougan, 37437499, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 and 13 May 1945. Private First Class Tlougan, acting as a squad leader, led his squad in an attack on a heavily fortified enemy held hill. Seeing that the intense enemy fire was inflicting heavy casualties on his squad, Private First Class Tlougan,

fearlessly and alone, voluntarily crawled far forward of his men and courageously and at great risk to his life, hurled hand grenades and thus knocked out an enemy machine gun nest and several enemy rifles. On 13 May 1945, he led the remainder of his squad in the assault of another enemy held hill. After his men were pinned down for half an hour at the top, Private First Class Tlougan spotted the enemy machine gun which was firing upon them. He picked up a BAR and destroyed the enemy weapon, thus enabling his squad to advance. Although he was killed by an enemy sniper later in the day, Private First Class Tlougan's gallant and effective actions served as an example to all who witnessed the action and materially aided his comrades to further advance against the enemy. Next of Kin: Florence Tlougan, Mother, RFD #4, Rochester, Minnesota.

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 military personnel:

Sergeant Carl N. Atkisson, 37527867, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Cinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Sergeant Atkisson, after having ordered his ammunition bearers to safety, attempted to place his heavy machine gun in action alone in the face of heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Although he was fatally wounded getting ammunition to the gun, Sergeant Atkisson's gallant and unselfish action served as a source of inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: John Atkisson, Father, 1022 North 4th, Independence, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Lylo A. Rolph, 36404923, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 April 1945. Next of Kin: Vera J. Rolph, Wife, General Delivery, Whitehall, Michigan.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER

SECTION

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

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. 5, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Vellis K. Dorey, 01287493, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When the Infantry troops with which First Lieutenant Dorey, a tank platoon leader, was working, met surprise fire from a heavy concentration of enemy machine guns and rifles, several casualties were sustained by the foot troops. Firing on the enemy positions from his tank to provide cover for withdrawal, First Lieutenant Dorey attempted to rescue the wounded with the aid of another tank. In order to instruct the wounded how to enter the escape hatch of the tank, he raised the turret hatch and exposed himself to the enemy fire. In attempting to dismount from his tank to personally assist the wounded men, he himself was mortally wounded. The courage and self sacrifice devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Dorey was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Jessie A. Dorey, Mother, 1120 Pine Street, Newton, Kansas.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Officer per General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 February 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Captain George R. Gorrans, 01291931, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Helen R. Gorrans, Wife, 1040 Loop Road, Ruddiman Terrace, Muskegon, Michigan.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Officer per General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 February 1945, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division. - 1 -

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Captain George R. Gerrans, 01291931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 9 June 1945. When enemy artillery and mortar fire caused a section of a cave to collapse and trap one of his party, Captain Gerrans with the aid of three other men, and completely disregarding the fact that artillery and mortar fire was still falling about them and that the cave might collapse at any moment, went inside the treacherous cave and dug the wounded man out from under fallen dirt and rock with his hands. The heroism displayed by Captain Gerrans served as an inspiration for his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Helen R. Gerrans, Wife, 1070 Loop Road, Ruddiman Terrace, Muskegon, Michigan.

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. 2, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Staff Sergeant Earl J. Zinc, 38313369, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When enemy artillery hit near a mortar ammunition dump and a piece of the hot shrapnel ignited a poncho which was covering the ammunition and in turn ignited the increments on the mortar ammunition, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Zinc and three other men immediately proceeded to stop the spreading of the fire and were responsible for extinguishing the fire and undoubtedly saved the lives of the men who were in the immediate vicinity of the ammunition dump.

First Sergeant Wallace G. Christensen, 37437687, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When he saw that extra litter bearers were needed to evacuate casualties from the front lines, First Sergeant Christensen, on his own initiative, organized emergency litter squads and personally led them through heavy mortar and artillery fire to evacuate the wounded from the area being shelled. With utter disregard for his own safety, he went into the area and brought many wounded back to the aid station. His heroic action was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and 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 by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Donn L. Bromley, 36533855, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When Technician Fifth Grade Bromley was required to go across an open field swept by machine gun fire, he unhesitatingly made the dash despite the fact that the two men who preceded him had each been fired at. He got through safely and performed his mission successfully. His courage in chancing death to do his duty was inspirational to all who witnessed this heroic action.

Technician Fourth Grade Lawrence R. Cluff, 38466910, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Cluff carried on his assigned duty as radio operator under extremely hazardous conditions, refusing relief and through his loyalty toward duty, aided materially in the function of the Liaison section in carrying out urgent fire missions and adjusting close supporting artillery fire for the Infantry. On one occasion, although he was seriously wounded and his radio temporarily disabled by an enemy 90mm mortar shell, he refused evacuation and applied his ready knowledge of field expedients, rapidly restoring his radio to a working condition and continuing his transmission which contributed materially in halting this enemy counterattack greatly lessening casualties to the Infantry. Technician Fourth Grade Cluff's courageous conduct and devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant John F. Cranford, Jr., 34435254, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. As radio and telephone operator for his company during an intense enemy counterattack on the company's defensive position, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Cranford stood with his company commander exposed to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire relaying orders for supporting artillery, Naval gunfire and mortar fire, and at the same time, on his own initiative, kept other elements of the battalion abreast of the situation. Sergeant Cranford's alertness, speed and precision, and his courage under the fury of the enemy attack contributed materially to successfully repelling the enemy. Sergeant Cranford's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

See by No 479 - July 8, 1945.
* Corporal Clyde H. Beesley, 38293241, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 16 and 17 May 1945. On 16 May 1945 Corporal Beesley, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained steadfastly at his radio transmitting artillery firing commands even though his antenna was drawing heavy mortar and small arms fire and on 17 May 1945 from approximately the same exposed position he was again subjected to a withering barrage of mortar fire while

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operating his radio. One shell exploded within two feet of Corporal Dooley and although wounded and suffering acutely from the severe pain and loss of blood, he refused to be evacuated until he had completed his mission of bringing artillery fire on the enemy. Corporal Dooley's courage and devotion to duty enabled the Infantry to hold the high ground and inflicted many casualties on the enemy and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Everett A. Evans, 31075330, 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 companies were pinned down by machine gun fire on the side of the hill, Private First Class Evans, with three other men, maneuvered under heavy enemy fire to the right flank and laid down a base of fire to cover the evacuation of the wounded from the hill. He held his position under heavy enemy mortar fire and continued firing against heavy odds, until the wounded were able to get to cover in the ravine, which was their only route of escape. Private First Class Evans then covered the rear of the column in their journey through the ravine.

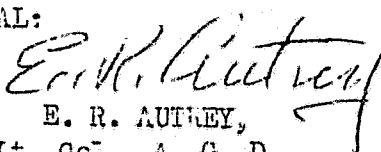
Private First Class Paul D. Finger, 35685199, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 5 to 11 April 1945. On 5 April 1945 Private First Class Finger assumed the role of litter bearer and assisted in the evacuation of wounded personnel under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge. His display of disregard for his personal safety was again noted on 8 April 1945 when under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire he evacuated wounded men from perilous positions. Again on 10 and 11 April 1945 in the the vicinity of Uchibomari under cover of darkness, Private First Class Finger placed his own safety in jeopardy and advanced beyond our lines under intense enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire to evacuate wounded personnel. Private First Class Finger's devotion to duty and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Albert F. Lemme, 36383417, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 21 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Lemme, in the absence of his platoon leader, took over his duties as forward observer and gave excellent support to the Battalion to which he was assigned. Although continually subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, Technical Sergeant Lemme maintained his position in a stalwart manner, giving much needed support to his unit. On 4 and 6 April 1945 Technical Sergeant Lemme was wounded but refused evacuation and continued to fire his mission. His exemplary performance of duty, coupled with his undying courage, bravery, and ability to perform under great pressure reflect great credit upon himself and 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. 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 Fifth Grade Frank H. Huggins, 38277918, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Huggins' unflinching courage and outstanding leadership under heavy concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire was partially responsible for the excellent wire communications of this regiment. Technician Fifth Grade Huggins, while stringing wire in the rear of an attacking battalion, was caught in the midst of withering enemy machine gun fire, and, having detailed his men as to tasks to be performed and seeing that they had ample cover from the devastating enemy fire, alone, he proceeded forth, contacted a mortar squad, who, by his information, were able to silence the enemy weapon. In his usual cool manner of performance of duty, Technician Fifth Grade Huggins continued his task and successfully set up the lines of communications. His bravery in the face of heavy enemy fire, in going forward alone through an area infested with enemy troops reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Calvin A. Kierum, 38679217, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Private First Class Kierum was with his company engaged in the attack on the gate to Tanabaru when, upon observing an enemy machine gun emplacement, without orders, he moved under cover to the nearest tank and supervised its attack on the enemy position which had two platoons pinned down. During this courageous action, he was seriously wounded in the shoulder, but in spite of his wounds, and without regard for his own personal safety, shouted to his comrades to seek cover and continued to lead the tank in the attack until he was again wounded in the leg. Seeking the cover afforded by an artillery crater, he lay there until morning when he was rescued by his company when it attacked through the position in which he lay. Private First Class Kierum's devotion to duty, courage and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William L. Lilley, 36619151, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Lilley, an ammunition bearer, made repeated trips of more than three hundred yards distance through enemy sniper and machine gun fire to keep his organization supplied with

rations and ammunition. During the attack of heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge, he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to keep his organization supplied with vital ammunition necessary to continue to destroy the enemy located in these fortified positions.

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 the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant Daniel I. Burbank, 20940582, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 to 17 April 1945. On 1 April, Staff Sergeant Burbank braved intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and worked under a continuous mortar barrage from enemy guns, assisted in successfully evacuating a wounded man from the field of fire. On 12 April 1945, in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Staff Sergeant Burbank moved under cover of darkness to help evacuate casualties to a place of safety where they could be treated. On 17 April 1945, Staff Sergeant Burbank again went forward through a hail of enemy artillery fire to assist in the evacuation of a number of casualties and since his aid station was moving, it was necessary to carry the men to an adjacent aid station, a great distance from where the men lay, but through Staff Sergeant Burbank's leadership and calm courage the mission was accomplished. The initiative, daring, cool courage and profound devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Burbank reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 38, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

First Lieutenant John D. Blair, 01318751, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When the enemy made a counterattack after an intense mortar barrage, First Lieutenant Blair, company commander of a rifle company, held his men to their positions and repulsed the attack on his sector. He exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to steady his men and to evacuate and care for casualties. At daylight, First Lieutenant Blair killed four of the enemy who had infiltrated through to his company area. The total number of enemy dead in and around his company sector after the attack was one hundred and thirty six. First Lieutenant Blair's vigorous and courageous leadership and gallant actions under fire were instrumental in the battalion's holding the only commanding terrain, penetrating enemy lines and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 317, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 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. 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 Rubin Leal, 38283034, 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 he and his platoon were subjected to a heavy sustained barrage of enemy high angle fire and numerous counterattacks for a period of ten hours, Private First Class Leal steadfastly maintained his dangerous position and in such position, was able to contribute greatly to the repulse of all of the enemy thrusts. Private First Class Leal was personally responsible for the killing of six of the enemy during the day. When it became expedient, due to a serious shortage of ammunition and manpower, for our troops to withdraw, he voluntarily and on his own initiative, effected the rescue of two of his comrades who lay wounded within fifty yards of the enemy lines. Private First Class Leal's steadfastness, unflinching devotion to duty and his gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alex Lucas, 36472712, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Originally a rifleman, Private First Class Lucas took up a BAR when the regular BAR man was killed and with the weapon, was successful in knocking out an enemy machine gun nest. When the enemy began to counterattack, Private First Class Lucas maintained his dangerous position in order to put deadly fire upon the enemy lines. His firing contributed greatly to the successful repulse of enemy charges. Private First Class Lucas refused to be relieved after having been wounded, remaining instead to aid with the evacuation of the other wounded, when it finally became necessary for his unit to withdraw. Private First Class Lucas' courage and devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Stanley R. Walker, 36472623, 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 isolated from all friendly units and subjected to a heavy sustained barrage of enemy high angle fire and numerous counterattacks, Private First Class Walker maintained his position unyieldingly. When he saw a BAR lying at the side of a man who had earlier been killed, he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to retrieve it and with the weapon, he afforded himself and his unit with more fire power. Late in the day, when it became necessary to withdraw, Private First Class Walker voluntarily and on his own initiative, crawled fifty yards to rescue a wounded comrade who

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loy close to the enemy lines. His steadfastness and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roy J. Walton, 38271789, 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 was undergoing an enemy counter-attack, Private First Class Walton, an automatic rifleman, laid down a heavy curtain of fire against the line of the charging enemy. Before the attack was thrown off, he killed six of the enemy in front of his position. Although several of the enemy attempted to knock out his position by charging point blank by using grenades, Private First Class Walton yielded no ground and continued to man his weapon until the last of the enemy had been killed or driven from the ridge. His coolness and determination did much to successfully repulse the enemy attack. The courage and self sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Walton was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Marshall W. Weaver, 38292567, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Sergeant Wilson, a 60mm mortar squad leader, during an attack on Kakazu Ridge, was in an exposed position and subjected to heavy barrages of enemy high angle fire for a period of ten hours and kept his mortar in action and firing continuously. The gun crew, due to his excellent observations and direction of fire, knocked out an enemy 240mm mortar emplacement with six direct hits. In order to observe efficiently, Sergeant Weaver had to expose himself on numerous occasions to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. When enemy counterattacks began to develop, he fired the mortar with deadly accuracy and thus contributed largely to the repulse of the enemy attempts to counterattack. Late in the day when it became urgent that our troops withdraw, Sergeant Weaver aided considerably in the caring for and evacuation of the wounded. His aggressiveness and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER - 411
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	Kenneth E. Alvord	39338508	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Raymond C. Falkwin	37627119	Inf	15 Jun 45
Sgt	Michael Bascrub	33206359	CWS	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Joe Parricchia	39971807	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Cecil A. Bissell	39944866	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Harbert E. Bailler	36916893	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Glen H. Reinstehn	39599473	Inf	21 Jun 45
Sgt	Harold B. Sobus	35135124	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert V. Bradison	37913843	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Way W. Brown	37524755	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold H. Bengener	36914617	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	John W. Chambers	39425315	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Victor T. Chambers	36912171	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert C. Chaney	38604122	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Elmer B. Chapman	34040622	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Lennie M. Cox	35645886	Inf	8 Jun 45
Pfc	Jack C. Creley	35723875	Inf	30 May 45
Pfc	Charlie E. Davidson	35904712	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Job J. Denni Jr.	39723008	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	John Dillon Jr.	36703466	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Earl S. Fidler	36413894	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Rufus H. Forbes	37725722	Inf	24 May 45
T Sgt	Edward M. Gaertner	36701175	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Jose E. Gallegos	37357534	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	George Garcia	38721851	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Warren A. Gay	36451580	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold J. Gerk	36405021	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Wilmer J. Gehrts	37435704	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Johnny G. Gileon	38577361	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Arthur E. Giessinger	37604853	Inf	22 May 45
Sgt	Jack D. Grace	38604055	Inf	12 Jun 45
S Sgt	Ralph D. Kinsch	37237915	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	James Koren	35930311	Inf	8 May 45
Pfc	James A. Long	37710991	Inf	10 Jun 45
T Sgt	Leonard F. Meadows	38290904	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Stanley L. Mewhirter	39210816	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Irvin C. Moyle	37439419	Inf	20 Jun 45
Sgt	Walter A. Molimark	37573646	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Oscar G. Polster	37647588	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Wilson H. Pue	38701802	Inf	21 May 45
Tec 5	John F. Ring	36431369	Inf	25 Jun 45
Sgt	Arnold M. Sauber	37319050	Inf	22 Jun 45
1st Lt	John Shypula	01307091	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Gerald M. Singer	39729283	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Marvin L. Solley	35818240	Inf	10 Jun 45

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Pfc	John L. Souza	39729338	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	John L. Stafford Sr.	34936873	Inf	13 Jun 45
1st Lt	Calvin E. Stevens	01318249	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	Milo H. Van Cleave	37775227	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	George T. Vane	30435264	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	Gerald L. Vincent	37775225	Inf	8 Jun 45
Pfc	Calvin M. Vogel	39729371	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Clarence E. Wade	37775276	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Phillip D. Wagner	37775285	Inf	8 Jun 45
Pfc	Elmond L. Walker	35400608	Inf	8 Jun 45
Pfc	Lloyd D. Walker	37775297	Inf	8 Jun 45
2d Lt	Ray D. Walker Jr.	01318283	PA	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Kerwin J. Weaver	37775289	Inf	2 Jun 45
1st Lt	Norman James	01318281	Inf	25 Apr 45
Pfc	Lowell P. White	37775289	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles B. Williams	37775280	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Norman B. Williams	37775222	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	Gilford H. Willower	12096483	Inf	10 Jun 45
Pfc	Otto H. Wilson Sr.	37775237	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert Wilson	37775233	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	James W. Windrey	35741491	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold L. Wood	37775322	Inf	14 Jun 45

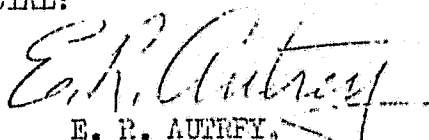
2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Henry J. Onkos	36476969	Inf	25 Nov 44
Pfc	Ben D. Strickland	39616433	Inf	14 Nov 44
Pfc	Henry W. Singleton	38272372	Inf	14 Nov 44
Sgt	Albert J. Salinsky	20131692	Inf	20 Oct 44
Tec 5	Arthur C. Smith	33400692	Inf	6 Nov 44

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS 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), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain Leo A. Smith, 01301552, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Captain Smith, a battalion Operations Officer, volunteered to lead a three man patrol in an effort to gain the exact location of his battalion's exposed left flank. At that time, the battalion was being subjected to an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, during which all lines of communication to the assaulting companies had been destroyed. The terrain over which the patrol endeavored to cross was entirely covered by enemy machine gun and sniper fire from caves and burial vaults which had not been neutralized due to the rapid advance of the battalion. Leaving the battalion command post at 1600 hours, Captain Smith led the patrol across the treacherous terrain. Seeing the action, the enemy machine guns and snipers opened fire on and succeeded in pinning down the patrol. He, however, ignoring the terrific enemy fire, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled forward alone and ascertained the exact location of the exposed left flank. Captain Smith's gallant and intrepid act; personal courage and unflinching devotion to duty in the accomplishment of his mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private Harry L. Callihan, 38418177, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When the advance of one of the assault companies had been temporarily halted due to intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, many 'casualties were' inflicted in an exposed position, and a distance of some 200 yards from which Private Callihan had taken cover. Seeing the wounded men Private Callihan left his covered position and rushed in this open piece of terrain and administered first aid under the intense machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. After the wounded men had received medical care and had been taken back to the battalion aid station word was passed for medics some 300 yards from where Private Callihan had just finished giving medical care to the wounded. Again Private Callihan rushed to the scene, a ravine where two men were wounded from direct fire of a 47mm gun. Private Callihan, knowing that there was a probability of more fire being put in the ravine, with complete disregard for his life went to the aid of the wounded men and began administering medical aid. Two other men, hearing the call for medical aid men, also ran to the ravine to give Private Callihan assistance. Just after these two men came into the ravine, two more direct hits were placed in the area, wounding both of these men. Private Callihan, now having four seriously wounded casualties to administer medical aid to, called for help. Despite the enemy fire Private Callihan stayed with the wounded men, dressed their wounds and personally led them to the battalion aid station through continued enemy mortar and artillery fire. The heroism displayed by Private Callihan and the manner in which he took charge of the situation under enemy fire is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain William F. Collins, 01172417, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Kakazu ridge, Okinawa Island, on 10 April 1945. Captain Collins, a battery commander, upon learning that two infantry companies were without forward observers, joined and moved forward with the assault elements of the infantry to direct fire on the highly organized enemy positions. He showed marked heroism, unexpressed devotion to duty, and great bravery, as he moved forward and was wounded in the initial phases of the attack. After receiving first aid for painful mortar fragment wounds, Captain Collins continued to fearlessly expose himself in order to closely observe the enemy, and bring down devastating fire upon his positions. Although suffering great pain from wounds received the previous day, Captain Collins continued to perform heroically on 11 April 1945, giving the closest possible support to the Infantry, and constantly exposing himself to heavy enemy fire. On the night of 11 April 1945, Captain Collins called down mortar fire and frustrated a number of enemy counterattacks, destroying a great number of the enemy. On 12 April 1945, due to the severity of his wounds, and the acute pain, Captain Collins was finally evacuated. This unexpressed display of gallantry, undying courage and profound devotion to duty will serve as an inspiration to the men of the entire command and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

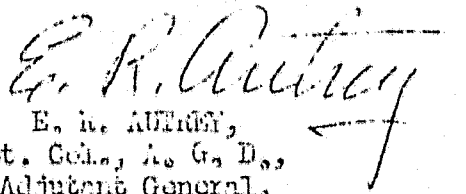
By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Public Law 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Technician Fourth Grade Erwin L. Chrismer, 37392698, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed at Futema, Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. When a Japanese plane dropped a load of bombs one of which hit in the center of five trucks parked in a motor pool, two of the trucks immediately were set on fire and a third was badly damaged. Technician Fourth Grade Chrismer, disregarding the imminent danger of an explosion of either of the two full gas tanks of the burning vehicles, and with full knowledge that an unknown number of delayed action bombs had dropped in the immediate vicinity, ran to an undamaged truck parked in the dangerous area and vainly attempted to start the motor. After several minutes Technician Fourth Grade Chrismer attempted to tow the vehicle from the scene and with the help of two other soldiers succeeded in removing the truck to a position of safety. Technician Fourth Grade Chrismer displayed exemplary courage in the performance of an act which prevented serious damage to valuable property.

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Private First Class John L. Arkema, 35742193, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a one thousand pound enemy mortar shell hit near the entrance of a cave and buried all but a few of its thirty five occupants Private First Class Arkema, unmindful of falling debris and the danger of enemy mortar and artillery shells landing nearby, with the aid of several other men, worked unceasingly and with almost superhuman effort, for two hours, to rescue the imprisoned men. Because of the speed of his courageous and untiring efforts, ten lives were saved. Private First Class Arkema's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alois J. Dabler, 36950084, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 22 April 1945. Private First Class Dabler made repeated trips from the supply point to the front line companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards, over trails made slippery by heavy rainfall and covered by heavy enemy sniper fire and intense mortar and artillery fire. On the forward trips, water, rations, and ammunition were carried and casualties were carried back to the aid station on the return trips. Private First Class Dabler's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Clyde V. Bruce, 38292598, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 22 April 1945. Private First Class Bruce made repeated trips from the supply point to the front line companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards, over trails made slippery by heavy rainfall and covered by heavy enemy sniper fire and intense mortar and artillery fire. On the forward trips, water, rations, and ammunition were carried and casualties were carried back to the aid station on the return trip. Private First Class Bruce's brave and diligent work in the supply and care of front line troops reflects credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Glen V. Cloninger, 37392727, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During a night counterattack by the enemy, Private First Class Cloninger left a well protected position to fire a machine gun which was under heavy enemy small arms and machine gun fire. Private First Class Cloninger's action greatly aided in the dispersal of enemy troop concentrations and the repulse of the counterattack. Private First Class Cloninger's heroic actions, aggressiveness and devotion to duty are in accord with the highest traditions of the military service. -- 1 --

Sergeant James A. Cochran, 34435350, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. As a member of a patrol which was subjected to heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Cochran, realizing the precarious position of the patrol and the urgency of its mission to neutralize enemy machine gun fire which was holding up the battalion's attack, on his own initiative and accompanied by another man, moved up a defilade and with hand grenades and rifles, attacked one position and neutralized it immediately. Exposing himself to fire, he crossed a slight ridge to another emplacement and with the aid of his comrade, destroyed it. Because of his actions, the patrol was able to move forward in relative safety to accomplish its mission, knocking out six separate enemy pillboxes.

Private First Class Michael Gwian, 36950044, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a one thousand pound enemy mortar shell hit near the entrance to a cave and buried all but a few of its thirty-five occupants, Private First Class Gwian, unmindful of falling debris and the danger of enemy mortar and artillery shells landing nearby, with the aid of several other men, worked unceasingly with almost superhuman effort, for two hours, to rescue the imprisoned men. Private First Class Gwian's heroic and courageous efforts reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Perry L. Davis, Jr., 33627954, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 22 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Davis made repeated trips from the supply point to the front line companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards, over trails made slippery by heavy rainfall and covered by heavy enemy rifle fire, and intense mortar and artillery fire. On the forward trips, he carried water, rations and ammunition and casualties were carried back to the aid station on return trips. Staff Sergeant Davis' heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas R. Fox, 35061185, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. Private First Class Fox made repeated trips to the front line companies with water, rations and ammunition throughout the daylight hours, at times under intense mortar and artillery fire and under the cover of darkness he assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the front line companies to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Fox's unflinching and courageous support of front line troops contributed much to the success of their actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

SECTION

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class William H. Ford, 37702917, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed at Futema, Okinawa Island on 8 June 1945. When an enemy plane dropped a load of bombs one of which struck in the center of five trucks parked in the motor pool. Two of the trucks immediately were set on fire and a third was badly damaged. Private First Class Ford, disregarding the imminent danger of an explosion of either of the two full gas tanks of the burning vehicles, and with full knowledge that an unknown number of delayed action bombs had dropped in the immediate vicinity, ran to an undamaged truck parked in the motor pool and vainly attempted to start the motor. After several minutes Private First Class Ford arranged to tow the vehicle from the scene and with the help of two other soldiers, succeeded in removing the truck to a position of safety. Private First Class Ford displayed exemplary courage in the performance of an act which prevented serious damage to valuable property.

Technician Fourth Grade Leo W. Goff, 38271668, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed at Futema, Okinawa Island on 8 June 1945. During the early morning hours when an enemy plane dropped numerous instantaneous and delayed action bombs on a bivouac area, completely demolishing one truck and damaging two others, Technician Fourth Grade Goff, with complete disregard for his own safety, and acting entirely on his own initiative, ran to the damaged vehicle, and although he was in great danger of a potential explosion from the gas tank of a burning truck parked adjacent to the damaged vehicle, and knowing there were unexploded bombs in the immediate vicinity, drove it to safety. After doing this he immediately returned to the scene and, knowing the danger involved in the task, Technician Fourth Grade Goff aided two other men in removing an undamaged truck to safety. Through his courageous act, Technician Fourth Grade Goff prevented other certain damage to valuable property and possible injury to nearby personnel.

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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Private First Class Kenneth F. Case, 36404055, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Case, with other members of his squad, carried supplies to the front line companies and helped in the evacuation of casualties on the return trips. While carrying the wounded, one of the litter bearers was wounded by an enemy sniper who had infiltrated to a position commanding the ravine through which they were walking. After helping in the carrying of the litter to cover, Private First Class Case and another man ran approximately one hundred yards under the sniper's fire to the wounded man, and then helped carry him to the aid station, a distance of four hundred yards.

Private First Class Claude L. Freese, 36453989, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a one thousand pound enemy mortar shell hit near the entrance to a cave and buried all but a few of its thirty five occupants, Private First Class Freese, unmindful of falling debris and the danger of enemy mortar and artillery shells landing nearby, with the aid of several other men, worked unceasingly and with almost superhuman effort, for two hours, to rescue the imprisoned men. Because of the speed of his courageous and untiring efforts, ten lives were saved. Private First Class Freese's courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

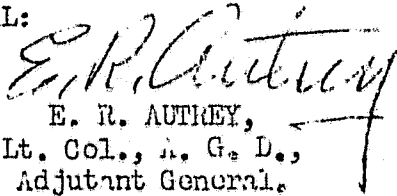
Staff Sergeant George L. Goodwin, 6579321, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Goodwin made repeated trips from the supply point to the front line companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards, over trails made slippery by heavy rainfall and covered by heavy enemy sniper fire and intense mortar and artillery fire. On the forward trips, water, rations, and ammunition were carried, and casualties were carried back to the aid station on the return trip. Staff Sergeant Goodwin's brave and diligent work in the supply and care of front line troops reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Johnson, 01286655, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Koniku, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When enemy mortar and artillery fire collapsed a section of a cave to collapse and trap one of his party, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson, and three other men, completely disregarding the fact that artillery fire was still falling about them, and that the cave might collapse at any moment, went inside the treacherous cave and dug their wounded comrades from under the fallen dirt and rock with their hands. The heroism displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Johnson served as an inspiration to the other men and reflects great credit upon himself and 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 Samuel E. Klopp, 36585710, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. As Private First Class Klopp's unit was digging into a defensive position, it received a heavy enemy artillery barrage. Disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Klopp stopped digging his foxhole and moved into the exposed area to administer aid to another soldier who had been struck by shrapnel. He remained cool during the general confusion and the stunning effect of concussion and shrapnel. After he had given all the first aid possible he called another man to help him evacuate the patient and moved through another hundred yards covered by the artillery. The cool determination of Private First Class Klopp to save the life of a comrade and his efficient courage in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Cyril J. Koch, 37233206, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 4 April and 5 April 1945. While under heavy enemy artillery fire which was falling in the Battalion Command Post installations, Private First Class Koch, without regard for his own personal safety and with exemplary courage and coolness, laid and maintained wire communications to forward companies and essential installations. During this period, enemy artillery fire was of such accuracy that several men were killed and he, himself, was wounded. Private First Class Koch's assignment was on a voluntary basis, thereby further exemplifying his outstanding actions, and because of his courage and skill, communications so vital to the Battalion were operative throughout this period.

Technical Sergeant Harold Lee, 36534185, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a one thousand pound enemy mortar shell hit near the entrance to a cave and buried all but a few of its thirty five occupants, Technical Sergeant Lee, unmindful of falling debris and the danger of enemy mortar and artillery shells landing nearby, with the aid of several other men, worked unceasingly for two hours, to rescue the imprisoned men. Because of the speed of his courageous and untiring efforts, ten lives were saved.

Technical Sergeant Jack J. Loftus, 37265600, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island, on 4 April 1945. While one of the rifle companies of his battalion was halted in its advance by heavy enemy machine gun fire from a fortified cave, Technical Sergeant Loftus, and two other men, volunteered to close the cave with a demolition charge. The entire stretch of ground between Technical Sergeant Loftus's position and the enemy-held cave

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was open, offering no cover or concealment. Enemy machine guns had a clear field of fire and commanded the ground over which Technical Sergeant Loftus had to approach the cave. Burdened with three satchel charges, he crawled from his position of cover and traversed the open ground under a murderous enemy fire, and succeeded in reaching the cave and scaling it. Technical Sergeant Loftus' outstanding action resulted in the death of thirty of the enemy and in the successful occupation of a prominent and important position with a minimum of casualties.

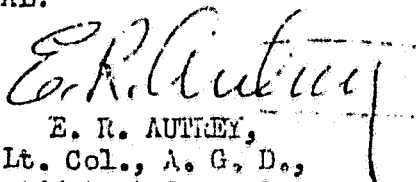
Private First Class Sam Longert, 34577365, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. During the daylight hours, Private First Class Longert, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, made repeated trips over a treacherous 100 yard route to the front line companies with water, rations, and ammunition, and under the cover of darkness assisted over a period of three and one-half hours in the evacuation of casualties. The supply and evacuation route was covered by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, but Private First Class Longert unhesitatingly and determinedly continued his efforts to supply the front line companies. On the morning of April 11th he continued carrying supplies until seriously wounded by enemy mortar fire. His courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Louis Lusardi, 31306057, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Lusardi, a member of a litter party, showed calm courage and great devotion to duty and his comrades, in moving across four hundred yards of open ground under heavy enemy artillery fire, to rescue a wounded comrade. On reaching the wounded man, Private First Class Lusardi, still under heavy enemy artillery fire, aided in splinting the man's leg, and then helped carry him to the Battalion Aid Station, over a route which was infested with enemy snipers. The courageous and untiring efforts of Private First Class Lusardi were instrumental in saving the life of a comrade, and his every action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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4 July 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 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 James S. Dean, 3742295, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 15 November 1944. When the organization, of which Private First Class Dean was a member, encountered an enemy strong point, a patrol was sent out but had to return immediately to its base because of heavy fire. Learning that two men, who were seriously wounded, were still in the area under fire, Private First Class Dean moved forward alone, in the face of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Before he reached his objective, some of his personal equipment was shot from his body by machine gun fire. In spite of the heavy fire, he made two trips, each time bodily carrying a wounded soldier from danger. Private First Class Dean's heroic accomplishment, his loyalty and devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Lawrence T. Doyle, 6569501, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 4 and 5 April 1945. While under heavy enemy artillery fire which was falling in the Battalion Command Post installations, Technician Fourth Grade Doyle laid and maintained wire communications to forward companies and essential Command Post installations. During the time in which Technician Fourth Grade Doyle operated, without regard for his own safety and with exemplary courage and coolness, artillery fire was of such accuracy that several men were killed and many other casualties resulted. Although required to make five separate repair trips during the night, which in two instances involved a wire check on a line of approximately three hundred yards, Technician Fourth Grade Doyle's assignment was on a voluntary basis. Because of his courage and skill, communications so vital to the Battalion, were operative throughout the entire night.

Private First Class Alfonso E. Fescina, 32691236, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 and 12 April 1945. Private First Class Fescina made repeated trips with water, ammunition and rations from the battalion supply point to the front line rifle companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards. The trips were both exhaustive and hazardous because of the rough terrain and adverse weather conditions and the heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Fescina, on the return trips, bravely and untiringly assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. Private First Class Fescina's heroic actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Sergeant Don E. Gunkel, 36700260, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. Sergeant Gunkel made repeated trips to the front line companies with water, rations, and ammunition during the daylight hours, at times, under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Under the cover of darkness, he assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the front line companies to the Battalion aid station. Sergeant Gunkel's brave and unceasing actions reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

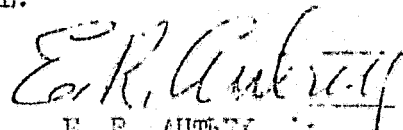
Private Eirco P. Guzman, 39965885, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery shelling of Private Guzman's organization, which had been able to only partially dig emplacements, several men were seriously wounded. Learning his partially wounded comrade, Private Guzman crossed the area to a seriously wounded man and, with the aid of another soldier, improvised a litter and carried him back to the aid station. They then returned and continued to evacuate three other litter cases. During this time, the enemy artillery continued to lay down heavy concentrations in the vicinity of the wounded men. Private Guzman's valor displayed in the deadly fire, his quick thinking and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James L. Jackson, 38230268, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. As a member of a patrol which was subjected to heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Jackson, realizing the precarious position of the patrol and the urgency of its mission to neutralize enemy machine gun emplacements which were holding up the battalion's attack, on his own initiative and accompanied by one other man, moved up a slight defilade and, with hand grenade and rifles, attacked one position and neutralized it immediately. Exposing himself to fire, he crossed a small ridge to another emplacement and, with the aid of his comrade, destroyed it. Because of his actions, the patrol was able to move forward in relative safety to accomplish its mission, knocking out six separate enemy pillboxes.

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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 Daniel Madrid, 39113439, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When his unit received an enemy counterattack on a ridge near Kaniku, Staff Sergeant Madrid's gun position was attacked from the rear by some of the enemy who had infiltrated during the night. When one Jap threw himself across the gun in an attempt to keep it from firing, Staff Sergeant Madrid beat him with the butt of his rifle, knocked him off the gun and shot him with his rifle. He then continued to man the gun and killed five of the enemy. Staff Sergeant Madrid's heroic and aggressive action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Emmitt W. McHurd, 6957197, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 22 April 1945. Sergeant McHurd made repeated trips from the supply point to the front line companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards, over trails made slippery by heavy rainfall and covered by heavy enemy sniper fire and intense mortar and artillery fire. On the forward trips, he carried mortar, rations, and ammunition and casualties were carried back to the aid station on the return trips. Sergeant McHurd's bravery and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Marvin L. Pearce, 38294098, 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 Pearce assisted in the excavating of ten men who were buried in a cave by a direct hit from an enemy spigot mortar shell. Private First Class Pearce began excavating immediately and, through his efforts, many lives were saved. Unmindful of his own safety, with artillery and mortar fire falling close by and the imminence of another cave-in, he continued his efforts until all casualties were unearthed. Private First Class Pearce's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Vernon C. Richson, 38271740, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Richson, assistant rifle squad leader, when his immediate superior became a casualty on the way to the beach, took command of the squad and successfully led it in the assault landing on White Beach number two. Later during the day in a coordinated company advance southeast against the enemy, Sergeant Richson showed great courage and leadership in conducting his individual squad to the rear of enemy positions which were holding up the advance, and neutralizing them. In so doing, he saved many lives and made possible the continued company advance. His aggressive and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Leonard J. Speicher, 33564946, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery shelling of Private First Class Speicher's organization, a man near his hole was severely injured by shrapnel. Although the barrage continued, Private First Class Speicher left his hole to administer first aid. While he was working, another shell landed only a few yards away wounding two other men in the immediate vicinity. Unhesitatingly, he gave them prompt first aid. At no time while helping the wounded was he able to take the slightest cover. Private First Class Speicher's cool and quick thinking and his complete disregard for his own personal safety to help his comrades is a credit to his organization and the military service.

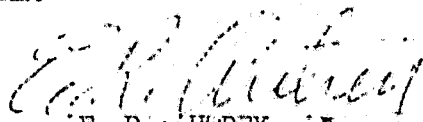
First Lieutenant John R. Spidel, 01306921, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. When First Lieutenant Spidel's organization was held up in an attack by heavy enemy small arms fire from a commanding hill, he was given the mission of leading a patrol against it. Having organized his patrol, he safely led it through the heavy fire to sufficient cover from which it could maneuver. Subjecting himself to great danger, he unhesitatingly exposed himself many times reconnoitering advance routes and cover for his men. The patrol completed its mission only because of First Lieutenant Spidel's exceptional coolness under fire, his exhibition of superb leadership and efficient use of professional knowledge. First Lieutenant Spidel's courage and resourcefulness was an inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Connie M. Viorth, 39014441, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 2 April 1945 to 23 April 1945. After his unit had suffered many officer casualties, Sergeant Viorth volunteered his services as Forward Observer for his battery of guns. While acting in this capacity, Sergeant Viorth often and unhesitatingly occupied dangerous and exposed positions. During a strong night counterattack, when the enemy was determined to retake a strongly fortified ridge which had been taken by our troops on the afternoon of 27 April 1945, Sergeant Viorth, with absolute disregard for his own safety, crawled through heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to establish an Observation Post from which he could observe and direct his fire. Sergeant Viorth quickly and successfully adjusted his guns and was instrumental in the repulse of the enemy counterattacks during the night, with his timely and effective fire, thus enabling our troops to hold the ridge. The courage and skill displayed by Sergeant Viorth, with his accuracy and promptness of fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

OK { 1. So much of General Orders 316, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Earl C. Sorensen, 01297607, is rescinded.

OK { 2. So much of General Orders 436, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 July 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Warren A. Bury, 36734403, is rescinded.

OK { 3. So much of General Orders 403, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Rudolph Mamula, 01014397, is rescinded.

SECTION II

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 Men:

✓ Sergeant Warren A. Bury, 36734403, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When a strong enemy force armed with automatic weapons and mortars attacked our positions, Sergeant Bury displayed brilliant leadership and gallantry in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant Bury exposed to both enemy and friendly fire, rallied his men to cope with the situation. He observed an enemy automatic weapon pinning down his squad and disregarding personal safety, Sergeant Bury crawled within grenade range and knocked out the weapon with hand grenades. The courageous and heroic leadership displayed by Sergeant Bury was instrumental in the repulse of the enemy attack and is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: Beatrice Bury, Mother, Route 2, Box 264-B, Waukegan, Illinois.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the Provisions of Act 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named officer per General Orders 7, Headquarters 7th Infantry Division, 24 January 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

First Lieutenant Rudolph Mamula, 01014397, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. When one of his tank crew who

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was dismounted was seriously wounded, First Lieutenant Mamula, the tank commander, despite heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, got out of his tank to administer first aid. He then carried the wounded man three hundred yards through the field of enemy fire to an aid station. After treatment, First Lieutenant Mamula again carried the wounded man back over the same hazardous route and placed him on the back deck of his tank. At the same time, he assisted two other wounded men to his tank and immediately evacuated the three men to a rear aid station. First Lieutenant Mamula's courageous and steadfast devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION IV

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

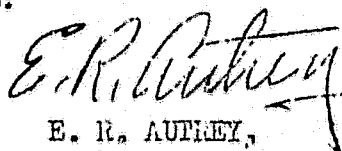
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Officer per General Orders 116, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant Earl C. Sorensen, 01297607, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Next of Kin: Eleanor G. Sorensen, Wife, 19 South Barneburgh Road, Medford, Oregon.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Act 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 Richard E. Anderson, 37483654, Infantry, United States Army, wounded near Iwo, Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 182, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945.

✓ Private Albert Bell, 36702094, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

✓ Staff Sergeant Herbert G. Carhart, 33745275, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 210, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Orval H. Chandler, Jr., 37721892, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 35, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

✓ Private First Class Arthur G. Dingman, 36534301, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

✓ Private Paul E. Duncan, 37586559, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

✓ Tec 4 Ben E. Erickson, 37316287, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 8 May 1945 near Tsubaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 8, Headquarters 54th General Hospital, 3 December 1944.

✓ First Sergeant Joseph G. Fay, 6573019, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 June 1945 near Yoza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 123, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 April 1945.

✓ Second Lieutenant George W. Fleming, 02012486, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Osato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 400, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 June 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant James E. Horstman, 35242723, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 309, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

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✓ Sergeant Robert E. Hulstador, 39345807, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Jessie A. Kilgore, 38319014, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Onaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

✓ Private First Class Earl F. Knight, 38293674, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Oyama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 130, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

✓ Sergeant Ruben Leal, 33233034, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Yonagusaku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 193, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

✓ Sergeant Steve Malnyk, 36536267, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 184, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

✓ Corporal Lizzie J. Houton, 38260141, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 December 1944.

✓ Private First Class John F. Stauffer, 33483844, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Maniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

✓ Private First Class Wilbur C. Tucker, 38291108, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

✓ Private First Class Eugene R. Turgeon, 36272390, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 46, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

✓ Private First Class Richard E. Vanderbrook, 32844080, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 133, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 96

5 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 456

ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the 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	Dean B. Allen	38292097	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Philip Bagues	39597741	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Victor J. Baker	31436446	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	William E. Barrick	33878206	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	William H. Bass	44013195	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Henry M. Bedell	38635665	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	V. O. Blasengame	38732780	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Harvey H. Bohanan, Jr.	44035658	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Howard D. Bowman	39346278	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	Merlin O. Bennett	38635771	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Stanley L. Bradley	39933237	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Meredith Bricker	33923268	Inf	21 Jun 45
S Sgt	Eugene A. Brooks	35563947	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	John E. Brown	35781351	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Claude L. Buck	34936649	Inf	26 May 45
Pfc	William G. Burd	35818271	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	August W. Durgdorf, Jr.	20448481	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Howard G. Burton	35784307	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	David J. Buttelworth	35885063	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul J. Calise	31449608	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold M. Calloway	38635709	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Chester R. Canfield	38570456	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Melvin J. Case	39426230	Inf	26 May 45
Pfc	James J. Caudle	44012964	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Manuel Cisneros	38701577	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	David W. Collins	44017226	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Perrin T. Coltey	42185519	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	George A. Custer	36912392	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	James R. Davis	38551007	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Geral O. Deshong	38573374	Inf	12 May 45
Sgt	Robert W. Devericks	20544368	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Frank M. Dohbs	38546076	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	James B. Dunlap, Jr.	34711250	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	John J. Dvorak, Jr.	36915210	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Walter R. Evans	36914815	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Martin Fesik	36469694	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	John C. Foreman	38687542	Inf	30 May 45
Pfc	George F. Goff	37697235	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	James M. Gower	36615681	Inf	21 Jun 45
S Sgt	Henry F. Guminski	36405036	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Marvin F. Gustin	39345534	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Edward M. Gutierrez	39865771	Inf	26 May 45

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S Sgt	Tyrus G. Harbert	17125840	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Sidney Horowitz	39585582	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Melvin G. Musmann	17161844	Inf	18 Jun 45
S Sgt	Richard W. Johnson	36859752	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Alfred R. Kozisek	37266447	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Otto Lenich	36701782	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Arnie O. Matela	36272765	Inf	21 Jun 45
Sgt	Jess W. Marlar	38319186	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Martin M. McCallough	39933057	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	James P. McDonnell	33341671	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Garth C. McGary	39926001	Inf	18 Jun 45
Sgt	John W. McAllen	36540295	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	John E. Miller	39595463	Inf	3 Jun 45
Sgt	Raymond G. Myers	38293623	Inf	17 Jun 45
Tec 4	Leonard G. Pruitt	38282547	Inf	7 Apr 45
Pfc	Garth H. Randall	38329712	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Lemuel A. Ray	38629641	Inf	26 May 45
Pfc	Wilma E. Riggs	37646755	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Wilbur O. Robinson	44012635	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Frank D. Rocchino	36906759	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph J. Rocanoff	36610686	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	James S. Raddicks	37733987	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Pete Ruschak	35241010	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Reno J. Scarfo	31436340	Inf	20 Jun 45
Tec 5	Gordon V. Self	38339674	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	James E. Shackelford	44012891	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	James H. Siebels	37633166	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Robert N. Smith	36289035	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Clement R. Stardefer	38609485	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Peter W. Stocco	36949815	Inf	12 May 45
Sgt	Walter C. Tomer 19 Sep 45	36378387	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	William C. Thomas	34470523	Inf	24 May 45
Pvt	Henry Thompson	37774206	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Alleck O. Turnbow	39933185	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Eugene M. Vanvleet	37735508	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Ralph T. Van Wig	39595309	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Leo Valdez Jr.	39592908	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	John M. VanTassel	34839585	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Michael Velasquez	39595151	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Lee M. Wealer	39933620	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Rulon H. Whitosides	39924955	ID	25 May 45
S Sgt	Vernon L. Wilkins	38227733	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	James P. Williams	38631238	Inf	18 Jun 45
S Sgt	Alexander B. Zabielski	36615515	Inf	20 Jun 45

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12 February 1957

AGAR-SC 201 Miller, John E.
39 595 463

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 5 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to John E. Miller, 39 595 463, is withdrawn.
2. Inasmuch as soldier died of wounds received on 3 June 1945, confirmation of the award of the Purple Heart in orders was not required.

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

Adjutant General

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AGRE-DA-7 201 Blasongano, V. O.
RA 38 732 JAG (23 Oct 50)

3 January 1951

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

To: Mr. V. O. Blasongano
1912 West 30th Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Re such of General Order 455 Headquarters 94th Infantry
Division dated 5 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the
Purple Heart to Private First Class V. O. Blasongano, 38 732 JAG,
which reads, "for wounds received in action on 23 May 1945", is
amended to read, "for wounds received in action on 22 May 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF:

W A Henry
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 96

5 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 457

ORIGINAL ORDER -
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:

Private First Class Francis G. Amis, 36859900, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 210, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

Private First Class Dewaine J. Avotte, 36914791, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 279, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 May 1945.

Private First Class Calvin J. Barber, 36809411, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 8 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 128, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class Robert K. Bolen, 35635984, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Paul D. Brown, 37435836, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 115, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945.

Private First Class Charles R. Christian, 35784553, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 306, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 June 1945.

Private First Class Frank W. Culver, Jr., 36915342, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Engeriser, Jr., 36763820, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant George B. Foust, 33257338, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 206, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Jack D. W. Fredrick, 37227964, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 306, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 June 1945.

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Second Lieutenant Irvin C. Iverson, 02612497, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

Sergeant John H. Jackson, 37229154, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, wounded 27 June 1945 near Udoera, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 120, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 April 1945.

Private First Class William Kane, 35517734, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 31 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

First Lieutenant John H. Landfried, 01325355, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 226, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Paknoy, 36535787, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Sergeant Walter L. Ponstein, 38313620, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 227, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Private First Class John A. Pope, 12225706, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 June 1945 near Harzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 193, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

Private First Class Herbert W. Roue, 38635666, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 309, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

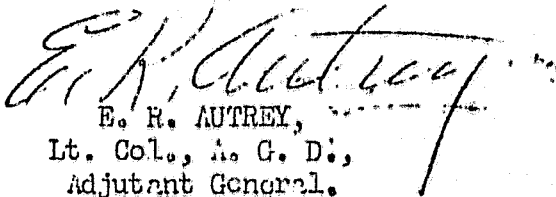
Technical Sergeant George E. Sanchez, 39158527, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Onoda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 208, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Douglas O. Stockman, 38701925, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 279, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

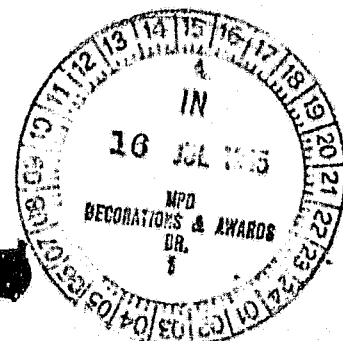
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APO 96

5 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 458

ORIGINAL ORDER

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 Lewis E. Baugh, 38530918, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 8 June 1945 near Kamizato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 54, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Technician Third Grade Earnest N. Boaty, 38319933, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 128, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Sergeant Carl H. Fulbright, 38318839, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 157, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 May 1945.

Private First Class Antonio G. Chavez, 39866691, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Private First Class Marion C. Cox, 37461257, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Herbert E. Crookmore, 34677699, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 98, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 April 1945.

Private First Class William H. Friar, 33627580, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 June 1945 near Kamizato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 50, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Delbert A. Grecian, 34435349, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 28, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Clyde W. Hill, 37227910, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 130, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class Arthur J. Hilty, 38516304, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 210, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

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First Sergeant Albert L. Janik, 6959190, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 192, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

Sergeant George J. Hotta, 31208295, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 June 1945 near Arwachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders, No. 76, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 December 1944.

Private First Class James J. McCarthy, 16174553, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

Private First Class Malborua Furr, 37726040, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant James L. Pondorcraft, 6295508, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 October 1944 on Leyte, Philippine Islands. Previous award per General Orders No. 79, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 December 1944.

Private First Class Jack W. Riley, 38300954, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Tarava, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 257, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945.

Sergeant Franklin P. Rose, 35518287, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Koshi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant Clarence L. Snyder, Jr., 37439306, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 194, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

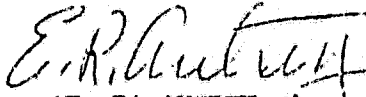
Sergeant William N. Stevens, 37229293, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 194, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

Sergeant Raul G. Vasquez, 18200600, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 209, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

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5 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 459

ORIGINAL ORDER

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:

Private First Class Dwayne N. Anderson, 39934989, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 279, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class James F. Bickett, 39932027, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Edwin A. Borowski, 36907383, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Private First Class Buford W. Brown, 38290811, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 177, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945.

Private First Class Robert G. Claus, 35243230, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 177, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945.

Private First Class Albert G. Currey, 37461670, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 309, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

Private First Class Adam L. Davidson, 3146295, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Conical Peak, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 205, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Robert L. Everett, 44035288, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

Private First Class Allen J. Fabre, 3865725, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Yunagusuku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 158, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

Private First Class Gilbert A. Fricke, 36915268, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 309, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

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Private Donald K. Gardner, 35243077, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 115, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945.

Private First Class Richard J. Harmon, 35243178, Infantry, United States Army wounded 18 June 1945 near Tawara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 207, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Captain Willard C. Knight, 0332407, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, wounded 27 June 1945 near Tadoura, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 120, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 April 1945.

Private First Class John Kolodzy, 39479724, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Carey A. Martin, 38616930, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Alfred H. Musser, 36433841, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 June 1945 near Shindawaku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Raymond H. Runkle, 36383548, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Arubachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 194, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

Private First Class Gabriel G. Sanchez, 39593133, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

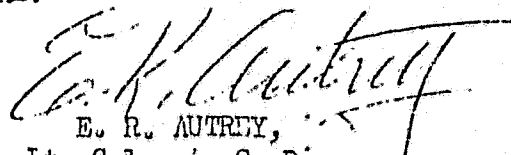
Sergeant Wilbur E. Smith, 36159972, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 near Uchitorri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 10, Headquarters Hoff General Hospital, 17 July 1943.

Private First Class Sterling R. Tyroc, 39726768, Infantry, United States Army wounded 12 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 161, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

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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:

Pfc	Vernon D. Ables	37751906	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Arthur W. Adams	3492276	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Harry L. Adams	38522742	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Homar Adams	44025743	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Ernest W. Adrian	36914634	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Jack A. Alford	38554606	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Lawrence E. Albert	37734971	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	J. D. Allen	38542778	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	J. D. Allen	38242772	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert L. Allgood	44037777	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	John W. Alliston	44037814	Inf	8 Jun 45
Pfc	David Almanaz	39723419	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Arthur H. Althoido	39723890	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Chester G. Anderson	39723866	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Irwin A. Anderson	39424673	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Rox F. Anderson	39935798	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Leon B. Arwinc	38604060	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Francis P. Armasorang	36652666	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Ignacia Bacon	38524752	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	Lonzie L. Baggett	34919918	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	James M. Ballou	39728364	Inf	1 Jun 45
Sgt	Curtis J. Banhero	39147216	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Cecil C. Barger	39422794	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	James S. Batt	39535744	Inf	15 Jun 45
Tec 5	Glyde E. Baughman	36382960	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Merle E. Beagle	39343614	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Antonio T. Bicandi	39933752	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Vern C. Bloxham	39933747	Inf	18 Jun 45
S Sgt	Donald Bork	3670036	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Gordon D. Broddhart	3772658	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Richard F. Buck	3774246	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	James W. Burroughs	38711137	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Ugoniot Bustamante	39730769	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Calvin M. Canter	38731250	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Leonard L. Cantwell	38291333	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	James A. Causey	44045803	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul Celaya	35425194	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Merle W. Clifton	37712137	Inf	18 Jun 45
Sgt	Lola L. Clodfelter	34673578	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	J. D. Cole	38573095	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Francisco, Curtinas	38582289	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Thomas J. Craskey	33815861	Inf	18 Jun 45

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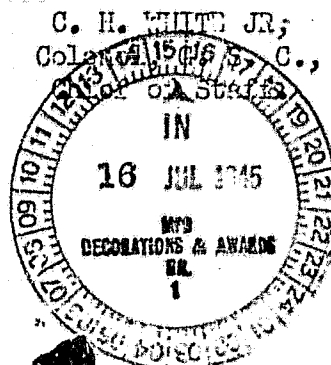
Sgt	Warren E. Daniels	37520469	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank E. Ellis	37221171	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Francis F. Garcon	37313373	Inf	18 Jun 45
Sgt	Peter E. Grange	39933541	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold M. Hafschl	37315721	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Harry Jenson	37283810	Inf	15 Jun 45
S Sgt	Charles F. Hixon	37233288	Inf	5 Jun 45
Sgt	Edward E. Kline	36437578	Inf	16 Jun 45
S Sgt	Louis J. Laurich	37573366	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Clarence W. Papcock	36834289	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Russel A. Fontaine	31435208	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Steve Solcz	32873942	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Grathel Tackott	35781338	Inf	16 Jun 45
T Sgt	Lester Terrabonnie	18151219	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Malcolm E. Thomas	37712155	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Ernest R. Trubinano	31436355	Inf	19 Jun 45
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Pfc	Wallace F. Turpin	34435438	Inf	6 Jun 45
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Pfc	Carman A. Ungaro	31436242	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Elmer E. Unkel	37752965	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Lawrence E. Urbanski	37600605	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald R. Utch	37774146	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	John Valenzula	39596933	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Phillip S. Vanderburg	36914721	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Fred Van Eaton	32370910	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Van E. Wallace	14189202	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Dalwood R. Vinson	36914227	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	James L. Wallach	37647146	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Roy R. Wampole	37712159	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	George W. Winkler	37773303	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Gene A. Witkowski	37774586	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank S. Witte	35816025	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	Andrew J. Wood	38635710	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Frazier Wood	39587925	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	William D. Wood	36471590	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Fred W. Woolf	38640034	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Eugene E. Yeamans	20934119	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Collin J. Young	38617009	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank L. Young	6572940	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald H. Young	35850607	Inf	2 Jun 45

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36 700 636 (14 Feb 52)

21 July 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Donald L. Bark
Rural Route # 3
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

So much of General Order 460, Headquarters 96th Infantry
Division, dated 5 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the
Purple Heart to Donald L. Bark, 36 700 636, which reads "on
date of 15 June 1945" is amended to read "on date of 16 June
1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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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:

Sergeant Lee E. Johnson, 37023307, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cactus Hill, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Sergeant Johnson, driver for the Division Commander, voluntarily crossed an open field swept by enemy fire of all types, to accompany his commander to an advanced Infantry Observation Post. He remained in that exposed position, which was receiving both enemy artillery and mortar fire, for more than an hour, and constantly, enroute to and from the Observation Post as well as during his stay there, endeavored to place himself in a position to shield his commander. Sergeant Johnson's calmness under fire, his willingness to expose himself and his loyalty to his commanding officer reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Leslie A. Parish, Jr., 01304938, Aide-de-Camp (Infantry), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cactus Hill, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Captain Parish voluntarily accompanied his Division Commander across an open field, swept by enemy fire of all types, to reach an advanced Infantry Observation Post. He remained in that exposed position, which was receiving both artillery and mortar fire, for more than an hour, and constantly, enroute to and from the Observation Post as well as during his stay there, endeavored to place himself in a position to shield his commander. Captain Parish's calmness under fire, his willingness to expose himself and his loyalty to his commanding officer reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant John H. Turbeville, 0497594, Aide-de-Camp (Cavalry), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 June 1945. First Lieutenant Turbeville, Aide-de-Camp to the Assistant Division Commander, voluntarily accompanied that officer on almost daily trips to front line units, often under heavy enemy fire. On all these occasions, his calm demeanor and complete disdain for his own safety were outstanding. On 19 June 1945, First Lieutenant Turbeville was wounded by machine gun fire at a forward Observation Post. Immediately after having his wound dressed, he returned to the Observation Post, a position so hazardous that shortly thereafter, his commander was killed by machine gun fire. First Lieutenant Turbeville's courageous conduct on this occasion typified his performance of duty and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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✓ Private First Class Karon Red Dog, 17023969, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Don A. Eaton, 38272237, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 May 1945 to 9 June 1945.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Arnold F. Finsoth, 37024253, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 15 February 1945 to 20 June 1945.

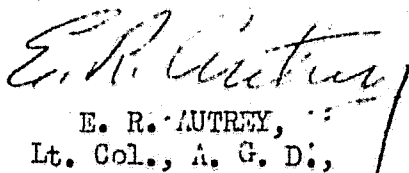
✓ Captain John R. McNicholas 0419190, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 21 October 1944 to 21 June 1945.

✓ Lieutenant Colonel George B. Salter, 0284797, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 21 October 1944 to 18 June 1945.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL 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, 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:

Private First Class Thomas R. Goddard, 39932057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 April 1945. While participating in two coordinated attacks, Private First Class Goddard thoroughly displayed his courage and determination to eliminate the enemy, by aggressively carrying the fight to them. In fierce night counterattacks and in moves forward over difficult terrain under adverse weather conditions, superior enemy observation and intense enemy fire, Private First Class Goddard encountered and destroyed the enemy in brave and stubborn fashion at all times. While clearing the enemy from a newly won hill, he was instantly killed by enemy mortar fire. Next of Kin: Mildred L. Goddard, Mother, Route 1, Corvallis, Montana.

First Lieutenant Jay W. McKee, 01039104, 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 4 May 1945. First Lieutenant McKee, Forward Observer for his battery of guns, despite constant threat to his own safety, unhesitatingly and fearlessly moved through heavy machine gun and sniper fire to a vantage point where he could adjust and direct his fire on the enemy who were seeking cover on the reverse slope of a heavily fortified ridge, where our artillery and cannon fire could not reach. First Lieutenant McKee skillfully and successfully placed a concentration of fire on the enemy, causing them many casualties and breaking up their formations, making possible the advance of our troops with less casualties than would otherwise have been possible. On 4 May 1945, First Lieutenant McKee was mortally wounded when his party came under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. His exemplary courage and devotion to duty which cost him his life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Ruth Constance McKee, Wife, 3607 Ridgcraft Road, Baltimore 6, Maryland.

Private First Class Ferdinand S. Rola, 32934530, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tabontabon, Leyte Island, on 27 October 1944. Private First Class Rola, an aid man with a rifle company, unexpectedly found himself, with the platoon to which he was attached pinned down by intense enemy sniper fire. Under

such hazardous conditions, he suddenly realized that members of a supporting company were advancing toward an adjacent area, which Private First Class Rola knew was also under direct fire from the enemy. At this crucial point, one of the advancing men was hit by sniper fire. Completely disregarding the fire from the enemy, Private First Class Rola unhesitatingly left his position and ran in the direction of the casualty, intent upon administering the necessary first aid treatment. Before he reached his destination, however, he was killed by enemy sniper fire. His efforts were not without results however. Others, inspired by his heroic attempt, succeeded in reaching the casualty and preventing the remainder of the support company from proceeding further into the area covered by enemy fire. Private First Class Rola's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Sophie Rola, Hictner, 221 Admore Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

SECTION II

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 600-45 (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:


Sergeant Donald B. Williams, 36810651, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During a fire fight, when many casualties were suffered by the attacking company and orders were received to withdraw, Sergeant Williams volunteered to remain behind in enemy held territory with three litter cases. Even though they were under a heavy and deadly hail of enemy fire, he did not leave the wounded men until all had been evacuated. Their evacuation necessitated going over nearly impassable terrain. Due to Sergeant Williams' clear thinking and courage, it was possible to evacuate the wounded men and save their lives. His courage under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Harry N. Goldman, 02048635, Medical Administrative Corps, 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 June 1945.

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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 Enlisted Man:

Sergeant Warren W. Winslow, 37440926, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When two men were mortally wounded by enemy fire within the company perimeter, Sergeant Winslow gave valuable assistance to the company aid man in treating the wounded men, in spite of the danger of being fired on by friendly troops and regardless of heavy enemy grenades, mortar and artillery fire. He worked with the wounded men until they died at 0530 of the same morning and at the request of the aid man, he canvassed the entire company in darkness, crossing skylines and exposing himself to small arms fire to collect bandages and sulfanilamide. Sergeant Winslow's devotion to duty and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and 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 the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Technician Fifth Grade Sander Friedman, 16119922, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When the company on the left of Technician Fifth Grade Friedman's unit was forced to withdraw from its position, it was unable to take with it, a member who had been seriously wounded by sniper fire. Recognizing the wounded man's peril, Technician Fifth Grade Friedman took the only possible route, a distance of seventy-five yards over an open field covered by enemy machine gun fire. There was no cover available and bullets were striking dangerously close to him as he ran. Finding no cover near the wounded man, he spent twenty minutes exposed to the sniper fire administering first aid. Realizing the danger of carrying the wounded man back through the deadly enemy machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Friedman noticed a route through which a litter squad could move from the patient's organization close to his position with little

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danger to the squad and a minimum of danger to the soldier. Technician Fifth Grade Friedman returned through the heavy fire to his own company, communicated with the patient's organization and thus effected the safest and most expeditious evacuation of the wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Friedman's gallant action in unhesitatingly exposing himself to the most deadly machine gun fire and dangerous sniper fire to save the life of a wounded man and his cool and quick thinking in extreme emergency is a credit to himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 70, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945.

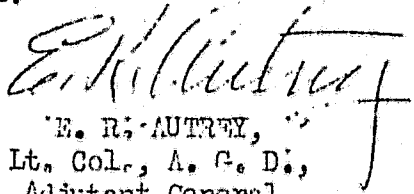
Technician Fourth Grade Donald T. Giles, 6579729, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Giles led his litter squad over approximately seven-hundred yards of open ground, in spite of the fact that it was covered by fire from an enemy machine gun, to recover a casualty. When Technician Fourth Grade Giles reached the casualty, the enemy machine gunner again opened up and disregarding his own personal safety, and thinking only of the safety of the casualty, Technician Fourth Grade Giles helped drag him to shelter. The courageous and unflinching efforts of Technician Fourth Grade Giles was instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 40, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

Lieutenant Colonel Daniel A. Nolan, Jr., 021988, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Nolan, a battalion commander, personally made a trip over mined roads, infested by snipers and by-passed enemy pockets, to make contact with an isolated company of his battalion without regard for his own safety. By contacting this company, he tied in the defenses for the night, held the ground gained during the day, and prevented a break-through on the Division's left flank. Lieutenant Colonel Nolan's superior tactical decisions were an inspiration to all and resulted in the success of his battalion in all of its missions. His courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 70, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR
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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 1913 (Bulletin 43, War Department 1913) a Silver Star is awarded the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division to the following named military personnel:

Technical Sergeant Frank Hartzler, 6942105, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 5 November 1944. When seventeen Japanese soldiers were trapped in a concrete pillbox but could not be dislodged, Technical Sergeant Hartzler moved to the top of the fortification and dropped grenades through its two ventilating pipes. These proving ineffective, he called for gasoline, poured it down the pipes and ignited it with burning sticks and paper. The enemy were forced into the open where all were killed by Technical Sergeant Hartzler and his squad. Technical Sergeant Hartzler's brilliant and daring leadership resulted in capture of the position without loss and paved the way for our occupation of valuable terrain.

Staff Sergeant Leonard E. Hawks, 36535814, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Hawks left his position on the left flank of the skirmish line, and although under heavy enemy fire, rushed into the center of a group of five fully armed Japanese soldiers. He killed three of the enemy and routed the other two who were killed by the advancing patrol. Staff Sergeant Hawks then moved forward aggressively, so inspiring his men that they moved up and in subsequent fierce fighting annihilated the entire Japanese force without a casualty to themselves. Staff Sergeant Hawks' gallant and aggressive actions and outstanding qualities of leadership are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

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 James H. Davidson, 38697564, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. During the daylight hours on these two days, Private First Class Davidson made repeated trips to the front line companies with water, rations and much needed ammunition, under intense mortar and artillery fire. Under cover of darkness on these nights, he assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the front lines to the battalion

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aid station. The supply and evacuation route was covered by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and casualties were very numerous, however Private First Class Davidson unhesitatingly and determinedly continued to supply the frontline companies and evacuate the wounded.

Corporal Paul H. Doney, 31272726, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Corporal Doney, with other members of his squad of ammunition bearers, upon a return trip from carrying supplies to the front line companies under enemy fire, was notified that another battalion had casualties near the top of Kakazu Ridge. Crawling at least fifty yards through heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Corporal Doney assisted by the members of his squad was able to reach the two wounded men. Then crawling back to cover, they proceeded on to the aid station, 700 yards in the rear.

Private First Class Edwin L. Hill, 37733780, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Hill, with other members of his squad of ammunition bearers, upon a return trip from carrying supplies to the front line companies under enemy fire, was notified that another battalion had casualties near the top of Kakazu Ridge. Crawling at least fifty yards through heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Hill assisted by the members of his squad was able to reach the two wounded men. Then crawling back to cover, they proceeded on to the aid station, seven hundred yards in the rear.

Private First Class Augustine G. Lopez, 38254495, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 12 April 1945. When a one thousand pound enemy mortar shell hit near the entrance to a cave and buried alive all but a few of its thirty five occupants, Private First Class Lopez, unmindful of falling debris and the enemy mortar and artillery shells landing nearby, with the aid of other men, worked unceasingly for two hours, to rescue the imprisoned men. Because of the speed of his courageous and untiring efforts, ten lives were saved.

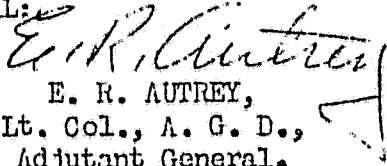
Staff Sergeant Donald J. Keene, 35879788, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945.

Sergeant Paul A. Whelan, 19044044, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

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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 Men:

Private First Class Carl D. Barkley, 34260969, Infantry, United States Army, For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Barkley was at his gun in a coordinated attack against strong enemy held positions on Tombstone Ridge. When the ridge had been reached, Private First Class Barkley immediately pushed forward to the front and placed his gun in position to protect against a possible counter attack. Private First Class Barkley was firing at a pillbox which was pinning down our men when he was hit by an enemy mortar shell and instantly killed. Private First Class Barkley always gave close support to his comrades in the attacking platoons. His courage, aggressiveness and determination enabled us to hold our positions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: George W. Barkley, Father, Route 4, Ft. Payne, Alabama.

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* Private First Class Roy B. Archer, Jr., 14147751, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Archer was with his platoon in a coordinated attack on strong enemy held positions on Kakazu Ridge. The advance on the ridge had to be made over six hundred yards of open ground and then across a deep ravine. The enemy had excellent observation as he held the high ridge. The advance from the ravine was up the side of the steep, rocky, barren slope. It rained throughout the afternoon and the advance across the ravine was made slow and difficult. When the platoon reached the crest, it ran into a well concealed enemy pillbox that had not previously fired but which now pinned the men down. The enemy was tossing satchel charges and grenades over the crest and the position provided no cover for the forward elements. Private First Class Archer, from his position on the ridge, delivered a message to the company commander through the heavy enemy fire and returned with the message to pull to the right to consolidate with the right platoon. His return trip was under fire, but he successfully delivered the message and gave the situation to the platoon leader. Later in the day, during a heavy enemy mortar barrage, Private First Class Archer was lightly wounded and had to be evacuated. Next of Kin: Roy B. Archer, Father, 113½ West Tinsley Street, Griffin, Georgia.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS 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 the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 101, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 April 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Technician Fifth Grade William S. Fuller, 36204285, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When a one-ton mortar pound enemy mortar shell hit near the entrance to a cave and all but a few of its thirty-five occupants were buried, Technician Fifth Grade Fuller, completely disregarding the falling debris and the danger of enemy mortar and artillery shells landing nearby, with the aid of several other men, worked unceasingly for two hours, to rescue the imprisoned men. Technician Fifth Grade Fuller's untiring efforts reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Elaine A. Fuller, Wife, 550 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

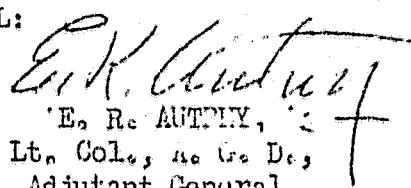
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded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

Private First Class Harry G. Jones, 11121825, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Jones, with other members of his squad of ammunition bearers, upon a return trip from carrying supplies to the front line companies under enemy fire, was notified that another battalion had casualties near the top of Kakazu Ridge. Crawling at least fifty yards through heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Jones assisted by the members of his squad, was able to reach the two-wounded men. Then crawling back to cover, they proceeded on to the aid station, seven hundred yards to the rear. Private First Class Jones' willingness to place the welfare of his comrades above his own, does honor to the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Norman E. Lowry, 39344137, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Lowry, with other members of his squad of ammunition bearers, upon a return trip from carrying supplies to the front line companies under enemy fire, was notified that another battalion had casualties near the top of Kakazu Ridge. Crawling at least fifty yards through heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Lowry assisted by the members of his squad was able to reach the two wounded men. Then crawling back to cover, they proceeded on the way to the aid station seven hundred yards to the rear.

Sergeant Joseph J. Picone Jr., 38313446, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. During the daylight hours on these two days, Sergeant Picone made repeated trips to the front line companies with water, rations and much needed ammunition, under intense mortar and artillery fire. Under cover of darkness and still under fire on these nights, he assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the frontlines to the battalion aid station. The supply and evacuation route was covered by intense enemy mortar and artillery fire and caused numerous casualties, but Sergeant Picone unhesitatingly and determinedly continued his efforts to supply the frontline companies.

Private First Class Ross Rener, 36272272, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Rener, a member of the battalion Anti-Tank platoon, moved to an enemy observed position and operated his weapon under enemy artillery, machine gun and sniper fire, from which two men were wounded. It became imperative that the gun be moved to a covered location to keep it from being knocked out and to prevent more casualties. This could only be done by the act of Private First Class Rener and other members of his squad in creeping and crawling and pulling the gun with them. During the period in which the squad had been firing under enemy observation and fire, it was given credit for knocking out two enemy pillboxes.

Staff Sergeant William G. Sutherland, 36533749, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Sutherland with other members of his squad had been carrying supplies to the front line companies and helping in the evacuation of casualties on the return trips. While carrying wounded, one of the litter bearers was wounded by an enemy sniper who had infiltrated to a position commanding the ravine through which they were walking. After helping in the carrying of the litter to cover, Staff Sergeant Sutherland and another man

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from his squad ran back approximately one hundred yards under the enemy sniper's fire to the wounded man, dressed his wounds, stayed with him until a litter was obtained, and then helped carry him to the aid station, a distance of four hundred yards to the rear.

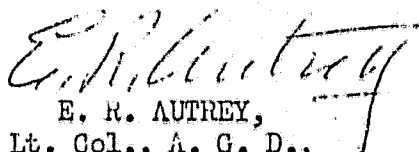
First Lieutenant William J. Wynn, 0524415, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. After the platoon which First Lieutenant Wynn commanded had partially dug emplacements on the forward slope of a hill, four men who were digging trenches in a road were fired upon and seriously wounded by enemy machine guns which covered the entire road. In the face of the heavy rain of bullets, First Lieutenant Wynn, with utter disregard for his personal safety moved down the road to the four wounded men where he carefully and deliberately administered first aid to each of them. The coolness and the loyalty displayed by First Lieutenant Wynn to his men served as an inspiration to all of his associates. His devotion to duty and courage was instrumental in saving the lives of his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Robert S. Shoemaker, 01690819, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During a combined Infantry - Tank attack, several wounded men lay exposed to heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire. Observing the situation, Second Lieutenant Shoemaker left his position of comparative safety and dashed across six hundred yards of fire swept ground to the nearest of the supporting tanks. Disregarding enemy sniper and machine gun fire, he effectively directed the fire power of the tank against the key enemy positions, thus covering the wounded men and permitting their withdrawal for medical treatment. Second Lieutenant Shoemaker's valiant and daring action aided the advance of the entire battalion across this sector and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

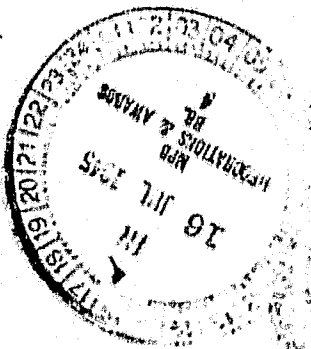
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SECTION I

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. 5, 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:

Captain William R. MacDonald, 01286676, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 1 March 1945. Next of Kin: Thomas L. MacDonald, Father, Abbeville, Georgia.

Private First Class Donald E. Runyon, 36431704, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Next of Kin: Julia Runyon, Mocker, Tonica, Illinois.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS 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 Posthumously to the following named Officer per Section I, General Orders No. 468, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 July 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Captain William R. MacDonald, 01286676, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When enemy artillery and mortar fire caused a section of a cave to collapse and trap one of their party, Captain MacDonald and three other men, completely disregarding the fact that artillery and mortar fire was still falling about them and that the cave might collapse at any moment, went inside the treacherous cave and dug their wounded comrade from under the fallen dirt and rock with their hands. The heroism displayed by Captain MacDonald served as an inspiration to the other men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Thomas L. MacDonald, Father, Abbeville, Georgia.

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:

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First Lieutenant Robert S. Arpke, 01171037, 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 12 May 1945.

Captain Harold V. Christianson, 0297506, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 11 April 1945.

Master Sergeant Robert E. Cutler, 6559778, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October to 27 October 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Sergeant Robert Frace, 6315988, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Major Marion W. Hillman, 01684870, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Michael L. Kern, 6934899, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Aloysius B. Kowalski, 36534136, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Albert H. Morland, 33375091, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 10 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Sergeant Kenneth F. Nicholson, 37233208, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Samar and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 2 June 1945.

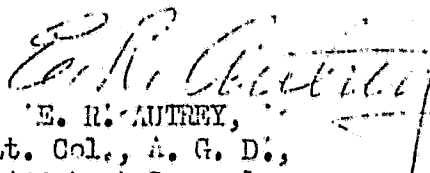
Private First Class Roy E. Ostrem, 37675998, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 2 June 1945.

Sergeant Walter A. Soghi, 15013722, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 25 November 1944 to 20 June 1945.

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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 Elected Men:

Private First Class Joseph G. Burriesci, 42030392, 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. Private First Class Burriesci, as a member of a litter team, moved for hundred yards across fire swept, open terrain to a position where two casualties were lying. The leader of the litter squad moved forward and administered first aid; then called to the other members of the squad to come forward. Private First Class Burriesci went forward carrying the litter on which to remove the wounded man. In so doing, he was seriously wounded himself. Private First Class Burriesci's courage and coolness under fire were a credit to himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil L. Ogburn, 37439602, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kanika, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When enemy mortar and artillery fire caused a section of a cave to collapse and trap one of their party, Technician Fifth Grade Ogburn and three other men, completely disregarding the fact that mortar and artillery fire was still falling about them, and that the cave might collapse at any moment, went inside this treacherous cave and dug their wounded comrade from under the fallen dirt and rock with their hands. The heroism displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Ogburn served as an inspiration to other men and reflects great credit upon himself and 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 the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant Harry M. Goldman, 02048635, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy buzz bomb landed in the area of a Battalion Command Post, the debris almost covered First Lieutenant Goldman and another man but he was able to extricate himself. Upon clearing himself of the debris, he heard muffled cries in the

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distance and using these voices as a guide, although heavy artillery fire was still falling in the area, with the help of another man, he began digging away the fallen rock and earth covering the man in distress. After twenty minutes of digging, three men had been removed. First Lieutenant Goldstein's complete disregard for his own personal safety and devotion to duty were a credit to himself and the military service and an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Previous award per General Orders No. 462, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 July 1945.

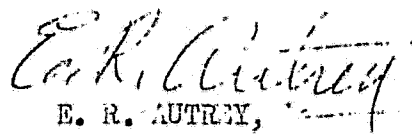
Technician Fourth Grade John W. Head, 37233345, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a one thousand pound enemy mortar shell hit near the entrance of a cave and buried alive all but a few of its thirty-five occupants, Technician Fourth Grade Head, unmindful of falling debris and the danger of enemy mortar and artillery shells landing nearby, with the aid of other men, worked unceasingly for two hours, to rescue the imprisoned men. Because of the speed of his courageous and untiring efforts, ten lives were saved. Previous award per General Orders No. 276, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Cecil L. Ogburn, 37439602, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During a Battalion attack, Technician Fifth Grade Ogburn remained at his post in spite of a heavy mortar barrage and aimed enemy anti-tank fire. As a battalion radio operator, it was necessary for him to remain in a comparatively exposed position in order to effectively operate his set. Technician Fifth Grade Ogburn's unselfish devotion to duty maintained the vital radio communication necessary for the effective advance of the battalion and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders No. 469, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 July 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER #

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of All 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the 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 Ocinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Robert G. Allen	36215343	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Bert K. Anderson	39932766	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Paul K. Awala	37774259	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph W. Barker	35317528	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	LeRoy Berry	39475845	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Henry W. Billau	36916740	Inf	15 Jun 45
2d Lt	Wiley H. Billingsley	01331100	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Tommy L. Bingle	39424359	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Wayne L. Bishop	37752423	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Archie Blankenship	38321076	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	John B. Brown	36223977	Inf	16 Jun 45
S Sgt	Arvil M. Brewer	38227412	Inf	15 Jun 45
Capt	George F. Brewer	01293164	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	David W. Brock	35924139	Inf	28 Jun 45
Pfc	Calvin J. Byrd	34071977	Inf (Armed)	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Roland J. E. Champagne	31362422	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Lester K. Chrisman	34835530	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Jay N. Coburn	39936335	Inf	15 Jun 45
S Sgt	Louie W. Collier	38300289	Inf	15 Jun 45
2d Lt	Jerald L. Copeland	02012511	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	George J. Cosmides	33926115	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Dwayne W. Dildine	36914324	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Jim F. Dollery	38453336	MD	1 Jul 45
Pfc	Lester H. Dozanti	35242786	Inf	21 May 45
Sgt	Arthur D. Dubin	16105913	Inf	29 Apr 45
Tec 4	Robert J. Edwards	36594490	MD	25 Jun 45
Pfc	George V. Elliott	34895318	Inf	7 Apr 45
Pfc	Paul Elmore	38237332	Inf (Armed)	18 Jun 45
Tec 4	Vernon E. French	35403031	MD	1 Jul 45
Pfc	Rodolfo Gallardo	38678382	Inf	20 Jun 45
S Sgt	Sidney K. Gordon	36411526	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Darrell F. Goulden	38319161	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Wilber J. Griffith	39728270	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Charlie R. Hicks	34913187	Inf	20 May 45
Sgt	Oscar T. Huff	38223109	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Preston J. Hunt	38551157	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert L. Hunt	37536508	Inf (Armed)	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Leo J. Ingolia, Sr.	37749114	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Pat V. Jenson	39470961	Inf	25 Jun 45
Sgt	Harley T. Johnson	36431218	Inf	21 May 45
T Sgt	Lamont O. Jones	37125094	Inf (Armed)	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Darl L. Kansier	36914035	Inf	20 Jun 45

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Pfc	William L. Kirk	38550853	Inf	15 Jun 45
Tec 5	Charles J. Kmicik	36384160	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Ardell S. Kristensen	39595555	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Josef G. Kunzle	36701810	CE	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald R. Magers	39133614	Inf	11 Jun 45
Sgt	Emil V. Malinowski	13157268	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Albert A. Manns	36700473	Inf	20 May 45
1st Lt	Albert J. Martin	01316437	Inf	18 Jun 45
T Sgt	Thomas A. Martin	6267024	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Leslie E. Middlebrooks	38227536	MD	30 Apr 45
Tec 5	Hubert G. Huff	37266225	ID	1 Jul 45
1st Lt	Marvan H. Murphy	0168166	Inf	20 May 45
Capt	Franklin W. Nicholson	01703692	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Merle L. Kinnaman	36619939	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Vernon L. Niles	37535858	Inf	22 May 45
1st Lt	Irving T. Paley	0131013	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Hershel C. Parks	3731102	CE	26 Jun 45
Cpl	Martin J. Palkin	32694221	Inf	13 Apr 45
Tec 5	Jerome A. Pizer	36814709	ID	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Virgil N. Price	37562649	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Ellsworth J. Richison	37438092	ID	4 Apr 45
Tec 4	Jack E. Roe	36533691	Inf	14 Jun 45
S Sgt	William E. Russello	35239023	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	William C. Rutherford	37712340	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Erwin J. Seel	32833784	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Harold D. Shearer	31449554	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Stanley W. Sims	36069514	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles E. Smith	13001277	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Billy E. Sizemore	35851306	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Spoffard T. Sloan	37753387	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	James D. Spear	39730482	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Clarence H. Sperry	37733596	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Cecil W. Spooner	37712200	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Robert M. Sroufe	35909649	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald J. Stoner	33430233	Inf	27 Apr 45
S Sgt	Gerald V. VanHorn	20951983	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank J. Vicha	36384578	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Fay Warford	33573473	Inf	18 Jun 45
Sgt	John R. Willis	33528041	Inf	20 May 45
Tec 4	James A. Yarborough	34074874	ID	1 Jul 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 the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Edwin R. Armstrong, 36405103, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 122, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945.

Private First Class Henry F. Belk, 38290727, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 122, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945.

Private First Class Leon C. Burzich, 36914633, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

Private First Class Orville W. Chapman, 37752735, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Ima, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

Private First Class James P. Cockerill, 37231306, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 159, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

Private First Class Hardjen Edris, 39074300, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yuzo, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class Lumer G. Fillipi, 37461934, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 192, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Ellard L. Holzer, 37711213, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

Private First Class Victor F. Hendrix, 36915053, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 232, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Roland B. Irish, 31412488, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant William H. Jackson, 38329703, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.

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Technical Sergeant Edward Jenkins, 37C60602, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Ima, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 273, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 31 May 1945.

Private First Class Orval W. Lake, 39C35866, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class Robert Olivarez, 38254335, Infantry, United States Army wounded 12 June 1945 near Itoju Dake Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 193, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

Private First Class Kenneth W. Rockwell, 38899666, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 231, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Warren L. Roberts, 18162291, Infantry, United States Army wounded 26 June 1945 near Ozito, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 231, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Sergeant Albert J. Salinsky, 20131692, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 December 1944 near Buri, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Previous award per General Orders No. 447, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 July 1945.

Private First Class Robert C. Shockey, 35629529, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 194, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

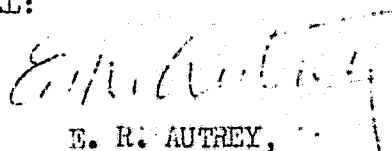
Sergeant Virgil F. Staple, 38291107, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 242, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Private Antonio S. Vasquez, 38560494, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 195, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of DA 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:

Private First Class Donald G. Judd, 39730498, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

Private First Class Irwin L. Anderson, 39424573, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 460, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Private First Class Jack H. Bacon, 39935111, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

Private First Class Victor J. Baker, 31436446, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 near Nishibaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Private First Class Walter B. Bidwell, 39346791, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

Private Edward C. Blazek, 39344015, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Conical Peak, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 439, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Donald L. Bork, 36700636, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 460, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Eugene A. Brooks, 35563947, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Jeff D. Butler, 38386111, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 6 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 394, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred G. Draggoo, 39569943, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Kaniyama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 129, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class John W. Duron, 33697343, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 419, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Charles A. Fee, 13214488, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 284, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 June 1945.

Sergeant Leonard J. Kennedy, 32726719, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 394, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Michael R. Hartz, 36334126, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Joseph J. Rosnoff, 36610686, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Private First Class Carroll L. Schiemenl, 36820951, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Conical Peak, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

Private First Class Walter F. Spoth, 35909502, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 440, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

Private First Class Paul H. Springston, 35784562, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 439, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

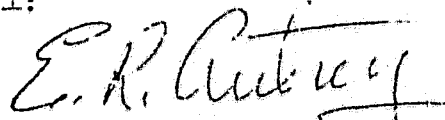
Private First Class Allock O. Turnbow, 39933185, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragashi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Private First Class Ruell T. Underwood, 39480346, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

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21 July 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Donald L. Bork
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1. So much of General Order 472, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 7 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart (First Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Staff Sergeant Donald L. Bork, 36 700 630, is withdrawn.

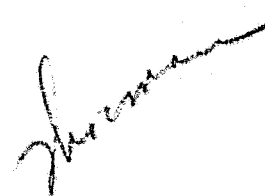
2. The Purple Heart has been previously awarded to above-named former soldier by General Order 63, Headquarters Army Garrison Force, Army Ground Force, dated 3 July 1945, as amended by Department of the Army Letter Orders, dated 21 July 1952.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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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:

First Lieutenant Michael E. Doyle, 01301453, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. During a battalion attack on a portion of the strongly defended Shuri-Naha line, the assault companies were suddenly subjected to heavy mortar and machine gun fire from their flanks. The unit to the right of the company, commanded by First Lieutenant Doyle, suffered many casualties and attempted to withdraw to their former position. Observing this, First Lieutenant Doyle ordered his men to cover the other company, drawing a good portion of the fire and enabling them to evacuate their wounded. Soon, First Lieutenant Doyle's company was ordered to withdraw and during this orderly movement, the enemy threw down a heavy spigot mortar barrage. Despite being wounded, First Lieutenant Doyle personally directed this withdrawal, remaining until all of his men had left and all the wounded had been evacuated. After refusing medical evacuation, First Lieutenant Doyle consolidated his new position for the night. It was not until the next morning that First Lieutenant Doyle accepted medical treatment and was evacuated.

Private First Class Frank E. Gorman, 35675775, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. During the daylight hours on these two days, Private First Class Gorman made repeated trips to the front line companies with water, rations and much needed ammunition under intense mortar and artillery fire and under cover of darkness, he assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the front lines to the battalion aid station. The supply and evacuation route was covered by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, but Private First Class Gorman unhesitatingly and determinedly continued his efforts to supply the troops at the front.

Private First Class William P. Mulloy, 36700143, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 13 November 1944. Private First Class Mulloy, cook's helper, was, due to necessity, given an assignment in the first machine gun platoon as an ammunition bearer and although his experience as a member of a machine gun squad was limited, he carried out his missions in a superior manner. During the battle of Bloody Ridge, on 3 November 1944, Private First Class Mulloy exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to keep up a steady flow of necessary ammunition. On this same day, after the battalion had begun to dig in, he voluntarily returned to the front line and braved an even heavier concentration of enemy fire to assist in the evacuation of several wounded men.

Sergeant Rollyn J. Sweeney, 6531148, Infantry (Armor Troop), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When Sergeant Sweeney was directing the construction of a road through a ridge at the foremost point of friendly Infantry lines, he, on his own initiative, dismounted from his dozer tank because he was hampered by limited vision. Although constantly exposed to enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun and rifle fire, he directed the work of the dozer driver on foot and while riding on the blade. Through Sergeant Sweeney's courageous actions, a highly satisfactory road was constructed in the minimum of time, allowing the tank company to reach the enemy held area and clean out the pocket of resistance. Sergeant Sweeney's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Vernon G. Tucker, 38229854, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. As a member of an anti-tank gun squad, Private First Class Tucker and one other man, in the face of enemy fire, succeeded in moving a one and one half ton truck and a 37mm gun to a place of safety. In the face of cross fire from two enemy machine guns, Private First Class Tucker coupled an anti-tank gun to a one and one half ton truck from the prone position and also loaded ammunition in the same manner. Private First Class Tucker, unhesitatingly jumped into the driver's seat and drove the truck to a place of safety. Private First Class Tucker's courageous actions under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Paul R. Shelton, 34435351, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944.

Private First Class Edward J. Sodoma, 33469230, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

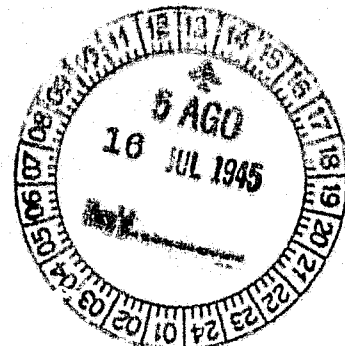
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ANNOUNCING THE AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the Provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Public Law 45, War Department 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 95th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class John M. Dewey, 31792273, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. As his company advanced, Private First Class Dewey was acting squad leader of the leading squad. As they came forward, an enemy machine gun opened fire upon them from the right flank. The advance stopped, and the entire company was pinned down. Private First Class Dewey, alone and at the risk of his life advanced over seventy yards to the enemy emplacement, and with hand grenades knocked out the gun and all four attendants. He was exposed to enemy fire during the entire advance to the gun, and was wounded in the right leg, but the wound did not stop him in his mission, and he accomplished his deed alone and single-handedly. Private First Class Dewey's regard for the lives of others and complete disregard for his own personal safety reflects the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class George E. Strang, 39622510, Infantry, United States Army, for gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Private First Class Strang, an assistant automatic rifleman with the front line troops, voluntarily and successfully delivered two important messages across one hundred and fifty yards of open ground swept by enemy fire and in full view of the enemy. Shortly after completing his last mission, when his unit was ordered to withdraw, Private First Class Strang on his own initiative returned to the front lines exposed to strong enemy fire, took up an automatic rifle position and gave excellent covering fire till the last man had withdrawn. His gallant acts were an inspiration to all and were largely responsible for the success of his unit's mission.

SECTION II

ANNOUNCING THE AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 1 February 1944 (Special II, Bulletin 10, 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 48 600-15 (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 military personnel:

Private First Class Erwin J. Moran, 36131169, Medical 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 21 June 1945.

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...his mission. His outstanding qualities of leadership were an...
...his actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military...

Sergeant Galen H. Sanders, 39596774, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Sergeant Sanders, on his own initiative, went to a wounded man who was lying in an exposed position and was bleeding profusely. He administered first aid and although he was under enemy fire, he took care of the wounded man. Sergeant Sanders was himself seriously wounded. His courageous action undoubtedly saved a man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Edward A. Moorer, 01286373, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. First Lieutenant Moorer personally led his company in three successive attacks against strongly fortified enemy positions on the northern slope of Kakazu Ridge, constantly exposing himself to heavy enemy fire. First Lieutenant Moorer's gallant leadership and driving force were the main contributing factors in the final destruction of enemy positions and the accomplishment of the mission. His heroic action and leadership reflects great credit upon the fighting spirit of the military service.

Private First Class Charles D. Mayer, 55519302, 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. Private First Class Mayer, as a member of a litter squad, moved forward two hundred yards under intense enemy fire across open terrain to a position where two casualties were lying. The leader of the litter squad moved forward and administered first aid, then called to the other members of the squad to come forward. One member of the squad was wounded in an attempt to reach the casualty, but despite heavy enemy fire in the entire area, which was so intense that a tank had to be brought forward to cover the route of evacuation, all the wounded men were evacuated safely. Private First Class Mayer's actions were a credit both to himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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

Captain Joest J. Androsen, 01297474, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Captain Androsen and five other men ran through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the Battalion ammunition dump which was burning from fragments of the enemy artillery and mortar fire which had fallen in the dump and set it afire. Not knowing when the dump might explode they unhesitatingly extracted four cases of burning ammunition with shovels and carried them a safe distance from the dump and there smothered the fire with dirt. The heroic action of Captain Androsen in going through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the burning ammunition dump saved the much needed ammunition.

Technician Fifth Grade Ray J. Bachman, 36429639, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Bachman and five men ran through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the Battalion ammunition dump which was burning from fragments of enemy artillery and mortar fire which had fallen in the ammunition dump and set it afire. Not knowing when the dump might explode, they unhesitatingly extracted four cases of burning ammunition with shovels and carried them a safe distance from the dump and there, smothered the fire with dirt. The heroic action of Technician Fifth Grade Bachman in going through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the burning ammunition dump saved the much needed ammunition.

Technician Fourth Grade Ralph L. Downard, 36381598, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Downard and five men ran through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the Battalion ammunition dump which was burning from fragments of enemy artillery and mortar fire which had fallen in the ammunition dump and set it afire. Not knowing when the dump might explode, they unhesitatingly extracted four cases of burning ammunition with shovels and carried them a safe distance from the dump and there smothered the fire with dirt. The heroic action of Technician Fourth Grade Downard in going through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the burning ammunition dump saved the much needed ammunition.

Staff Sergeant Harold E. Ideker, 6246126, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Ideker and five other men ran through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the Battalion ammunition dump which was burning from fragments of enemy artillery and mortar fire which had fallen in the ammunition dump and set it afire. Knowing that the dump might explode at any time, they unhesitatingly extracted four cases of burning ammunition with shovels and carried them a safe distance from the dump and there smothered the fire with dirt. The heroic action of Staff Sergeant Ideker in going through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the burning ammunition dump, saved the much needed ammunition.

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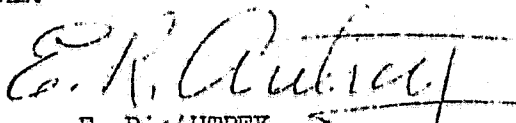
Staff Sergeant Elmer H. Kowalski, 36534129, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Kowalski and five men ran through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the Battalion ammunition dump which was burning from fragments of enemy artillery and mortar fire which had fallen in the dump and set it afire. Not knowing when the dump might explode they unhesitatingly extracted four cases of burning ammunition with shovels and carried them a safe distance from the dump and smothered the fire with dirt. The heroic action of Staff Sergeant Kowalski in going through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the burning ammunition dump saved the much needed ammunition.

Technician Fourth Grade Claude L. Mooney, 36431603, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Mooney and five men ran through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the Battalion ammunition dump which was burning from fragments of enemy artillery and mortar fire which had fallen in the ammunition dump and set it afire. Not knowing when the dump might explode, they unhesitatingly extracted four cases of burning ammunition with shovels and carried them a safe distance from the dump and there, smothered the fire with dirt. The heroic action of Technician Fourth Grade Mooney in going through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire to the burning ammunition dump saved the much needed ammunition.

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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 Act 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 Paul N. Barksdale, 39723319, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 5 November 1944. When an attacking platoon of riflemen was held up by the fire of a strongly entrenched and well camouflaged enemy force, an advance scout and two litter bearers were critically wounded 25 yards ahead of the front lines. Private First Class Barksdale knowing that the enemy commanded observation of the surrounding terrain, and was directing their fire upon it, immediately went to the aid of the casualties to help in their evacuation. Upon reaching the aid station and disposing of the wounded men, he then made his return to the scene of action where he continued the evacuation of others. Private First Class Barksdale demonstrated outstanding bravery and resourcefulness in accomplishing this feat, and his actions were instrumental in saving the lives of his comrades.

Private First Class Chester D. Conzett, 35227357, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 5 November 1944. When an attacking platoon of riflemen was held up by the fire of a strongly entrenched and well camouflaged enemy force, an advance scout and two litter bearers were critically wounded 25 yards ahead of the front lines. Private First Class Conzett, knowing that the enemy commanded observation of the surrounding terrain, and was directing their fire upon it, immediately went to the aid of the casualties. Upon reaching the aid station and disposing of the wounded men, Private First Class Conzett then made his return to the scene of action and continued in the evacuation of others. Private First Class Conzett demonstrated outstanding bravery and resourcefulness in accomplishing this feat.

Private First Class Arthur H. Fabian, 35243466, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 and 12 April 1945. Private First Class Fabian made repeated trips with water, rations, and ammunition, from the battalion supply point to the front line rifle companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards. The trips were both exhaustive and hazardous because of the rough terrain and adverse weather conditions and the heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Fabian on the return trips bravely and untiringly assisted in the evacuation of litter cases. Once he had started on the return trips with casualties, there was no stopping to hunt cover or concealment from enemy fire. His courageous actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert E. Fitzpatrick, 36481457, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tabontabon, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 28 October 1944. While his battalion was engaged in heavy fighting against the enemy, it became imperative that wire communication be established between the command post and an observation

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post 50 yards ahead of the front line troops. Disregarding incessant enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Fitzpatrick, assisted by one other man carried a drum of wire forward. When his comrade was wounded, he completed the dangerous mission alone. It was largely due to his heroic efforts that this communication, so vital to the successful operation of his battalion was established. The exemplary fortitude and initiative displayed by Private First Class Fitzpatrick reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Nick A. Karmanoff, 3556479, 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. Private First Class Karmanoff, as a member of a litter squad moved forward two hundred yards across fire-swept open terrain to a position where two casualties were lying. The leader of the litter squad moved forward and administered first aid, then called to the other members of the squad to come forward. One member of the squad was wounded in an attempt to reach the casualty, but despite heavy enemy fire in the entire area, which was so intense that a tank had to be brought forward to cover the route of evacuation, all the wounded men were evacuated safely. Private First Class Karmanoff's actions were a credit both to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ellis Owl, 34596012, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Private First Class Owl ran seventy five yards through withering enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to set up his machine gun in position to support elements of his company that were pinned down. His bold and heroic action neutralized the enemy fire to such an extent that the company was able to move forward and secure its objective. His courageous and aggressive actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Rec'd by No 495 - July 11, 1945
* ~~First Lieutenant Oliver J. Thompson, 0520766, Field Artillery, United States Army.~~ For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. First Lieutenant Thompson aided an assault company to evacuate their wounded by calling for artillery smoke on front line positions to obstruct the enemy's observation. In order for First Lieutenant Thompson to observe and lay down an effective smoke screen, it was necessary for him to leave his covered position and expose himself to enemy mortar and small arms fire. This effective smoke screen enabled the assault company to evacuate their wounded and undoubtedly saved many lives. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Thompson reflects great credit upon himself and 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:

Private First Class Robert C. Andrews, 38300268, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Private First Class Andrews was a member of a carrying party which hand-carried rations, water, and ammunition fifteen hundred yards to the front lines. On return trips, over the same route, which was exposed to enemy observation and enemy artillery and mortar fire, he helped carry the wounded back to the Battalion aid station. Even though pinned down numerous times by enemy fire, he always managed to get his supplies through. On the nights of 13 and 14 April, Private First Class Andrews, who was not a member of a line company, took a position on the front and aided his Battalion in repulsing two strong counterattacks. His courageous service and untiring efforts in the performance of duty, are a credit to himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Jason L. Brown, 01321698, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 27 October 1944, at Tabontabon, Leyte, Philippine Islands. While his Battalion was heavily engaged with the enemy, First Lieutenant Brown, a platoon leader, crawled forward about seventy-five yards, while under heavy machine gun and sniper fire and helped his seriously wounded instrument corporal to the rear and safety. First Lieutenant Brown carried out this dangerous task in a minimum of time and with utter disregard for his own safety, in spite of the intense fire the enemy had covering our positions at all times. First Lieutenant Brown's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank S. Carnaghi, 36369207, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Carnaghi was a member of a carrying party which hand-carried rations, water, and ammunition fifteen hundred yards to the front lines. On return trips, over the same route, which was open, under enemy observation and enemy artillery and mortar fire, he helped carry the wounded back to the Battalion aid station. Even though pinned down numerous times by enemy fire, he always managed to get his supplies through. On the nights of 13 and 14 April 1945, Technician Fourth Grade Carnaghi, who was not a member of a line company, took a position on the front and aided his battalion in repulsing two strong enemy counterattacks. His courageous actions and untiring efforts in the performance of duty are a credit to himself and the military service.

SECTION IIAWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Albert A. B. Jackson, 36829510, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 to 15 April 1945, and from 26 to 29 April 1945. While his company was in defense of a difficult position and attacked by strong enemy forces, Private First Class Jackson went forward voluntarily under fire to render aid despite the fact that the enemy, at times, had penetrated to within twenty-five yards of the position. When his company attacked a strongly fortified rocky cliff under heavy enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire and for three days and nights, virtually clinging to rocks at the crest of the ledge in order to hold the position, groups of men were isolated for hours by enemy sniper and machine gun fire and any exposure brought almost certain enemy mortar and small arms fire. Eighteen casualties occurred in almost inaccessible places, and Private First Class Jackson voluntarily climbed across the rocks in order to render necessary aid. Private First Class Jackson's heroic actions under adverse conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 18, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 January 1945.

Private First Class Melvin Weingarden, 36566774, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 to 15 April 1945 and from 26 to 29 April 1945. While his company was in defense of a difficult position and attacked by strong enemy forces, Private First Class Weingarden went forward voluntarily, under enemy fire, to render aid despite the fact that the enemy, at times, had penetrated to within twenty-five yards of the position. When his company attacked a strongly fortified rocky cliff under heavy enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire and for three days and nights, virtually clinging to rocks at the crest of the ledge in order to hold the position, groups of men were isolated for hours by enemy sniper fire and machine gun fire and any exposure brought almost certain enemy mortar and small arms fire. Eighteen casualties occurred in almost inaccessible places, and Private First Class Weingarden voluntarily climbed across the rocks in order to reach the wounded men and assist in their evacuation; on many occasions exposing himself to great danger in order to render necessary aid. Private First Class Weingarden's heroic action under adverse conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 18, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 January 1945.

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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 1744), 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:

Private First Class Ralph E. Wolford, 3329787, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While he and another member of his squad were clearing a mine field in front of advancing tanks, Private First Class Wolford continued to carry out his mission in the face of enemy machine gun fire, by creeping and crawling in front of the tank. This action enabled the tank to destroy two enemy pillboxes. Upon completing his mission, Private First Class Wolford was fatally wounded while rendering first aid to a wounded comrade. Private First Class Wolford's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mosa Wolford, Mother, Wilpen, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant Howard G. Shaw, 31298927, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Patok, Loyte, Philippine Islands; on 20 November 1944. While on a patrol into the foothills northwest of Patok, Sergeant Shaw became pinned down along with the rest of the patrol by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Shaw found himself separated from the main body of the group, along with two other men. Although they were greatly outnumbered, they inflicted heavy casualties among the enemy, and Sergeant Shaw killed six Japs himself. He then ordered his two men to withdraw while he himself covered them. Though constantly exposed to enemy fire, he continued firing until his men had reached the main body of the patrol, after which he withdrew alone. Sergeant Shaw acted in a courageous manner and undoubtedly prevented what may have developed into a disaster for the entire patrol. Next of Kin: Mrs. Sara T. Shaw, Mother, 240 Union Street, South Weymouth, Massachusetts.

Sergeant Milton F. Rusck 36384243, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kariyama, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Sergeant Rusck led his squad through heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire in an attack on a heavily fortified ridge. He chose to remain with his men until the objective was taken, even though he was wounded by a sniper's bullet. By his determined effort in continuing the advance, over the face of devastating fire, Sergeant Rusck was able to knock out several enemy pillboxes which endangered the company's advance and secure commanding ground, thus allowing the company to dig in for the night and to hold all the ground gained during the day's heavy fighting. Sergeant Rusck's devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Victoria R. Malinski, Mother, 4416 South Maplewood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

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Private First Class Stanley G. Rockwood, 36540084, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April to 15 April 1945. Private First Class Rockwood was a member of a carrying party which hand-carried rations, water, and ammunition fifteen hundred yards to the front lines. On return trips, over the same route, which was exposed to enemy observation and enemy artillery and mortar fire, he helped carry the wounded back to the Battalion aid station. Even though pinned down numerous times by enemy fire, he always managed to get his supplies through. On the nights of 13 and 14 April, Private First Class Rockwood, who was not a member of a line company, took a position on the front and aided his Battalion in repulsing two strong counterattacks. His courageous service and untiring efforts in the performance of duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Clifford Rockwood, Father, G 1203 North Ballinger Road, Flint, Michigan.

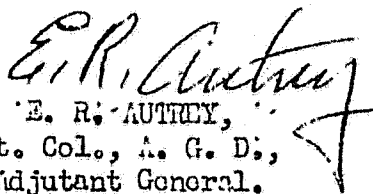
Private First Class Cornell L. Hopworth, 39926258, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When an attacking company moved forward to occupy a strongly fortified ridge three miles north of Sturi, it had to cross six hundred yards of partially open terrain which was under excellent enemy observation. While crossing this clearing, the entire unit was subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and sniper fire resulting in heavy casualties. Without thought of personal safety, Private First Class Hopworth, medical aid man, moved from one casualty to another under the murderous fire, administering first aid until he was mortally wounded by a mortar shell. Private First Class Hopworth devotion to duty and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: John A. Hopworth, Father, Route 2, Jerome, Idaho.

Private First Class Victor F. Hendrix, 36915053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Private First Class Hendrix, acting on his own initiative, took up a position exposed to the enemy and protected the men of his company as they dug in. His courageous action and quick shooting on several occasions undoubtedly saved the lives of other men of the company. While engaged in his courageous task, Private First Class Hendrix was seriously wounded. After his return to duty, he was killed on the 29th of May 1945. His courage and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Elaine H. Hendrix, Wife, Manhattan, Illinois.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

- no action taken, previously resc by G.O. # 82 - Dec. 30, 44*
1. So much of General Orders 82, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 December 1944, as pertains to Private Victor Emelio, 36950003, Infantry, is rescinded.
 2. So much of General Orders 306, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 June 1945, as pertains to Chief Photographers Mate Mason H. Pawlak, 4103535, United States Naval Reserve, is rescinded.
 3. So much of General Orders 435, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 July 1945, as pertains to Private Clyde S. Snyder, 33733552, Infantry, and Private First Class Harry L. Waldman, 37392713, Infantry, is rescinded.
 4. So much of General Orders 444, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945, as pertains to Corporal Clyde H. Doolay, 35293241, Field Artillery, is 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 Act 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:

Private Clyde S. Snyder, 33733552, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private Snyder and his platoon sergeant occupied a defensive position on a high ridge which offered little cover or concealment and were constantly exposed to enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire while observing enemy movements and mortar positions and directing our own mortar and artillery fire against them, thus breaking up enemy attempts to organize for counterattacks. The heroic service and devotion to duty displayed by Private Snyder reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Gertrude H. Snyder, Mother, Thompsontown, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Harry L. Waldman, 37392713, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. When the battalion to which Private First Class Waldman was attached was stopped in their advance by fierce enemy action, it was decided to lay heavy mortar and artillery barrages in order to reduce the strong points. Although the route forward from the battalion supply point to the front lines, approximately two thousand yards, was infested with land mines and under constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private First Class

Waldman, fully realizing the great risk involved, voluntarily drove his vehicle over this route about forty five times during daylight hours and twice during the night hauling mortar ammunition and evacuating casualties. As a result of Private First Class Waldman's heroic action, the battalion was able to lay heavy mortar barrages and continue with its mission with a minimum of casualties. Next of Kin: Jean M. Waldman, Wife, 115 School Street, Sikeston, Missouri.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provision of Art 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named enlisted man per General Orders No. 2, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 April 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

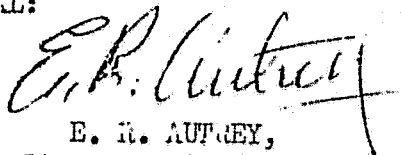
Corporal Clyde H. Dooley, 3829321, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 16 and 17 May 1945. On 16 May 1945 Corporal Dooley, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained steadfastly at his radio transmitting artillery firing commands even though his antenna was drawing heavy mortar and small arms fire and on 17 May 1945 from approximately the same exposed position he was again subjected to a withering barrage of mortar fire while operating his radio. One shell exploded within two feet of Corporal Dooley and although wounded and suffering acutely from the severe pain and loss of blood, he refused to be evacuated until he had completed his mission of bringing artillery fire on the enemy. Corporal Dooley's courage and devotion to duty enabled the Infantry to hold the high ground and inflicted many casualties on the enemy and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

2. Under the provisions of Art 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per General Orders No. 2, Headquarters United States Army Forces in the Pacific Ocean Areas, 6 January 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to Chief Photographers Mate Mason H. Pawlak, 4103535, United States Naval Reserve, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 May 1945.

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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 III, 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:

Private First Class Fredrick H. Gracey, 39054968, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Private First Class Gracey was a member of a platoon which was advancing along a ridge towards the town of Mishi-Baru when, upon reaching an enemy emplacement, an enemy threw a hand grenade out of the aperture. Private First Class Gracey, seeing that the grenade had landed very close to some of his buddies, left a covered position, ran across the line of fire from the pillbox, picked up the grenade and threw it down the hill. His quick thinking and disregard for personal safety, saved the lives of five men, whose attention was held by enemy sniper fire. His courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gracey, Wife, 1909 Henry Street, Berkeley, California.

Private First Class Norman R. Flasch, 36662704, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Flasch, exposing himself to enemy grenades and rifle fire, crawled forward and used his rocket launcher to knock out a tomb known to enclose enemy troops, thus affording security for our troops during the day. Private First Class Flasch's heroic action exemplified the highest standards of the military service. Next of Kin: Pauline Flasch, Mother, 6335 Hinckley Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION II

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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. 1, 25 April 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Ven S. Crawford, 57453348, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 25 May 1945 to 7 June 1945.

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Sergeant Wilson E. Daugherty, 37233382, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 November 1944 to 24 December 1944.

Corporal Gale H. Hansen, 37439443, 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 May 1945.

Corporal Robert J. Krebs, 33372523, 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 May 1945.

Private First Class Rudolph J. Luptak, 18122400, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant Edward J. Marton, 36431795, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 6 November 1944 to 10 December 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Lester L. Miller, 38243487, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 30 October 1944 to 20 November 1944.

Private First Class Howard L. Pittman, 38292492, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 7 May 1945.

Captain Richard H. Todd, 0332169, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Donald Tracy, 01291913, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 21 October 1944 to 9 December 1944.

Private First Class Soborn M. Watley, 38300132, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Island from 20 October 1944 to 28 October 1944.

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Private First Class Eli A. Cary, 39564726, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When a rifle company was forced to withdraw temporarily because of intense enemy fire, Private First Class Cary, with no concern for his own safety, volunteered to evacuate a seriously wounded soldier who lay in an exposed position one hundred and fifty yards forward of the Infantry lines. Fearlessly working his way forward in spite of persistent enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Private First Class Cary removed the wounded man to the cover of a ditch, administered first aid, and with the help of fellow litter bearers, safely evacuated the wounded man. The unhesitating courage displayed by Private First Class Cary is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Leslie H. Dozmati, 35242986, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April to 15 April 1945. Private First Class Dozmati was a member of a carrying party which hand-carried rations, water, and ammunition fifteen hundred yards to the front lines. On return trips, over the same route which was open, under enemy observation and enemy artillery and mortar fire, he helped the wounded back to the Battalion aid station. Even though pinned down numerous times by enemy fire, he always managed to get his supplies through. On the nights of 13 and 14 April, Private First Class Dozmati, who was not a member of a line company, took a position on the front and aided his Battalion in repulsing two strong counterattacks. His courageous service and untiring efforts in the performance of duty are a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ira J. Elrod, 38293686, 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 Elrod, acting on his own initiative under enemy fire, continuously exposed himself to enemy fire to observe their movements, thus enabling our artillery and mortar fire to fall on the enemy positions with greater accuracy. His heroic action and gallantry under fire exemplified the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Eben Hannah, 35636178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April to 15 April 1945. Private First Class Hannah was a member of a carrying party which hand-carried rations, water, and ammunition fifteen hundred yards to the front lines. On return trips, over the same route, which was exposed to enemy observation and enemy artillery and mortar fire, he

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helped carry the wounded back to the Battalion aid station. Even though pinned down numerous times by enemy fire, he always managed to get his supplies through. On the nights of 13 and 14 April, Private First Class Hannah, who was not a member of a line company, took a position on the front and aided his Battalion in repulsing two strong enemy counterattacks. His courageous service and untiring efforts in the performance of duty are a credit to himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas J. Hentschel, 36415852, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his company had advanced across an open field under heavy enemy fire and secured a ridge, the enemy opened up with an artillery and mortar barrage just as they were digging in. Technician Fifth Grade Hentschel crawled up to a knoll commanding a view of the area to observe enemy gun positions. Calling back the location of the enemy emplacements, Technician Fifth Grade Hentschel directed fire upon these positions. Although he was constantly exposed to enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, Technician Fifth Grade Hentschel performed this heroic action with utter disregard for his own personal safety. His achievement was a material contribution to the advance of his unit and the prevention of a large number of casualties.

Private First Class Charles W. Hicks, 33536594, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When several enemy mortar shells landed in quick succession in the area in which he and his squad were digging in, and wounded nine men, Private First Class Hicks, still under further heavy enemy fire, began treating them. Before the medical aid men arrived, he cared for two of these most seriously wounded. His rapid and efficient handling of the wounded men and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Arlin E. Hudson, 36899251, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private) Hudson's unit was holding a defensive position on Kakazu Ridge, a high, rocky hill which afforded the enemy excellent cover and observation of our lines. The enemy fire was heavy and continuous. Because of the lack of flares, our visibility was poor enabling the enemy to draw close to our positions before being observed upon the rocks and shrubbery. The enemy quietly crawled up close and began throwing grenades to force our men to take cover, enabling them to infiltrate our positions. Sergeant Hudson displayed great courage and initiative by standing up in his hole and firing the first shots at the enemy, which inspired the men in the positions adjacent to his to do likewise. His courageous actions and coolness under fire, especially considering that this was his baptism under enemy fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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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:

Technical Sergeant Alford B. Cooper, 6559853, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his unit was advancing on Tombstone Ridge, Technical Sergeant Cooper was wounded, and although in severe pain, he gallantly continued to lead his platoon to the objective. Under heavy enemy fire, he organized his men, placed his automatic weapons to the front, and continued to give leadership to his men until he could no longer move and was ordered to the rear. He refused, in selfless fashion, to leave his men in the middle of a fire fight against a determined enemy. His courage under fire and his devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Dewey L. Hanks, 14108160, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When a heavy barrage from direct fire of an enemy artillery piece score hits on an ammunition dump, troops bivouaced in the area were endangered by both exploding ammunition and the inevitable spreading of the fire to a gasoline dump located approximately fifty yards away. Private First Class Hanks, an assistant tank driver, voluntarily, and with complete disregard for his own life, left his position of comparative safety to help another man operate a bulldozer tank. While Private First Class Hanks drove the tank, the other man operated the dozer blade from the bow gunner's seat. Although the enemy 75mm gun continued to fire directly at them, they repeatedly drove into the blazing inferno to disperse the ammunition and cover it with dirt. Private First Class Hanks operated his tank with the driver's hatch open, thus exposing himself to the exploding ammunition as well as to the enemy artillery which had not subsided. Through his gallant action, Private First Class Hanks was instrumental in the saving of much valuable equipment, in addition to safeguarding the lives of the men who were in the bivouac area.

Private First Class Delbert L. Menges, 39865128, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When a strong enemy force armed with machine guns and mortars, attacked a rifle company's position, Private First Class Menges aided greatly in repulsing the attack. The main force of the attack came at 0300 in the morning and was preceded by an intense artillery and mortar barrage. Private First Class Menges voluntarily moved under this heavy fire from a trench in which he had taken cover from the heavy enemy fire, to a position to the right front of his company's exposed machine guns in order to protect them from a close attack. Private First Class Menges repulsed an attempted

flanking movement on the part of two portions of the enemy force. At all times, he was exposed to heavy fire, but stayed at his position until the attack was repulsed. His gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Donald J. Pauley, 39599861, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. During an assault on an enemy held hill near Kachi, Sergeant Pauley's company and an adjacent company were held up by enemy grenades and machine gun fire coming from the reverse slope of the hill. Sergeant Pauley, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, advanced through this hail of enemy fire with a satchel charge and several grenades. Upon reaching the top of the hill where he was fully exposed he threw the satchel charge at the enemy and then followed up by throwing grenades into their positions. His outstanding action resulted in the loss of several of the enemy and caused such great confusion among the remainder of the enemy troops that the two companies were able to gain the objective without further delay and with a minimum of casualties. Sergeant Pauley's act of gallantry reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

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 600-45 (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 Crawford K. Coy, 35790221, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island on 1 and 2 April 1945.

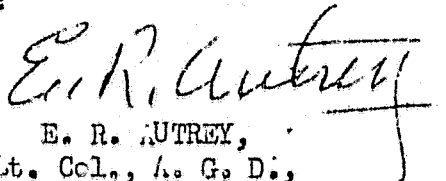
Private First Class Richard A. Weller, 35792919, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Private First Class Lawrence W. Worthold, 37439775, Signal Corps, 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 June 1945.

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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 the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class William R. Allen, 18073547, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.

Private First Class Lenzi H. Allred, 36909327, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

Private First Class Glenn C. Bolinder, 39934912, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Irapachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class James I. Bowen, 36915957, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

Private First Class Robert Chambless, 39051699, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 255, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 May 1945.

Sergeon Crawford, 35790221, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 204, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Walter F. Czokaj, 33676340, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 6 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 January 1945.

Private First Class Orville F. Darby, 37231015, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class Elburn E. Dicken, 38635364, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 440, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

Private First Class Robert J. Fincham, 39207285, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Irapachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 89, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 April 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Loren J. Heaton, 35543323, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 79, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 December 1944.

Sergeant Harry D. Kizbee, 37232644, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 39, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 December 1944.

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* ~~Private First Class~~ Charles E. Heitach, 31435669, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Iarobaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Russell L. Jenkins, 37390674, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 June 1945 near Terara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Harlon Jorgenson, 02027491, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitawaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 48, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Loren J. Kugel, 37487623, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Nedocva, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 207, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Corporal Martin J. Phyllin, 32694221, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 May 1945 near Amaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 470, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 July 1945.

Private First Class Paul S. Sather, 37572713, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Terara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 257, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945.

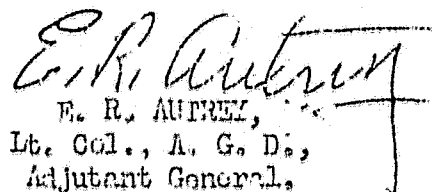
Private First Class Edward S. Wojtas 36324427, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Terara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 257, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Bernard Zaban, 36617353, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Ataguchi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

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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:

Pfc	Willis L. Allen	34178 39	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Merlin J. Baker Jr.	35853058	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Wendell P. Baumgartner	37771 12	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Jerome P. Bentzler	36844824	Inf	18 May 45
Pfc	McDonal Einkley	36855249	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Clarence C. Newley	37308 11	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Albert P. Dullivan	31441239	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Louis J. Polzenius	37647 55	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	James J. Boyce	32532619	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert A. Boyland	35830259	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles H. Brown	34839473	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Ralph B. Caporalotti	33811892	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Carl W. Carlson	39470545	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard L. Carviri, Jr	36273295	Inf	9 Apr 45
Tec 5	Walter N. Christopherson	37318283	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Bernard J. Clavet	39730391	Inf	15 Apr 45
Pfc	John W. Dewey	314792275	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph L. Donelle	38654152	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Faul H. Eastin	36313966	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Clyde M. Eneix	39218119	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Howard L. Enk	36843893	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pvt	Lawrence H. Fibrotta	39594673	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Arthur F. Gallegos	37335894	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	William M. Gibson	39595047	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Walter H. Gray	38328836	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pvt	James A. Greer	39355979	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pvt	Edward H. Grove	39143079	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Dan Hamm	36272351	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pvt	Dellmar F. Harryman	37735373	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Eugene H. Havard	34928255	Inf	13 May 45
Pvt	Ralph P. Hensiak	36844014	Inf	22 Apr 45
Sgt	Elmer J. Higgins	35293 75	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	William W. Hoffman	39595809	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	William E. Holkanon	37586663	Inf	29 Apr 45
1st Sgt	William L. Holborner	39232884	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pvt	John B. Holzworth	39596148	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	William L. Hooper	39470349	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Lawrence A. Kelly	12220786	Inf	9 Apr 45
S Sgt	Wilbur D. Kinsin, Jr	36534738	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pvt	Robert L. Kuncy	39415803	Inf	22 Apr 45
Sgt	Michael Kwiatkowski	32550939	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Francis H. Lohr	32796967	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Harold W. Luft	32660295	Inf	14 May 45
1st Lt	Alec Lucas	36472712	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Casimir F. Maurer	36431757	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pvt	Alfred R. McKendry	39422350	Inf	27 Apr 45

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Pvt	Leland E. Morton	39343901	Inf	21 Apr	45
Pfc	Ottie Murphy	38083217	Inf	10 Apr	45
Pvt	Emmett M. Norment	20409906	Inf	22 Apr	45
Pfc	George L. Otto	37587832	Inf	10 Apr	45
Pvt	Ross A. Owens	39595376	Inf	26 Apr	45
Ffc	Alan L. Park	33590620	Inf	14 May	45
Ffc	John W. Petersen	36681531	Inf	5 Apr	45
Pfc	Herman A. Polenz	39595258	Inf	22 Apr	45
✓Pfc	Norman J. Poshusta	37439767	Inf	13 May	45
Pfc	Howard J. Reed	34937773	Inf	19 May	45
Pfc	Howard L. Rcher	39933153	Inf	29 Apr	45
Pfc	Lawrence H. Ritchless	12221224	Inf	9 Apr	45
Pfc	Lugene G. Roberts	33006542	Inf	13 May	45
Pfc	J. D. Robertson Jr.	33035531	Inf	13 May	45
Pfc	Pablo G. Rodriguez	39866570	Inf	14 May	45
Pfc	John J. Rudell	37707588	Inf	15 May	45
Pvt	Manuel V. Salazar	38679923	Inf	1 Apr	45
Pfc	Orval B. Sartain	33531640	Inf	14 May	45
Pfc	Live Q. Saucedo	37255759	Inf	28 Apr	45
Pvt	Joseph D. Scarborough	38671695	Inf	26 Apr	45
Pvt	Ralph H. Schlagel	39594591	Inf	21 Apr	45
Sgt	Pearce F. Scowcroft	36543966	Inf	9 Apr	45
Pfc	Helmuth R. Seunler	37600873	Inf	19 May	45
Sgt	Harold Silverman	36383395	Inf	27 Apr	45
Pfc	Phineas G. Silvey	37640279	Inf	26 Apr	45
Pfc	Joseph I. Solna	12110902	Inf	27 Apr	45
Sgt	Melvin H. Staggs	35423815	Inf	9 Apr	45
Tec 4	William B. Stalnaker	20546114	Inf	8 Apr	45
Pfc	Vernon F. Strickland	39745624	Inf	27 Apr	45
Pfc	Billy W. Stubbe	77265432	Inf	10 Apr	45
Pfc	Koland G. Talley	3463281	Inf	9 Apr	45
Pvt	Otis M. Taylor	38631960	Inf	29 Apr	45
Pfc	John. H. Theriot	38312390	Inf	9 Apr	45
Pfc	Howard A. Thompson	35931451	Inf	15 May	45
S Sgt	Edwin Ugelstad	37318207	Inf	9 Apr	45
Pfc	Joseph Urbano	36540631	Inf	9 Apr	45
Pvt	Apolonio L. Vasquez	39865766	Inf	29 Apr	45
Pfc	Norman L. Wadsworth	39933650	Inf	9 Apr	45
Sgt	Marshall W. Weaver	38292567	Inf	15 May	45

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TO: Mr. William L. Holborow
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Roseburg, Oregon

So much of General Orders 484, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 10 July 1945, and General Orders 535, same headquarters, dated 8 August 1945, as pertain to the award of the Purple Heart and the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to you, which read for wounds received in action on 8 April 1945, are amended to read for wounds received in action on 9 April 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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