

HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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10 July 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER - 216
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	Robert C. Abel	35211115	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Morris W. Alexander	38272271	Inf	21 May 45
S Sgt	James K. Allen	36531655	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Joe P. Amendez	37715614	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Lowell R. Bennett	36531654	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	John H. Beverley	34531113	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Thomas R. Black	38272273	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	John W. Blackmon	38272270	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Sam J. Benacci	37715614	Inf	25 May 45
1st Lt	William C. Benifay	0105664	Inf	31 May 45
Pfc	Alberic Bouchard	31471191	Inf	24 May 45
Sgt	Pershing Bright	38227710	Inf	17 Jun 45
Tec 5	Jack D. Brown	38277116	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph E. Brown	37733754	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Charles F. Burleson	36535967	Inf	28 May 45
Pfc	Alger D. Burton	34524894	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Elwin B. Calhoun	35817553	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Robert F. Cecce	33729206	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Byron E. Collins Jr.	31435315	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Freelan R. Cook	35816603	Inf	20 May 45
Sgt	Fred A. Crespin	37358051	Inf	28 Jun 45
Pfc	Daris V. Davis	38731240	Inf	22 May 45
Tec 5	Frank F. Delzell	39147210	CE	30 Jun 45
Pfc	Hilton D. Falgout	38550566	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	James H. Foster	35241565	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	James D. Harrell	38282264	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Warren R. Heath	31433585	Inf	30 May 45
Tec 5	Robert J. Hesington	32485873	Inf	8 May 45
Pfc	Wilburn L. Hill	38732630	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Faul L. Holman	39518716	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Clifford W. Jakol	36908760	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Gordon F. Johnson	37313214	ID	26 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph R. Knight	38635017	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Richard L. King	39480191	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Robert L. Leyland	39935816	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Otis R. Lee	38571847	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Eldon S. Lemler	37680246	Inf	18 Jun 45
S Sgt	Leo G. Lillie	37305549	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Lupe Lopez	38680334	Inf	17 Jun 45
Tec 5	George A. Lowry	38599418	ID	25 May 45
Sgt	Earl H. Mannel	36700469	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Mike Materi	37597293	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	John P. McCann	33571353	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	William J. McCormick	37750838	Inf	23 May 45

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Pfc	Joseph F. Milula	36466413	Inf	4 Apr 45
Tec 5	Clarence C. Hoos	37318999	CE	29 Jun 45
Pfc	John E. Moore	39935714	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Donald R. Mullen	37752495	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Leo F. Nau Jr.	37644282	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald M. Nelson	37775558	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Madise Norris	37775558	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph G. O'Donnor	37775558	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Howard B. Olson	39720000	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Pat Connelias	38766674	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Manuel S. Obaro	39775552	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Raymond L. Peterson	39775591	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Francis G. Powers	37775511	Inf	24 May 45
Sgt	George W. Pridmore	39775557	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Wesley H. Pinnerton	39775569	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Dora R. Prosser	32775573	Inf	20 May 45
Sgt	William C. Preston	39775570	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Allan S. Rubin	36912337	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Henry B. Ribble	37583565	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Douglas F. Willoy	35956506	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Cornelius Ringnolda	36913742	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Ernest E. Roberts	44005254	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Stanley C. Salois	39935252	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Louis N. Salverson	37586571	CE	30 Jun 45
2d Lt	Matthias F. Sands	01331775	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Adolph Sensta	38551074	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul E. Seltzer	42166422	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Carroll E. Sharpe	31402401	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Neilan Steven	39775524	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	James B. Smith	44005259	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Rollin O. Smith	37591758	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Joaquin G. Stephens	36532304	Inf	21 May 45
Sgt	Walter J. Tabarezyk	15941515	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert L. Valk	38572954	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Alfred H. Vines	39775557	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Walter R. Werthoin	44005283	Inf	20 May 45
T Sgt	A. J. Ward	39919974	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Alvin J. Warren	38775577	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	John W. Wishard	37775559	CE	30 Jun 45
Pfc	James L. Wyatt	36003117	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Douglas J. Yeager	34919889	Inf	20 Jun 45

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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 5, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-10 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Shepard K. Kays, 42001455, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During the defense of Kakazu Ridge, which was being covered by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, three members of Private First Class Kays company were seriously wounded. Rough terrain and falling shells prevented their evacuation to medical units several hundred yards to the rear. In order for these men to survive, it was necessary to get blood plasma, splints and medical men to them. Disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Kays, accompanied by two other volunteers, made the hazardous journey through the enemy fire to obtain the much needed supplies. He then returned to the front, further exposing himself and jeopardizing his own life and administered the aid that saved these men's lives.

Private First Class Wendell D. Kegg, 15121650, 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 Kegg 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 several times by enemy fire, he always managed to get his supplies through. On the nights of 13 and 14 April, Private First Class Kegg, who was not a member of a line company, took an exposed 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.

Corporal Ralph M. Kuykendall, 3829405F, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When intense enemy machine gun fire temporarily halted the advance of an Infantry company causing several casualties, Corporal Kuykendall, a litter bearer, volunteered to evacuate one of the wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety, he crawled three hundred yards forward of the front lines under murderous enemy fire, to the wounded man, administered first aid and, assisted by another litter bearer, returned him to the safety of our lines. Corporal Kuykendall's courageous action in going forward of the Infantry lines to evacuate a wounded man reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clyde W. Lamar, Jr., 38229751, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When a steep ridge held up the advance of a medium tank company, a tank dozer, driven

by Private First Class Lamar was assigned to construct a road through the terrain obstacle. Finding his vision too limited with his tank buttoned up, Private First Class Lamar, on his own initiative, opened his hatch to afford himself the maximum of visibility, thus exposing himself to enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. He remained thus endangered until the mission was successfully completed. At one time, he dismounted and removed battered artillery ammunition from the path of the dozer. Working both in front and directly behind the Infantry front lines, Private First Class Lamar accomplished his mission in a highly satisfactory manner, allowing the halted tank company to advance in its attack on enemy positions.

Private First Class James F. Manney, 35230810, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Private First Class Manney was a member of a carrying party which hand-carried supplies, mortar, and ammunition fifteen hundred yards to the front lines. On return trip 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 several times by enemy fire, he always managed to get his supplies through. On the nights of 13 and 14 April, Private First Class Manney, 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.

Private First Class Vincent E. Pillsbury, 32837503, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When several casualties were caused by withering enemy machine gun fire, which temporarily pinned down an advancing Infantry company, Private First Class Pillsbury, a litter bearer, with complete disregard for his own safety, volunteered to help in evacuating one of the wounded. Crawling forward three hundred yards under the heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Pillsbury reached the wounded man and, assisted by another man, removed the casualty to the safety of the Infantry lines. The heroism displayed by Private First Class Pillsbury in rendering aid to the wounded reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant William C. Wilhite, 38318922, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 3 January 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

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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:

Technical Sergeant Guy J. Dale, 16075417, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Dale volunteered to lead a patrol below the perimeter of his platoon to clear caves in the area of Jap soldiers. When after clearing two caves, Technical Sergeant Dale and his patrol began to receive heavy machine gun and sniper fire, he ordered his patrol to remain in their concealed positions and moved forward alone and knocked out the heavy machine gun and its crew of three. Having finished knocking out the machine gun, eight Jap soldiers from a nearby cave rushed Technical Sergeant Dale with hand grenades. Technical Sergeant Dale met the banzai attack with great coolness, opening fire on the enemy, killing five Japs with his rifle, and being unable to reload killed the remaining three by using grenades. With a total of eleven enemy dead to his credit, Technical Sergeant Dale returned to his patrol and finished sealing the remaining caves. His gallant action was an inspiration to all members of his company and is keeping with the highest military traditions.

Staff Sergeant Johnny R. Danielson, 37586614, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 May 1945. As the men of the company to which he was attached were digging in, they were fired upon by an enemy mortar and three casualties resulted. Locating the position of the enemy weapon, Staff Sergeant Danielson voluntarily charged the enemy position, with utter disregard for his own safety, and succeeded in knocking it out with the aid of grenades and a satchel charge. He also disposed of seven enemy soldiers. Staff Sergeant Danielson's aggressive actions and gallantry are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Technical Sergeant Edward D. Porritt, 56539747, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During an assault on Conical Peak, Technical Sergeant Porritt's company, as a leading element of his battalion, was pinned down by murderous enemy machine gun and mortar fire. After taking a quick estimate of the situation, disregarding his personal safety and in the face of heavy enemy fire, he went forward armed with grenades and a satchel charge and wiped out two enemy machine guns and one enemy mortar position. Subsequently, his entire company and battalion were able to advance. Technical Sergeant Porritt's courageous and aggressive actions are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

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Technical Sergeant Solomon Lee, 20014264, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. When a concealed enemy mortar position which was dug in a steep cliff, and which was not accessible to rifle fire and too close for safe high trajectory fire, was causing casualties among our riflemen, Technical Sergeant Lee, on his own initiative and wholly unaided, scaled the steep cliff under intense enemy mortar fire from our front, and armed only with three grenades, attacked and destroyed the position. His courageous and aggressive leadership were an inspiration to his men and contributed materially to the advance of our troops.

Captain Dorus C. Williams, 01236729, Infantry, United States Army, For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Cactus Ridge, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When a left flank rifle company was pinned down and was receiving heavy enemy mortar, and sniper fire which inflicted heavy casualties and made it impossible to evacuate the wounded, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Williams left his own company, which at the time was in reserve and volunteered to lead a litter squad through the enemy fire to evacuate the wounded. He crawled two hundred yards through an open field under enemy cross fire and personally led the litter squad to the badly wounded men. Realizing the necessity for a better route to evacuate the wounded Captain Williams left the aid men to care for the wounded and made a reconnaissance through an enemy mine field where he blew up six mines, thus making a safe route over which he led the aid men to the rear enabling the quick evacuation of all the casualties without the additional loss of life. Captain Williams' gallant and courageous act is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

SECTION II

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:

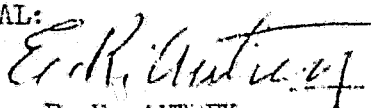
Staff Sergeant James H. Hord, 36700276, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Private First Class Ignatius H. Lachner, 36616240, 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.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Paul P. Miranda, 39724868, 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 Miranda 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 Miranda, 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.

Private First Class John V. Osuch, 36381823, 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 Osuch 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 1945, Private First Class Osuch, 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 his duty are a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward A. Poludnikiewicz, 35517690, 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 Poludnikiewicz 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 1945, Private First Class Poludnikiewicz, 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.

Sergeant Alfred C. Quillan, 38320975, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza, Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Under observed enemy fire, Sergeant Quillan

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advanced around a stalled armored vehicle column and personally cleared numerous mines thus enabling his bulldozer to cut a by-pass around the damaged tank. On his own initiative and without regard for his own safety, Sergeant Quillan proceeded under heavy enemy fire up the slope of the Yuza-Dake Hill mass filling craters and clearing rubble from the road. The resourcefulness of Sergeant Quillan and the intrepidity of his action in the face of enemy fire was instrumental in the successful attack of that day culminating in the capture of Ozato. The action of Sergeant Quillan exemplified the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself.

Private First Class Orval E. Russell, 37227611, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When a strong enemy counterattack, preceded by intense artillery and mortar fire supported by withering machine gun and sniper fire, was in progress, Private First Class Russell advanced fifty yards from his covered position to a point from which he was able to protect two exposed machine guns. Under heavy enemy fire at all times, he continued on his mission throwing grenades, firing his rifle, and as a last resort his forty-five calibre pistol. He aided greatly in repulsing the attack. Private First Class Russell's courageous and aggressive actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Fred C. Smith, 34800220, 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 Smith 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 terrain 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 night of 13 and 14 April 1945, Private First Class Smith, 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.

Sergeant James W. Starrett, 38300552, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 and 13 April 1945. Sergeant Starrett showed outstanding spirit and aggressiveness as he moved constantly under enemy fire between the posts in his command in an untiring effort for two days and nights to maintain the extreme right flank of the battalion line. He kept his men aware of all enemy movements during the attack, disregarding his own safety as he constantly moved from one post to another under the heavy enemy fire. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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~~AWARD OF ORIGINAL ORDER -~~
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Chief Warrant Officer Samuel Barnreiter, W2109006, 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.

Staff Sergeant Elmer R. Finch, 38283575, 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.

Staff Sergeant Hubert W. Franks, 20740609, 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 20 April 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert R. Glenn, 0239521, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 March 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Orlando F. Guaccio, 36679490, 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.

Sergeant Daniel I. Harbin, 38057656, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 2 February 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Major Armistead B. Leache, 01163312, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Oscar W. Lindholm, 6860693, Cavalry, 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 June 1945.

Private First Class Stanley W. Luba, 33827802, 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.

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Private First Class Acia E. Porry, 38243012, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Private First Class John A. Shackelford, 38270716, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Major Philip M. Schwartz, 0315754, Cavalry (Armored), 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 June 1945.

Major James H. Stall, 01286915, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant James W. Wells, 36380382, 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 20 April 1945.

Private First Class J. P. Yocham, 39033500, 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 12 April 1945.

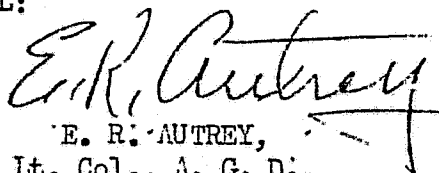
Sergeant Thomas F. Hill, 35742333, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 12 June 1945.

Sergeant Clarke L. Smith, 39305922, 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.

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Sergeant William H. Beck, 16075337, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. When Sergeant Beck's patrol discovered a wounded soldier at the scene of an engagement which had taken place the night before and while other members of the patrol administered first aid, Sergeant Beck and one other man crawled into a bordering swamp under enemy sniper fire to secure a litter from a medical vehicle which was hopelessly mired and temporarily abandoned in the middle of the swamp. Returning to the wounded soldier, he assisted in evacuating the casualty across three hundred yards of open swamp that was so soft in places that he was forced to lie prone to support himself on the surface while pushing the litter in front of him. He was again subjected to light sniper fire in this evacuation. His superior performance reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Robert G. Brown, 02012326, 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 a buzz bomb landed in the area of a battalion Command Post and the debris almost covered Second Lieutenant Brown and another officer, he extricated himself and upon clearing himself of the debris and hearing muffled cries in the distance, he used these voices as a guide, although artillery was still falling in the area, with the help of another man, they began digging away the fallen rock and earth covering the men. After twenty minutes of digging three men had been removed. Second Lieutenant Brown's complete disregard for his own personal safety and his devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.

Private First Class Calvin J. Bradshaw, 39594599, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Macda, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, upon hearing the call for aid from the stranded company, Private First Class Bradshaw, heedless of his own safety, went forward under this hail of fire, carrying litters and supplies and aiding in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Private First Class Bradshaw were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Major George W. Carter, 024556, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 14 November 1944. Major (then Captain) Carter, after his patrol had been suddenly attacked by a large number of the enemy, left his position of cover to rescue a wounded man from his forward element. Crossing two hundred yards of exposed ground covered by several hidden enemy machine guns, Major Carter succeeded where two men had already failed. After two hours of work, he brought the

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wounded soldier to a covered position where he administered first aid.

Sergeant William M. Clark, 13173753, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dagupan, Luzon, Philippine Islands, on 4 November 1944. Sergeant Clark volunteered to make his way to the battalion aid station to obtain blood plasma for a seriously wounded comrade at night and under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Although he was exposed to fire from both friendly and enemy troops along the entire route, Sergeant Clark moved with absolute disregard for his own personal safety. The blood plasma, so vital for the saving of the life of the wounded man, was thus obtained and delivered. The outstanding courage and initiative demonstrated by Sergeant Clark was an important factor in saving the life of his comrade. The spirit and fearless effort displayed by him were an inspiration to those who witnessed the incident, and exemplify the highest tradition of the military service.

Corporal Samuel A. Connell, 33121003, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Corporal Connell was commanding a machine gun squad in a heavy weapons company, and was in direct support of an assault rifle company which was receiving heavy enemy machine gun fire. Corporal Connell, with complete disregard for his personal safety, fearlessly moved forward under heavy enemy machine gun fire to a point in the most advanced elements in order to determine target designations. After locating the enemy positions, Corporal Connell, in spite of continuous enemy machine gun fire, crawled back to his machine gun positions and placed accurate and effective fire on the target, thereby knocking out one enemy machine gun and neutralizing two others. Through Corporal Connell's heroic actions, the rifle company was able to continue in its advance and knock out the neutralized enemy weapons.

Private First Class Eldon H. Duncan, 37293996, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kanilal, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Duncan and three other men carried four flame throwers forward under heavy enemy fire, advancing to a position where the flame throwers were effective. They operated the flame throwers under rifle and grenade fire against an entrenched enemy that prevented the rifle elements to progress to their objective. Private First Class Duncan's courageous actions and devotion to duty 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:

Technical Sergeant William H. Foley, 37111550, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Maeda, Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. During an attack by his Battalion, Technical Sergeant Foley's platoon was in direct support of the assault units. When devastating fire from enemy machine guns and mortars raked the right flank, Technical Sergeant Foley, in a gallant and intrepid action, personally moved one of his machine guns to an exposed position and brought fire on the enemy. In spite of withering enemy fire, Technical Sergeant Foley fed and fired his own weapon, inspiring his men, causing them to put forth extended efforts. As Technical Sergeant Foley fired on one enemy mortar position, he drew fire from another mortar and a light machine gun, but he steadfastly held his position until all three of the enemy weapons were silenced. Through the exemplary actions of Technical Sergeant Foley, his platoon substantially reduced enemy strong points in the area and the rifle units were able to drive ahead. In an attempt to further the attack, and give maximum support to the rifle troops, Technical Sergeant continued to fearlessly expose himself to enemy observation and fire, until he was mortally wounded. The magnificent display of leadership and individual initiative personified in the gallant and intrepid actions of Technical Sergeant Foley will ever serve as an inspiration and driving force to the men of his command. Next of Kin: Mary Elizabeth Foley, Mother, 123 "J" Avenue, Nevada, Iowa.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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

Sergeant John H. DeGroat, 37316614, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic display on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell landed in his squad's area and did not explode, Sergeant DeGroat, with utter disregard for his own safety, carefully lifted it into his arms and carried it away to an area where trained personnel could disarm it. Although killed by enemy mortar fire on a later date, Sergeant DeGroat's display of courage on this date eliminated further danger to his men and was exemplary of his character as a leader and diligent worker. Next of Kin: Emma DeGroat, Mother, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

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), 12 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 Officer:

Second Lieutenant Verlin J. Forcier, OAD12510, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kokazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his platoon came under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire and was pinned down, Second Lieutenant Forcier, on noting the enemy's positions, directed one of his squads to place fire on the enemy while he led another squad forward to destroy the enemy guns which were plaguing the advance of his platoon. After moving cautiously to covered positions Second Lieutenant Forcier heroically took the lead and charged the enemy in their positions on a small spur, destroying an enemy machine gun and a mortar in fierce hand to hand combat. He carried the assault squad through this most dangerous mission without a casualty, and through his cool courage and inspiring leadership, the enemy were neutralized and the platoon able to continue on and seize their assigned objective. The actions of Second Lieutenant Forcier reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Marvin J. Morefield, O1181379, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The Battalion for which First Lieutenant Morefield was serving, as Forward Observer of a Field Artillery Unit, was receiving heavy concentrations of enemy heavy mortar and direct 47mm fire during their efforts to capture Dick Hill. First Lieutenant Morefield left his position of comparative safety and moved through to a vantage point on Zebra Hill which afforded excellent visibility of the Battalion's front. With no regard for himself and still under heavy fire, First Lieutenant Morefield remained at his Observation Post and directed the much needed artillery support which silenced many of the enemy's weapons. His action enabled the Battalion to follow a closely coordinated artillery barrage which aided them in capturing Dick Hill.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Sergeant Hancel E. Moore, 37335377, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 April 1945. When, late at night, an urgent call was received from a forward aid station requesting immediate evacuation of a seriously wounded soldier, Sergeant Moore, ambulance sergeant, unhesitatingly volunteered to drive the ambulance for evacuation. Despite intermittent artillery bursts along the route, Sergeant Moore, accompanied by one other man reached the forward ambulance post and from there, by foot, risking, by such movement, enemy sniper fire, crossed three hundred yards of open field to the aid station and returning by the same hazardous route, successfully evacuated the wounded soldier. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Moore on this dangerous mission, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Loyd R. Smith, 36230294, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Nakagusku, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Smith, through close observation, located an enemy pillbox, and after pointing out the position to his squad leader, on his own initiative and at the risk of his life, Private First Class Smith advanced alone, to destroy the enemy position which had been plaguing the advance of his unit. Private First Class Smith's unsurpassed courage and profound devotion to duty enabled him to knock out the enemy position and permit the unit to advance. His heroic actions in the face of grave danger and his calm courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl L. Moyers, 37489368, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a call was received at the battalion aid station, requesting immediate evacuation of seriously wounded men from a forward aid station, Technician Fifth Grade Moyers, a collecting company ambulance jeep driver, fully aware that the road leading forward was in full view of an enemy observation post, unhesitatingly volunteered, and drove his vehicle three hundred yards forward, under deadly enemy machine gun and mortar fire, to the forward aid station. Although wounded on the trip forward, Technician Fifth Grade Moyers, remained with his vehicle until all casualties were evacuated, then returned over the same hazardous route to the battalion aid station. The heroic service displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Moyers is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert J. Nye, 36870479, 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 24 May 1945. During the emergency created when several officers of his company had become casualties, Technician Fourth Grade Nye volunteered his services as Forward Observer for his

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battery of guns and displayed exceptional courage and devotion to duty while serving in this capacity by repeatedly exposing himself to enemy fire in order to observe and adjust his own battery of guns. On one occasion, when an Infantry Battalion was attacking through a valley and receiving heavy casualties from enemy mortars which were well dug in on the reverse slope of a hill, Technician Fourth Grade Nye quickly and skillfully adjusted his fire on the enemy. By covering the objective with a smoke screen and at the same time neutralizing the enemy fire with high explosives, Technician Fourth Grade Nye was instrumental in making possible the advance of our troops with less casualties than would otherwise have been possible. Later in the day, with utter disregard for his own safety, Technician Fourth Grade Nye exposed himself several times to enemy machine gun and sniper fire in order that he could better observe and adjust his fire on the enemy counterattack which was repulsed due to the timely and accurate fire of his guns. The courage and skill displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Nye, with his consistent accuracy and promptness of fire, reflects great credit upon himself and on the military service.

Captain Alan C. Poole, 0380577, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Captain Poole, in a great display of unsurpassed courage, moved to an exposed position under a tremendous rain of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to bring down fire on large enemy forces threatening not only the battalion positions but the greater part of the Infantry Regiment to which Captain Poole was attached. Moving to the exposed position, Captain Poole remained throughout the day, in the midst of heavy enemy fire, and brought down such devastating fire on the enemy that three heavy counterattacks were broken up, sending the enemy reeling back with heavy losses. Just prior to darkness, Captain Poole then laid a smoke screen which enabled the battalion to evacuate the many wounded which resulted from the day's struggle, and to withdraw troops from untenable positions. Through Captain Poole's heroic actions, many of the enemy were killed and their bold counter-thrusts broken up, and the lives of a great number of men were saved. Captain Poole's intrepidity and undying courage were an inspiration to all those who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert V. Stewart, 39470533, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonbazu, Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Private First Class Stewart, 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 in the area, the squad was put in danger of being friendly as well as enemy fire, but with complete disregard for their own personal safety, the mission was successfully completed. Private First Class Stewart's devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and aided materially in the success of the operation.

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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. 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 Sergeant Francis A. Ihms, 39002270, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 April 1945. When ward was received during the night by the collecting company, that a seriously wounded soldier at a battalion aid station should be evacuated immediately, First Sergeant Ihms, without hesitation volunteered as assistant ambulance driver to help evacuate the casualty. On reaching the forward ambulance loading post, after their hazardous trip, under intermittent enemy artillery fire, First Sergeant Ihms and the driver advanced by foot, across three hundred yards of open terrain, in range of enemy sniper fire and at a risk of being fired upon by friendly troops, to the battalion aid station and safely evacuated the casualty over the same perilous route to the collecting company. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by First Sergeant Ihms is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Hillard F. Jasinski, 01182154, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 6 April 1945. First Lieutenant Jasinski, attached as Forward Observer to a rifle assault company, closely supported and directed artillery fires during all actions involving the company. During an attack on 4 April 1945, in order to closely support the advance of his assigned company, he moved up with the forward elements and although pinned down by savage enemy machine gun cross fire, which was causing heavy casualties, he continued to direct artillery fire on the enemy positions. When the company was forced to withdraw, First Lieutenant Jasinski remained in his position in front of the withdrawing troops to direct the fires of an artillery smoke screen until the casualties were evacuated and the troops had withdrawn. This action took place under continuous enemy machine gun and mortar fire, which caused casualties in his own section. First Lieutenant Jasinski remained in his almost untenable position until the assigned mission had been accomplished. He was wounded the following day but refused evacuation until after the rifle company had attacked and captured a heavily fortified enemy escarpment. First Lieutenant Jasinski's untiring devotion to duty and aggressive actions were greatly responsible for the success of the companies to which he was attached in their taking their objectives.

Corporal Willie O. Jones, 35760031, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. During the attacks upon the enemy strong points on Tombstone Ridge near Kaniku, Corporal Jones served as a radio operator with a forward observer team attached to one of the leading elements of an assaulting battalion. At the height of the fighting the forward observer position occupied by another group was knocked out by spigot mortars, and the entire advance of the battalion was halted by enemy mortars and artillery, and observation

and communications were made impossible. Aware of the need for artillery support to ease the plight of the infantry elements, Corporal Jones and one other man jumped to their feet and crossed the entire battalion front, running through a storm of lead and shell fragments until they had reached another point where observation and communications could be resumed, and placed effective artillery fire on the enemy positions, allowing the advance of the assaulting units.

Private First Class Melvin S. McMillan, 3472753, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Private First Class McMillan, operating an open bulldozer while under constant enemy artillery fire, was instrumental in the successful construction of the one possible supply road in that sector. Although driven from his machine on several occasions, Private First Class McMillan completed the construction of the supply route enabling the movement of critically needed supplies to forward elements of our forces. Private First Class McMillan's courage and coolness under fire and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class James L. Medler, 36429630, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. During an assault on a heavily fortified hill, Private First Class Medler displayed great courage in going to the rescue of two members of his squad who had fallen due to enemy action. Ignoring the heavy enemy fire, he went forward without hesitation to aid the wounded and in so doing he was hit by enemy fire but he overlooked his own welfare, continued on his mission and successfully evacuated the other wounded. Private First Class Medler's courageous and unselfish actions inspired the other men who witnessed the acts.

Private First Class Edmund P. Mitchell, 20445499, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at White Hill, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Mitchell, volunteering to lay a wire line to a forward Observation Post of a mortar position, did so at great personal risk to his life, with enemy fire being brought to bear all around him and a counterattack in progress against our positions. Moving over two hundred yards of open terrain fully exposed to the enemy and their fire, Private First Class Mitchell laid the line, which enabled our troops to bring down mortar fire on the attacking enemy forces. He then joined in the fire fight aiding to further repulse the enemy forces and help our units to maintain the strategic positions they held on White Hill. Private First Class Mitchell was credited with destroying 3 known enemy, and his heroic actions and great courage in laying the wire line were directly responsible for the success of his battalion in holding the entire position.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

- 1. So much of General Orders 476, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 July 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Oliver J. Thompson, 0520766, is rescinded.
- 2. So much of General Orders 327, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 June 1945, as pertains to Captain Hugh D. Young, 01286752, is rescinded.
- 3. So much of General Orders 422, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Waldon H. Hawkins, 38277774, is rescinded.
- 4. So much of General Orders 409, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Carl B. Pierce, 38295619, is rescinded.
- 5. So much of General Orders 431, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Lloyd S. Heins, 37674042, is rescinded.
- 6. So much of General Orders 406, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945, as pertains to Private First Class George H. Lynch, 39000832, is rescinded.
- 7. So much of General Orders ~~405~~⁴⁰³, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 June 1945, as pertains to Technician Fourth Grade Clarence G. Comer, 37335796, is rescinded.
- 8. So much of General Orders 334, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 June 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Albert W. Faraci, 01114118, Corps of Engineers, as reads "wounded 23 May 1945" is amended to read "wounded 23 April 1945."
- 9. So much of General Orders 243, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Sidney M. Rosenblatt, 0395971, is rescinded.

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 in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

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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. Previous award per General Orders 95, this Headquarters 9 April 1945.

Captain Hugh E. Young, 01236752, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During the advance by his battalion on Kakazu Ridge, Captain Young, a battalion Operations Officer, to better coordinate and plan the assaults of his battalion, occupied a position exposed to direct enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Despite the strong enemy attempts to dislodge him, he remained in his position, with utter disregard for his own personal safety. Captain Young's actions were directly responsible for the success of his battalions attacks on the heavily fortified enemy bastion on Kakazu Ridge, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 64, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

Private First Class Waldon H. Hawkins, 38277774, 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. Previous award per General Orders 58, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Carl B. Pierce, 38293519, 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, inched 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. Previous award per General Orders 62, this Headquarters, 8 December 1944.

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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 Condit L. Allen, 35815074, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Allen, during a close and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, after finding a covered place himself, left that cover and went through heavy enemy fire to aid three wounded comrades. He went to their aid realizing the hazards of the enemy fire. As he was giving first aid to the wounded men, he was struck by enemy fire and killed. The gallant actions of Private First Class Allen in aiding his wounded comrades, returning to an area swept by fire, after having reached a relatively safe position himself, knowing that he was risking his life and disregarding that knowledge, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mary I. Allen, Mother, Rural Route 3, Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Private First Class Leroy R. Conner, 38260503, 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 Conner, a platoon runner, volunteered to carry much needed machine gun ammunition to the forward elements of his rifle company which were undergoing an enemy counterattack. Private First Class Conner, after delivering the vital ammunition, moved forward fearlessly to assist the line riflemen in repulsing the counterattack. During the ensuing action and over a period of thirty minutes of severe fighting, he was credited with killing three enemy soldiers who had penetrated the positions. In a later action during the day, Private First Class Conner was mortally wounded by enemy artillery fire, but his heroic action served as an example to the rest of his company and aided materially in its advance. Next of Kin: Mark Conner, Father, Creole, Louisiana.

Private First Class Johnnie W. Walker, 38670586, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Walker, during a close and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, had been neutralizing an enemy light machine gun by the fire of his automatic rifle when his weapon was put out of action by a direct hit and he was ordered to a sheltered depression for safety. On his own initiative, he secured another weapon and was working his way back into the fire fight through heavy and accurate enemy fire when he was in turn hit by gunfire and killed. The heroic actions of Private First Class Walker in

attempting to return to his former firing position after having withdrawn, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Dorothy M. Walker, Wife, Route #1, Box 74-B, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1926 (44 Stat. 43, War Department, 1916), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Distinguished Men:

Technician Third Grade John W. Conkright, 3654217, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When an attack was launched against an enemy held position, an assault company with a machine gun platoon advanced, suffering heavy casualties who fell in an exposed position between two hills which were the company's immediate objective. Technician Third Grade Conkright went into the exposed area to give immediate first aid to these casualties. When the objective had been taken, intense enemy mortar fire began falling on the area inflicting more casualties. Technician Third Grade Conkright attended the wounded on the hill on which he was then stationed; crossed the open ground and then treated the casualties on the other hill. As casualties occurred on each hill, he repeatedly traversed the exposed area back and forth treating them on the respective hills, creating a total of thirty one during the day's phase. Due to Technician Third Grade Conkright's courageous actions and outstanding devotion to duty, no man in the company suffered from lack of immediate medical attention. He was responsible for the saving of many lives. His courageous action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Donald F. Pickel, 36404920, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When Staff Sergeant Pickel's company advanced to its objective, the leading platoon was cut off by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Seeing the peril of the platoon, Staff Sergeant Pickel voluntarily and alone, proceeded deep into enemy territory and, with his M-1 rifle and satchel charges, assaulted the position and sealed the pillbox apertures from which the enemy gun was firing. While in that area, he also accounted for two more enemy dead with his rifle and bayonet. The achievements of Staff Sergeant Pickel are a direct reflection of his gallant courage and conduct.

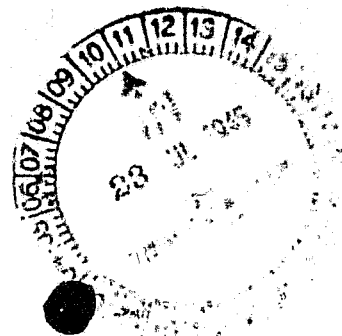
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SECTION I

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 Columbus N. Tackett, 38227642, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 28 June 1945. When Private First Class Tackett saw a swimmer in distress approximately one hundred yards offshore, he immediately went to his aid. Reaching him as he was sinking and in a state of exhaustion, and, although a poor swimmer himself, he was able to tow the soldier to shore. The prompt and heroic action on the part of Private First Class Tackett resulted in saving the life of a fellow soldier and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

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 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 Sergeant Donald B. Burton, 37031589, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant) Burton, during a spigot mortar and artillery bombardment, left a sheltered position and exposed himself in order to aid in digging out a man who had been entirely buried by a close burst of one of the spigot mortar rounds. The heroic actions of First Sergeant Burton, in aiding his buried comrade, by continuing to work although still under bombardment, undoubtedly saved the man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 68, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

First Lieutenant Robert W. Voigt, 02018482, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During an attack on the Shuri-Naha line of resistance, the Battalion in which First Lieutenant Voigt served as assistant Battalion Surgeon, spent several days of bitter fighting in order to take the key ridge line north of the city of Shuri. Because of the intense mortar and artillery fire, most Battalion installations remained beyond the range of enemy observation. First Lieutenant Voigt saw that an aid station closer to the

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front would save the lives of many of the casualties which were coming in. Disregarding the heavy fire that was falling throughout the area, he personally reconnoitered and planned the movement forward, taking full responsibility and conducting the move. The new location of the aid station proved to be an invaluable aid to the problems of evacuation and undoubtedly saved the lives of many men. Previous award per General Orders No. 221, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 May 1945.

Captain Leo J. Sklar, 0408079, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 August 1944 to 13 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 328, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 June 1945.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Elisted Man per General Orders No. 38, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945, a Second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Sergeant Donald B. Burton, 7031589, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant) Burton, during a close and stubborn fire fight atop Saw Tooth Ridge, organized a litter party and assisted in evacuating a seriously wounded man across fifty yards of open ground being swept by heavy, accurate enemy fire. Using a poncho as a litter First Sergeant Burton and his party, left a sheltered depression and carried the man to the rear without cover or concealment. The gallant actions of First Sergeant Burton in organizing the litter party and going as a part of it to take the wounded man to safety, in leaving a relatively safe position and exposing himself to fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

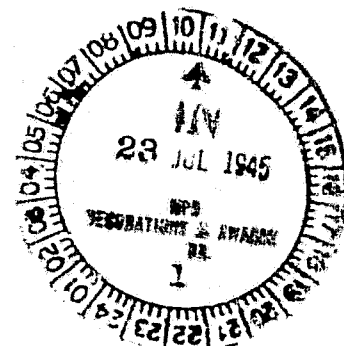
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SECTION I

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 in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Private First Class Lloyd S. Hoins, 37674012, 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. Previous award per General Orders 58, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class George H. Lynch, 39000832, 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. Previous award per General Orders 117, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945.

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. Previous award per General Orders 38, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

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Sergeant Bernard J. Butler, 39836846, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Sergeant Butler's Signal Gunfire Party had been moved back to the cover of a cave during a barrage of heavy enemy fire, but when the counterattack started, without regard to his personal safety or advice from his Party Officer, Sergeant Butler returned to his radio in an exposed position to adjust night illumination fire for our troops. He exposed himself to enemy mortar and artillery fire, which was concentrating on his radio installation, and as a result of his actions, the properly placed continuous illumination, made it possible for the Infantry Battalion to see and repulse the attack. The actions performed by Sergeant Butler exemplified the courage and devotion to duty he has shown on two previous operations and served as an example for other men in his party.

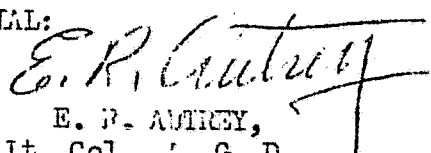
Corporal James T. Smith, 7005699, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kechi, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. While moving forward under heavy enemy fire, the tank of which Corporal Smith was a member struck a land mine. The explosive force resulting from the detonation rendered him and all the other crew members unconscious. Corporal Smith, the first to regain consciousness, observed the tank had caught on fire, and with utter disregard for his own safety, immediately proceeded with the hazardous task of evacuating the other men. After carrying one man from the burning tank, the other crew members began to revive, and he aided each of them to dismount. Corporal Smith, working alone at all times, accomplished his courageous act despite the fact that he was constantly exposed to the dangers of a burning tank whose gas tanks might explode at any time, in addition to fire from enemy mortars and rifles. Corporal Smith was directly responsible for saving the lives of his tank crew. His exemplary heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph Tullio, 36682215, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. During the attacks upon the enemy strong points on Tombstone Ridge near Kaniku, Technician Fifth Grade Tullio served as a radio operator with a forward observer team attached to one of the leading elements of an assaulting battalion. At the height of the fighting the forward observer position occupied by another group was knocked out by enemy spigot mortars, and the entire advance of the battalion was pinned down by enemy mortars and artillery and observation was made impossible. Aware of the need for artillery support to ease the plight of the infantry elements, Technician Fifth Grade Tullio and one other man jumped to their feet and crossed the entire battalion front, running through a storm of lead and shell fragments until they had reached another point where observation and communications could be resumed, and placed effective artillery fire on the enemy positions, allowing the advance of the assaulting units.

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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 Harold L. Swinford, 38319147, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iwa, Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Private First Class Swinford, working with his squad on a road, was forced, by direct enemy fire, to take cover. From his place of security, when he saw that traffic was being blocked by three abandoned Marine Corps trucks, Private First Class Swinford, at great personal risk, left the security of the ditch in which he had sought refuge and drove the three vehicles to safety. The boldness and initiative exhibited by Private First Class Swinford resulted in the opening of a supply route that led to forward elements by clearing the road of a serious block and saved much valuable equipment. The courageousness of Private First Class Swinford's action and his devotion to duty under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Rodolfo Vargas, 38253268, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During the defense of Kakazu Ridge, which was being shelled by heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, three members of Private First Class Vargas' company were seriously wounded. Rough terrain and falling shells prevented their evacuation to medical installations in the rear. In order for these men to survive, it was necessary to get blood plasma splints and medicines to their aid quickly. Disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Vargas, accompanied by two other men, made his way through concentrated enemy fire back to the aid station, obtained the needed supplies and returned again, subjecting himself to the heavy fire of the enemy, to render life saving first aid to his wounded comrades.

Private First Class Robert E. Woods, 37681057, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gaja, Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Private First Class Woods volunteered for the mission of clearing an enemy minefield which was covered by enemy small arms fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, he undertook his mission with a calmness that was inspiring to all who witnessed his work. Although he was driven from the field by enemy fire, on several occasions, he succeeded in clearing the field of fifteen mines thus opening a supply route of great strategic value to front line troops. The courage and coolness under fire and devotion to duty exhibited by Private First Class Woods reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain William T. Burgoyne, 01186239, 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 30 May 1945.

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Captain Joel R. Parkes, 01316322, Air 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles Stiles, 37312053, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth H. Stralcher, 36615919, Infantry, 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.

Sergeant Frederick W. Wall, Jr., 35807742, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 25 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 April 1945.

Technician Third Grade Cyrus V. Anderson, 37439779, 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 22 June 1945.

Captain Merrill P. Baker, 01010384, Cavalry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 25 June 1945.

~~Corporal Francis L. Bible~~, 37318763, Infantry, 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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First Sergeant William T. Blackwood, 20740556, 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 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

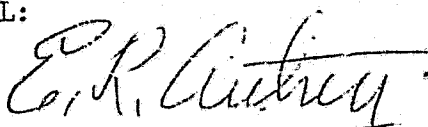
Technician Fifth Grade Leslie C. Crocker, 32597207, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant John A. Dailey, 33010147, Chemical Warfare Service, 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.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 119, 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 Earl B. Brooks, 39148713, 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. Next of Kin: Jennie A. Brooks, Wife, Route #2, Box 1007-C, Walnut Creek, California.

Sergeant Donald P. Rima, 37439737, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 7 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island on 1 and 2 April 1945. Next of Kin: Lois Rima, Wife, 521 11th Street, Rock Island, 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:

Private First Class Earl H. Chambers, 33466546, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Noticing three enemy soldiers who were waiting for and who were unseen by his squad leader who was checking a cave, Private First Class Chambers left his place of cover and unhesitatingly and single-handedly assaulted the enemy in their position, killing two and wounding the third to such an extent that he was captured. The initiative and courage displayed by Private First Class Chambers in his gallant actions saved the life of a fellow soldier and dispelled further danger to men of his platoon.

First Lieutenant John A. Farnsworth, 01304884, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When the left flank of his Battalion was held up by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, First Lieutenant Farnsworth placed his machine gun platoon in action under this intense fire. When several men were wounded and the

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crew was forced to abandon their gun by this fire, First Lieutenant Farnsworth unhesitatingly dashed to the gun and commenced firing amid a hail of enemy bullets so close that some struck the gun itself. He continued firing in this exposed position and by his aggressiveness, enabled the gun crew to move to safety and permitted the evacuation of the wounded. First Lieutenant Farnsworth's gallant act was an inspiration and a courageous example to all who witnessed it and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

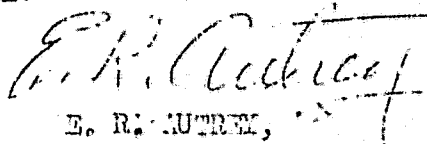
First Lieutenant William E. Piegenbaum, 03901464, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Mada, China, on 28 April 1945. First Lieutenant Piegenbaum, a Battalion Motor Officer, assumed command of a rifle platoon. Leading the rifle unit in an attack on the Mada encampment, a most strategic portion of terrain, Lieutenant Piegenbaum and his entire platoon were suddenly fired upon by an enemy machine gun from a well concealed emplacement less than seventy-five yards distance. With utter disregard for his own life, First Lieutenant Piegenbaum and two other men leaped to their feet and heroically charged the enemy position, assaulting it with grenades. Upon reaching the position proper, First Lieutenant Piegenbaum killed two of the enemy with his pistol before he himself was hit by enemy fire. His gallant and courageous act in the face of grave danger, undeniably saved the lives of many of his men and was an inspiration to all the members of his command. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert H. Habbutt, 01267712, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 23 October 1944. During an attack on San Vicente Hill, First Lieutenant Habbutt led a patrol across the San Vicente River, moved into the town at the head of the patrol and killed three of the enemy. When the patrol was pinned down by an enemy machine gun firing from a distance of one hundred yards, with utter disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Habbutt advanced alone and secured the machine gun position and bayoneted the Jap on the gun. His gallant action permitted the advance of the Battalion on the right flank and routed the enemy out of their position. This action led to the advancement of the Battalion and helped consolidate positions. First Lieutenant Habbutt's gallant actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, the Silver Star having been previously awarded the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 40, Headquarters XXIV Corps, 5 March 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant James A. Gaul, Jr., 36540263, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When enemy artillery fire began falling in his company's area, Staff Sergeant Gaul left his place of cover and moved to a position from which he could locate the fire's source. Although he was completely exposed to the enemy fire, he located the gun and directed the fire of the attached artillery on it until the weapon was silenced. Then, after returning to his position within the perimeter, Staff Sergeant Gaul killed thirteen enemy soldiers who were trying to infiltrate through his position. He did this under intense pain of wounds on his hands received from rifle fire of the attacking troops. Staff Sergeant Gaul's courageous and fearless actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Rebecca H. Gaul, Mother, Route #1, Alliance, Ohio.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Francis G. Rebholz, 36950054, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When seven enemy soldiers attempted to infiltrate his company's defense through a position vacated by a casualty, Private First Class Rebholz left his foxhole and dashed toward them and with accurate fire from his BAR, killed all of them and occupied the position. When four more Japs charged into the position, he quickly opened fire and killed all of them. Later on, while men of his company were evacuating casualties from the area, Private First Class Rebholz laid down an incessant line of protective fire which prevented any further infiltration by the enemy and protected the men from further danger. Private First Class Rebholz's courageous and heroic action in the face of extreme danger is 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. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 48 USC-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 Claude L. Bryan, 38254934, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 29 October 1944. Private First Class Bryan drove his jeep several times between the front lines and an ammunition supply point in order to bring up badly needed machine gun and mortar ammunition to his unit. On each trip he drove through enemy automatic and grenade fire from both sides of the road. On one occasion, Private First Class Bryan brought ammunition to a mortar position in due time to enable the guns to fire on an enemy machine gun nest, and drive its occupants into the open where they were an easy target for our machine guns. Private First Class Bryan's determination to get the ammunition to the front regardless of the risk involved, was instrumental in adding impetus to our attack, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas A. Korn, 37633006, Signal 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Harold Rosenthal, 16097247, Signal 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.

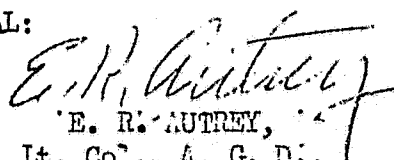
Private First Class Ralph D. Shoaf, 35664794, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 27 April 1945 to 15 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert E. Wandroy, 36642444, Signal 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.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 11919, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Staff Sergeant Donald W. Gullickson, 37316005, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Gullickson and three other men were members of an anti-tank platoon which was on call from an Infantry Battalion for anti-tank missions. When the fire of the platoon was masked by advancing troops, it answered a call for litter bearers from another Battalion. One company of this Battalion advanced about three hundred yards farther than the rest of the front line but because of the unceasing shelling, it was forced to withdraw. In the withdrawal, one badly wounded man was left behind. Disregarding their own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Gullickson and the three other men voluntarily went after the wounded man and after administering first aid, removed him to safety. Staff Sergeant Gullickson's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John A. Jones, 17154696, 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 and three other men were members of an anti-tank platoon which was on call from an Infantry Battalion for anti-tank missions. When the fire of the platoon was masked by advancing troops, it answered a call for litter bearers from another Battalion. One company of this Battalion advanced about three hundred yards farther than the rest of the front line but because of the unceasing shelling, it was forced to withdraw. In the withdrawal, one badly wounded man was left behind. Disregarding their own personal safety, Private First Class Jones and the three other men voluntarily went after the wounded man, administered first aid and removed him to safety. As a result of this heroic action, the wounded man's life was saved.

Private First Class Carl H. Klarberg, 37229190, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During the afternoon and evening of 26 April, near Maeda, a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties. Upon hearing the call for aid from the stranded company, Private First Class Klarberg, heedless of his own safety, went forward under a hail of enemy fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aiding in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Klarberg were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade August L. Klopf, 37316246, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 29 October 1944. When his Battalion was rapidly exhausting its stock of mortar and machine gun ammunition, Technician Fifth Grade Klopf and a driver made several trips back to the supply point to obtain the necessary ammunition. They drove through automatic and grenade fire from both sides of the road but were not deterred from their task. Technician Fifth Grade Klopf fired his tommy gun several times into enemy positions. On one occasion, his timely arrival with ammunition enabled a mortar section to fire effectively on a machine gun nest occupied by the enemy. His determination to keep a constant source of ammunition, regardless of the hazards involved, portrayed his outstanding courage and initiative and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

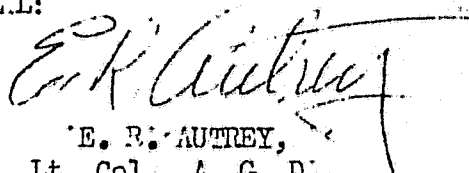
Staff Sergeant David E. Lounsberry, 6290650, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Lounsberry, while under enemy mortar and Artillery fire and, although wounded by an enemy mortar shell, skillfully adjusted mortar fire on Obvo Hill which fire enabled the forward companies to hold their position. Only after his mission had been successfully accomplished did Staff Sergeant Lounsberry allow himself to be evacuated and his wounds treated. The courage and devotion to duty as displayed by Staff Sergeant Lounsberry reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clifton G. Oliver, 36686155, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Oliver and three other men carried four flame throwers forward under heavy enemy fire, advancing to a position from which the flame throwers were effective. They operated the flame throwers under enemy rifle fire and grenade fire, against an entrenched enemy, the success of which action enabled the rifle elements to progress to their objective.

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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 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 Sergeant Russell W. Watts, 35034404, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. As platoon sergeant of an anti-tank platoon, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant) Watts and another member of his platoon, in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire, succeeded in moving a truck and a 37mm gun to a place of safety. In the face of cross fire from two enemy machine guns, First Sergeant Watts and his comrade, coupled an anti-tank gun to the truck from the prone position and also loaded ammunition in the same manner. While the other men drove the truck, First Sergeant Watts guided the truck to a place of safety. First Sergeant Watt's heroic actions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Thomas A. Wiedman, 37229108, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Corporal Wiedman, under enemy sniper fire, assisted in the administering of first aid and the evacuation of a wounded soldier who had been wounded the night before during an engagement with the enemy, across 300 yards of open swamp, which was so soft, he was forced to lie in the prone position to support himself on the surface while pulling the litter, bearing the casualty, behind him. Corporal Wiedman's courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Luther Willingham, 38300605, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gaja, Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Sergeant Willingham cleared an enemy minefield of numerous mines in an area which was commanded by enemy small arms fire. Although he was driven from his mission on several occasions Sergeant Willingham, with complete disregard for his own safety, succeeded in clearing the field. The courageous action on the part of Sergeant Willingham while under enemy fire culminated in the opening of a supply route to the front lines that was of material value to our forces in that sector. Sergeant Willingham's intrepid action and the calmness with which he worked reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Albert S. Wilson, 02012434, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 25 May 1945. After his battalion had secured high ground north of Shuri, the company commanded by Second Lieutenant Wilson and the other units on the ridge endured the most violent enemy counterattacks of the campaign. In the early morning hours of 25 May 1945 the Japanese launched their greatest attack and succeeded in driving one platoon from their position. Moving into the heavy mortar fire and bursting hand grenades, Second Lieutenant Wilson personally rallied his men, and with all of the available personnel in the area, led a counterattack back up the hill and built up a line that held until daylight. Besides protecting the flanks of the

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Units that remained on the ridge, the intrepid actions of Second Lieutenant Wilson stopped a penetration by the enemy that would have resulted in heavy casualties and the loss of the entire position.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank Sinacola, 36533399, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. When the men in his section were pinned down by enemy snipers with machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Sinacola unhesitatingly crawled through an open field under intense enemy fire to the flank of the enemy's position. By his courageous action he was able to bring fire on the enemy; thus saving the lives of the men in his section, and destroying the enemy position. Technician Fifth Grade Sinacola's heroic action and courage under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John B. Voskion, 10758978, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Voskion and three other men carried four flame throwers forward under heavy enemy fire, advancing to a position from which the flame throwers were effective. They operated the flame throwers under rifle and grenade fire against an entrenched enemy thus enabling the rifle elements to progress to their objective.

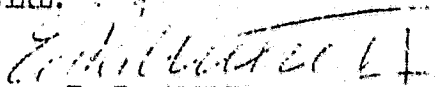
Private First Class Rodolfo Gallardo, 33678382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Gallardo and three other men carried four flame throwers forward under heavy enemy fire, advancing to a position from which the flame throwers were effective. They operated the flame throwers under rifle and grenade fire against an entrenched enemy, thus enabling the rifle elements to progress to their objective.

Private First Class Daniel Rizzo, 36615774, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on Katsun Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Rizzo, without regard for personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in the successful repulse of the attack. As a result of Private First Class Rizzo's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

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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:

Sergeant Clarence W. Carroll, 38389287, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on 19 May 1945. Shortly before midnight a sizeable force of the enemy counterattacked our positions on Dick Hill and seriously wounded three riflemen forward of Sergeant Carroll's foxhole. Without regard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Carroll and one other man immediately rushed from their foxhole and carried their heavy machine gun to a position from which they covered the evacuation of the casualties. Although he exposed himself to the enemy and was wounded, Sergeant Carroll continued firing until the last of the three wounded men had been evacuated. He killed ten of the enemy and drove back the remaining attackers. Sergeant Carroll's heroic actions saved the lives of three men and broke up a serious infiltration attempt by the enemy.

Private First Class Audolph W. Adams Jr., 44016929, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Shortly before midnight a sizeable force of the enemy counterattacked our positions on Dick Hill and seriously wounded three riflemen forward of Private First Class Adams foxhole. Without regard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Adams and one other man left their foxholes and carried their heavy machine gun to a position from which they covered the evacuation of the casualties. Although he exposed himself to the enemy and was wounded, he continued firing until the last of the riflemen had been evacuated. He killed ten of the enemy and drove back the rest of the attackers. Private First Class Adams' heroic actions saved the lives of three soldiers and broke up a serious infiltration attempt by the enemy.

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 Alton G. Berger, 36273355, Infantry, 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 men of his squad was seriously wounded, Staff Sergeant Berger left his place of cover and dashed

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across the direct path of heavy enemy machine gun fire and gave aid to the wounded man. Staff Sergeant Berger himself was wounded during the action, but continued his work and not until he had effected the man's evacuation did he accept medical care. His heroic deed in giving aid to one of his men under fire proved a credit to himself and to the military service. Previous award per General Orders 21, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant Ray E. Dacker, 3529571, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Dacker, having assumed command of his platoon, was faced with the problem of moving his unit up the sheer sides of a steep escarpment. Three times his men had attempted to find a safe route of ascension only to be driven back by enemy machine gun fire on each occasion. Finally Staff Sergeant Dacker decided that he personally would probe for the means of gaining the summit with the least possible cost in casualties. Taking one scout with him, he set out along the sides of the ridge and sought about for two hours until, at last, he discovered a route which was safe and practicable. In the course of his ascent he encountered enemy machine gun fire three times but each time he managed to successfully dodge the bullets. When he ultimately returned to his platoon, he was able to lead the men to the very peak of the escarpment without sustaining a single casualty. His perseverance, adeptness, and courage are exemplary of great leadership and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 327, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 11 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Robert M. Schneider, 3677576, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Inowan, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Schneider was the first to rush to the aid of five men buried alive by the explosion of an enemy spigot mortar shell and with the aid of three other men, he succeeded in freeing the trapped men from their covered foxholes by the use of shovels and bare hands. During the rescue, he was constantly exposed to an intense barrage of heavy enemy artillery. The lives of the trapped men were saved because of the unhesitating and daring efforts of Technical Sergeant Schneider. Previous award per General Orders 229, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 May 45.

First Lieutenant Walter P. Standish, 013177327, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When an estimated fifty Japanese overtook his platoon position, First Lieutenant Standish, although seriously wounded, steadfastly remained with his men directing their fire and accounting for five of the enemy with his own rifle. After the annihilation of all the enemy and the treatment of his wounded men, First Lieutenant Standish permitted himself to be treated and evacuated. The courageous and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Standish was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 12, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 January 1945.

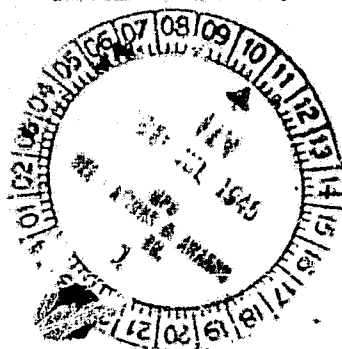
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ORIGINAL ORDER - 26

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	Robert S. Barron, Jr.	34936985	Inf	21 Jun 45
Cpl	Edward G. Bennett	16712036	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Lennie R. Brewster	39222579	Inf	27 Jun 45
Pfc	Billie Brookstein	38554112	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Robert G. Burns	13274331	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Laven D. Curtis	37721221	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles H. Eyril	29823577	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Lewis E. Campbell	29454960	Inf	27 May 45
S Sgt	Arthur W. Collins	35377015	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pvt	Jack T. Cook	35377004	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank P. Cortez	39223301	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert V. Custain	37740027	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Dale Cullen	39554457	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Walter Diets	39554339	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Hernando E. Douglas	38577360	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Edward D. Dunkley	33422390	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Cecil G. Ealy	37721204	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Robert J. Fawcett	38701582	Inf	29 May 45
S Sgt	Harry J. Field	16775727	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank T. Fields	44020369	Inf	22 Jun 45
S Sgt	Louis H. Fyock	36903746	Inf	17 Jun 45
T Sgt	Joseph W. Geal	36389069	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Walter A. Glucore	36810291	Inf	25 Jun 45
Cpl	Rawley S. Handbury	16120385	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Bill L. Hendricks	39475825	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Richard W. Hibner	36914789	Inf	20 Jun 45
S Sgt	Donald Huber	36824487	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Doyle E. Hunter	44020119	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald G. James	38291336	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	James L. Johnson	37600731	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Louis R. Johnson	39424410	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Frankie U. Kirkland	33570633	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Robert A. Kibosky	33925979	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Barney L. Krystad	39480168	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Walter F. Kryszak	35508202	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Maynard W. Laine	39213974	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert W. Laird	39345733	Inf	25 Jun 45
Cpl	Francis E. Lewis	36427785	Inf	3 Jul 45
S Sgt	Clarence E. Lincoln	20040132	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Melvin G. Lamberbeam	25779857	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul D. Langdon	31399480	Inf	27 May 45
S Sgt	Charles J. McFee	33557324	Inf	27 May 45
2d Lt	Paul F. McGrath	01223621	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Orville T. Nelson	37774823	Inf	17 Jun 45

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Pfc	Dan Morris, Jr.	37752649	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Francis E. Murphy	39425375	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	William Nagel	36907039	Inf	23 May 45
Capt	Joseph N. Martell	0400265	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Lloyd I. North	37775050	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Salvador F. Caboa	2978464	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Fred F. Oliver	38604088	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Patrick B. O'Rielly	39425316	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Carlos S. Orsopa	39729217	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Jose L. Ortega	38583320	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Russell J. Packard, Jr.	36471549	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Robert S. Palmer	31424138	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Eugene C. Peyton	38901000	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	William S. Pierce	37777748	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Raymond P. Randall	36239525	Inf	29 May 45
Pfc	Francis G. Reynolds	36970074	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Benjamin H. Reed, Jr.	15170031	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Gilbert E. Reynolds	37774372	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Lucio Reyes, Jr.	38460789	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Niel E. Rinohart	37774483	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph D. Rockford	30618820	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Cecilio Rodriguez	38201182	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Gene V. Primomo	42178901	Inf	23 May 45
S Sgt	Roy A. Rylant	38771584	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Claudio J. Salazar	38425355	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Vicel C. Sanchez	38571227	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Edgar H. Schweetlin	37775364	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Albert E. Schmetz, Jr.	37753180	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Charles Schultz	36915399	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert J. Schwade	36950078	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Clifford R. Seppala	36915383	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	John D. Settles	39726225	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Howard R. Shafer	38570837	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Christopher R. Silvia, Jr.	31449273	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Kenneth D. Sisto	39345873	Inf	22 May 45
Pfc	Desmond E. Spooner	39126363	Inf	28 May 45
1st Lt	Lester S. Taubs	1307880	Inf	20 Jun 45
1st Lt	Howard F. H. Tray	01323251	Inf	27 Jun 45
Cpl	Loyal J. Waldrop	38290981	Inf	15 Apr 45
2d Lt	Warren L. White	01331688	Inf	21 May 45
Sgt	Robert A. Winters	37233295	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Harry L. Wright	35547478	Inf	18 Jun 45

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AGAR-SC 201 Payton, Eugene C.
38 604 080

5 February 1957

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 505, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 12 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Eugene C. Payton, 38 604 080, is withdrawn.
2. The records show that the above-named individual died as a result of wounds for which the Purple Heart was awarded.

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

Adjutant General

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12 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
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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 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 Tommy Aguirre, 39423856, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 363, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Jack D. Carr, 0542568, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 103, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 April 1945.

Private First Class Archie P. Clowers, 38227542, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 106, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Harold T. Connelly, 37439411, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 79, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 December 1944.

Private First Class Jeff E. Crabtree, 39597120, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 330, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 June 1945.

Private First Class Ino B. DoRoss, 39422614, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 134, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 April 1945.

Private First Class Merrill C. Elswood, 39935859, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant L. T. Hammer, 37233354, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 152, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 May 1945.

Private First Class Lawrence H. Hartman, 37461582, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 170, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945.

Private First Class Keith V. Hunter, 39470910, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 232, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

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Technical Sergeant Eoynard G. Ingle, 37312541, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 53, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Manuel Johnson, 38352579, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yusa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Private First Class James E. Kelly, Jr., 35781644, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yusa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class Hugh D. Lear, 3712227, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945 near Ozaka, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 144, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant Kirtley P. LeBlanc, 3830299, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 June 1945 near Fusa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 376, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Edmund D. Lively, 3830609, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

Private First Class Vernal L. Morris, 39471139, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

Private First Class Frank J. Ratty, Jr., 16146641, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Ozaka, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 104, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 April 1945.

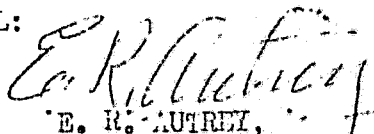
Second Lieutenant Anthony G. Zarbo, 02012429, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 90, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Delbert D. McKinney, 36065994, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 May 1945 near Yonbaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 18, Headquarters 6th General Hospital, APO 502, 19 December 1944.

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NUMBER 507

ORIGINAL ORDER - 441

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 George M. Ault, 35242192, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 4, Headquarters 334th Station Hospital, 27 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant Milton D. Ballinger, 13033065, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 440, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

Private First Class Hillford Birkman, 37390776, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 157, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy A. Brown, 26532837, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 30 June 1945 near Karada, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 306, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 June 1945.

Private First Class Della E. Campbell, 19117268, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 158, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Chester T. Bullock, 01297673, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 30, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Private First Class Billie H. Dunn, 38670511, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 near Yanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.

Sergeant Harry D. Hilde, 37232648, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 39, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 December 1944.

Second Lieutenant William C. Hohorst, 01545561, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 376, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant Melvin J. Junie, 01690909, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.

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Technician Fourth Grade Emerson A. Ledford, 34129745, Infantry (Armored Troop) United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Ozira, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 394, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945.

Sergeant Leslie L. Linn, 30619076, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Hitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 5, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, APO 72, 15 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Delbert D. McLanney, 34035984, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 May 1945 near Tambaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 13, Headquarters 8th General Hospital, 28 December 1944.

Private First Class Halger E. Nyberg, 37686431, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 near Kibura, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 188, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Hubert A. Richter, 32748769, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Tazara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 257, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Gerald D. Sisk, 33292040, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 154, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 May 1945.

Private First Class Peter S. Skora, 36384241, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Tambaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 334, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 June 1945.

Private George J. Smith, 32807167, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 174, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 May 1945.

Private First Class Floyd C. Tolleson, 37470484, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Kibura, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 189, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Joseph J. Varhanik, 36706074, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Kibura, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 189, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER - SECTION

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

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Kenneth Smith	36384620	Inf	20 Oct 44
Pfc	John L. Vaskos	6825312	Inf	20 Oct 44

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a second 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:

Staff Sergeant Eugene A. Brooks, 35563947, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Abraham Coffman, 37233239, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 84, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 April 1945.

Private First Class Norman D. Fiedler, 32995396, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 51, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Harry Golin, 32692951, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 35, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

Private First Class Delbert E. Grocian, 37435349, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Chyunna, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 28, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 November 1944.

Private First Class Robert E. Hufstader, 39345807, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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Second Lieutenant Irvin C. Iverson, 02012497, 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.

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~~First Lieutenant George I. [unclear] 01314815, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Suroba, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 284, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 June 1945.~~

Private First Class Eld V. Mathis, 33282495, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 January 1945.

Private First Class Sylvester J. Ricko, 37332919, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kanika, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 44, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 December 1944.

Sergeant Albert J. Salinsky, 20131692, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 447, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 July 1945.

Sergeant Carl E. Sheraton, 3633420, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

Private First Class Robert C. Shockey, 35629539, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 194, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Harry V. Smith, 0295630, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 184, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945.

Sergeant Howard E. Steck, 37436213, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 April 1945 near Mada, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 38, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant Ernest W. Vogt, 36615677, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 11, Headquarters 51st General Hospital, 1944.

Staff Sergeant Clarence J. Walker 38260726, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 47, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

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APO 96

13 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL FILED
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 Hellis E. Scott, 3825240, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginwan, Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Scott's company which had been in reserve throughout the day, went forward to support the assault companies late in the afternoon. Volunteers were called for to act as litter bearers for another company which was engaging the enemy and could not provide their own. Private First Class Scott was the first man to volunteer, and only after running a gauntlet of heavy enemy fire did he succeed in reaching the casualties. The extra burden of the litter patient made it extremely difficult to cross areas under enemy fire but with determination and courage, he finally reached the Battalion aid station. At this point, he was hit by enemy sniper fire but despite his own wound, he completed the evacuation. Private First Class Scott's courage and his willingness to perform a hazardous mission, were an inspiration to all the men in his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert H. Perkins, 38329557, 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 Perkins and three other men were members of an anti-tank platoon which was on call from an Infantry Battalion for anti-tank missions. When the fire of the platoon was masked by advancing troops, it answered a call for litter bearers from another Battalion. One company of the Battalion advanced about three hundred yards farther than the rest of the front line but because of the unceasing shelling, it was forced to withdraw. In the withdrawal, one badly wounded man was left behind. Disregarding their own safety, Private First Class Perkins and the three other men voluntarily went after the wounded man, administered first aid and removed him to a position of safety. Private First Class Perkins' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Rego Pecina, 38282245, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Pecina, without regard for personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in the successful repulse of the attack. As a result of Private First Class Pecina's heroic action, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

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Major Eugene J. Alexander, 0342813, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Iyete and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 21 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Honor G. Corbin, 31647331, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945.

Technician Third Grade Raymond K. Cho, 37568592, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945.

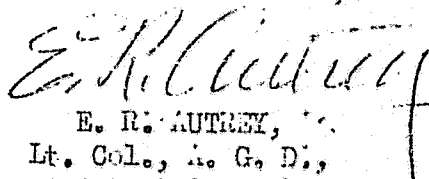
Technical Sergeant Harold E. Golladay, 27181803, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 29 June 1945.

Private First Class Theodore D. Sweden, 38292743, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his company had advanced to a small ridge near Kaniku, Private First Class Sweden volunteered to return two hundred yards to the rear to guide the company command group to the new location. The area he had to cross was under fire from enemy mortars and machine guns, but Private First Class Sweden, without hesitation, made his way through these dangers and reached the command group. Led by Private First Class Sweden, the group started forward when suddenly, the enemy fire wounded the First Sergeant and another man. Seeing up the situation at a glance, and under continuous fire, Private First Class Sweden quickly assumed command of the group, directed the evacuation of the casualties, procured the important records of the company and led the remainder of the men safely through the enemy fire to the forward location.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARDED 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:

Pvt	Elva E. Abbott	38572547	Inf	4 Jun 45
Pfc	Marion Abney	39595936	Inf	20 Jun 45
Sgt	Rollan H. Agnew	38591123	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Philippo J. Albert	37049013	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Perry H. Albert	34945028	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Mervin J. Anthony	39974388	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Raymond Arcinioga	39720564	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Pete D. Arias	37720004	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Edward J. Baker	37311000	Inf	20 Jun 45
Tec 5	Walter B. Ballard	38291301	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Roguo M. Barrera	39122342	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald E. Bartram	37243393	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	William A. Bates	38530025	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	James D. Black	39125399	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Cecil C. Bramfield	35750635	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Oliver H. Bowers	39728184	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Lloyd J. Boulton	38635714	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Ivan L. Bowlin	37647102	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Earl E. Broddlove	39597728	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Bonnie Brower	39134351	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Vernon L. Brumfield	39934384	Inf	19 Jun 45
S Sgt	Troy E. Burk	38271778	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	James H. Burke	39425172	Inf	20 Jun 45
Sgt	Andrew A. Burns	36610837	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert Burt	33713105	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Jack L. Carpenter	36535830	Inf	6 Jun 45
Sgt	Kenneth L. Carter	33841626	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Arthur S. Castro	39597784	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles Cross	39424720	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold C. Davis	39053656	Inf	27 Jun 45
Cpl	Marquard E. Debardeleben	34764580	Inf	28 Jun 45
Pfc	William F. Doel, Jr.	33662365	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Placido Dominguez	38582831	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	William B. Dowell	36908793	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Arlo L. Dundas	39729019	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Duane L. Edwards	37512970	Inf	2 Jun 45
1st Lt	Kenneth F. Elsie	01322904	Inf	11 Apr 45
S Sgt	Walter Eppinett	38313136	Inf	18 Jun 45
1st Lt	Thomas H. Evans	01321922	Inf	19 Apr 45
Sgt	Earl J. Fouts	19175455	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pvt	Sidney H. Fuentes	38582811	Inf	18 Jun 45
S Sgt	Charles V. Gilbert	36710702	Inf	20 Jun 45

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Pfc	Clinton E. Gray	36917109	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Columbus A. McFlin	38293193	Inf	27 Apr 45
Tec 5	Robert E. Hillis	36700757	Inf	1 Jul 45
Cpl	Edgaridge C. Holcomb	38102583	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Herbert E. Jackson	40077950	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Kenneth E. Joffross	38090705	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert D. Jones	39230279	Inf	17 Jun 45
2d Lt	James B. Johnson	01231738	Inf	4 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph A. Krulinski	38847116	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Kelvin R. Kappel, Jr.	38657794	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Hans A. Krausman	38495541	Inf	4 Jun 45
S Sgt	Norbert J. Klehr	37537396	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	August A. Klein	38847022	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Sam F. Langley	38260012	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert Lauff	38822387	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul J. Leas	37427558	ID	9 Jun 45
S Sgt	Marvin O. Lewis	38290037	Inf	24 Jun 45
Tec 5	Donald E. O'Rourke	35012014	ME	16 Jun 45
Pfc	LaVerne B. Paulkins	39475942	Inf	13 May 45
1st Sgt	Alfred Robertson	6744673	Inf	15 Jun 45
S Sgt	Clyde A. Robinson	36415891	Inf	20 Jun 45
S Sgt	Arnold K. Rosterman	36704148	Inf	14 Jun 45
1st Lt	Gerald Safferman	01246008	Inf	23 Jun 45
Tec 5	Arvil R. Shipp	37427597	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	William S. Lovell	38316398	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Luther L. Standley	39122557	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Roberts Towns	37712225	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	Francis L. Troidl	37720426	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	Alfred Valdez	37335912	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pvt	Charles L. Vandevort	39595597	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	August Vanzo	35907446	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pvt	Richard A. Wake	39480161	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	LeRoy Waller	38543409	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pvt	Darwin Ward	39934959	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Ivo S. Weber	37775309	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Willis C. Winthor	37569285	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Howard W. Young	37647132	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Howard R. Zentz	35345012	Inf	17 Jun 45

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Eldon B. Adams	36924131	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Winsen E. Adams	34934005	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pvt	Wayne D. Adams	37755477	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Bertrand W. Adams	37755475	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Howard H. Adams	37755470	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Owen P. Albers	37755459	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Lester H. Albright	39317901	Inf	15 Jun 45
Capt	William J. Alcorn	01155536	MC	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Eldred G. Anderson	37748696	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Jesus Aparicio	39730539	Inf	17 Jun 45
2d Lt	Beverly L. Arnold	01159710	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	James T. Ary	44032535	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald F. Barnett	13152560	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Terrill G. Barnett	38549799	Inf	14 Apr 45
1st Lt	George T. Bartlett	0471250	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Francis Batchelor	38571581	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Melvin H. Batterman	38572239	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Ernest L. Baughor	37745333	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Terril J. Beall	38732216	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Coy R. Beers	37643247	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pvt	Elvin G. Berry	38582927	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Jarold L. Billings	39346862	Inf	24 Jun 45
Pfc	James R. Boaz	39365705	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	James G. Bolain	37646608	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	William R. Bongran	36846727	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	James P. Bowden	35909137	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Warren A. Brantley	38243596	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul G. Brauer	36346374	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Elmo L. Broese	36909001	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold E. Brown	35238351	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	James B. Bruner	31573243	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pvt	Harrison F. Bryson	39424443	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pvt	Robert S. Bullard	37711822	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Byron Burke	39934482	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pvt	Charles H. Burns	38573249	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Fred G. Butler	32603573	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pvt	Hugh Butler	39425293	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pvt	George J. Callahan	39596413	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Eofugio Chavez	39599841	Inf	15 Jun 45
Sgt	German L. Delgado	38254868	Inf	12 Jun 45
S Sgt	James G. Denison	36877175	Inf	14 Jun 45

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Pfc	Quenton L. Buck	39114370	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Zeb V. Druri	38107223	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles H. Dunbar	37935572	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Harjis Dunn	35664787	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Thomas Ehrenberger	37935572	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Chris D. Erioflash	37935572	Inf	15 Jun 45
Tec 5	Theodore S. Erustan	37935572	MD	11 Jun 45
Pfc	Arthur E. Eustand	37935572	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	George A. Faine	35785525	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Elmer H. Farley	38935526	Inf	11 Apr 45
S Sgt	George M. Farrer	37461723	Inf	12 Jun 45
Sgt	Robert C. Farrer	37935572	Inf	14 Apr 45
Pfc	William J. Faust	38914687	Inf	12 Jun 45
S Sgt	William H. Fester	38914686	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Marvin E. Fisher	37935572	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Thomas Fitzsimmons	38935572	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Herwin Fontenot	38914687	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Raymond L. Ford	37935572	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Glen E. Foss	37774532	Inf	25 May 45
S Sgt	Harry C. Foster	17131626	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert R. Francisco	39424771	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Estaquito Garcia	39149851	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Eloy H. Garloy	38584842	Inf	20 Jun 45
Sgt	Robert D. Gebhart	15327329	Inf	24 Jun 45
Sgt	Eugene F. Gilo	37935572	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Edward J. Colinet	35242886	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert Graham	38584873	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Harlin Greenfield	38935572	Inf	16 Jun 45
1st Sgt	Thomas A. Higberger, Jr.	20900014	Inf	24 Jun 45
Tec 5	Albert A. Jackson	36829520	MD	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Gerald K. Jacobsen	37313678	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Edward K. Knuth	36437830	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Everett E. Klotsback	37739432	Inf	28 Jun 45
Pfc	Tommie R. Malenc	37913355	Inf	16 Jun 45
S Sgt	Les E. Moore	38277349	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Harvin L. Pearce	38194096	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Brian H. Rappaport	38254851	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Con C. Smith	38915518	Inf	29 May 45
Pfc	Sylvester Smith	38319747	Inf	16 Jun 45
1st Lt	Herman R. Stiles	01301556	Inf	22 Jun 45
T Sgt	Harlan E. Stretch	36430800	Inf	18 Apr 45

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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Lee E. Moore

1. So much of General Orders 211, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 13 July 1945 as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Lee E. Moore, BA 38 272 349, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart was awarded to the above-named individual by General Orders 19, Army Garrison Force, dated 27 August 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

H. H. A. [Signature]
Adjutant General

W. T. [Signature]

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 512

ORIGINAL ORDER

13 July 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:

Pfc	Wallace L. Coleman	33573132	Inf	15 Jun 45
Tec 5	John J. Corneli	34303165	Inf	26 Jun 45
Pfc	Howard Frankfort	3774604	Inf	12 Jun 45
2d Lt	Earl J. Devonport	06722145	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Joe Demaria	37221177	Inf	28 Jun 45
Sgt	Embrit N. Giles, Jr.	38290700	Inf	2 Jun 45
S Sgt	James M. Gist	33221621	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald P. Glassey	35908335	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Earl H. Gonsolin	37422302	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Dorrance L. Goodman	35722486	Inf	13 Jun 45
2d Lt	Bruce T. Gordon	0434667	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Charles A. Gosnell	39722325	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Clyde D. Gribble	38222309	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	George B. Hall	38222304	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert Hallett	37722497	Inf	19 Jun 45
Sgt	Estel F. Hanson	37322185	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert D. Hicks	35722035	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Claud A. Hill	36473969	Inf	16 Jun 45
Sgt	Eugene D. Hindenburg	36760105	Inf	20 Jun 45
Tec 5	Robert K. Hoey	38260171	Inf	1 Jul 45
Tec 4	Vernon E. Jenson	17027117	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	David N. Jones	38572277	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert C. Jones	17181189	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Peter J. Jongewaard	36615254	Inf	14 Jun 45
2d Lt	Richard F. Joslin	01331630	Inf	3 Jun 45
Pfc	Wayle A. Kleppelid	37622083	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul J. Lambrix	39218260	Inf	27 Jun 45
Pfc	Alvin LeBouef	38261194	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	William Lindsay	44046941	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Thomas G. Macen	38294185	Inf	17 Jun 45
S Sgt	Clyde F. McCauley	38319184	Inf	16 Jun 45
Cpl	Miles B. Morris	34734920	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	William E. Murphy	34914754	Inf	1 Jun 45
2d Lt	Roy W. Nelson	04330339	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Roland A. Parent	20144718	Inf	22 Jun 45
Sgt	Francis E. Pelszynski	36431841	Inf	12 Jun 45
S Sgt	Edward E. Plautz	36272350	Inf	16 Jun 45
Sgt	Preston L. Purkiss	38293531	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Walter L. Richardson	39926367	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Jose C. Rocha	37227901	Inf	12 Jun 45
Sgt	Waverley S. Rountree	34466582	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Karl Schaarschmidt	36214601	Inf	2 Jun 45

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T Sgt	Alfred M. Schroeder	36700243	Inf	18 Jun 45
Tec 4	Leslie M. Schwan	37266342	Inf	9 Jun 45
Pfc	Lyle E. Skillingstad	37506094	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Paul L. Sliper	39346519	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Ermin H. Smith	39729013	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph W. Smith	39729484	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Marley A. Smith	35284853	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Roy Lee Smith	39730124	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Thomas T. Smith, Jr.	37749160	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Victor J. Smith	13274410	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Orist I. South	37774087	Inf	30 May 45
Pfc	Lloyd D. Spencer	39593992	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	John H. Sperling	39596710	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Orville J. Spitzer	39661224	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Nicholas Spock	33877592	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Eugene J. Stanton	36130217	Inf	11 Jun 45
Pfc	Riley W. Stormont	37752661	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Loyd E. Stubbs	38293079	Inf	24 May 45
Pvt	Charles R. Stueber	37600420	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pvt	Harvy W. Sturtevant	31377122	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	John E. Sumaria	36914999	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Alfred O. Swanson	39126022	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Lawrence O. Turner	34235702	Inf	22 Jun 45
Pfc	Frank C. Valdez	38701904	Inf	23 May 45
1st Lt	John V. Vass	02502286	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	Victoriano G. Vela	38680620	Inf	12 Jun 45
Tec 3	Paul H. Wagner	37327801	ID	16 Jun 45
Pfc	Leonard G. Wake	38227680	Inf	23 Jun 45
Pfc	Lloyd G. Wallace	38525986	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Albert D. Wallingford	37712484	Inf	16 Jun 45
Pvt	James D. Wallingford	33942540	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Sylvester Welz	37775546	Inf	16 Jun 45
1st Lt	William J. Wanstreet	0335011	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul E. Ward	37646698	Inf	24 Jun 45
Pfc	James E. Warren	34996323	Inf	27 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald N. Watkins	39345815	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pvt	Jack H. West	37753142	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Joseph A. Westhoff	37753359	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Orland E. Westlund	37774305	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pvt	Chester A. Whaley	37711613	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Lyle G. Whitwood	42095634	Inf	14 Jun 45
T Sgt	Glenn W. Wills	6560187	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Kenneth J. Yoakum	36915289	Inf	23 Jun 45

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17 January 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 512, Headquarters 98th Infantry Division, dated 13 July 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Victory J. Smith, 13 174 410, for wounds received in action on 14 June 1945 is withdrawn.

2. The First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart has been awarded to the above-named individual for wounds received in action on 14 June 1945 by General Orders 283, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, dated 5 July 1945, as amended by Department of the Army Letter Orders, dated 17 January 1952.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W A Leary
Adjutant General

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NUMBER 513

ORIGINAL ORDER - SECTION
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Sergeant Galen W. Sanner, 39932230, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When a reconnaissance patrol, which was moving through enemy held territory, was pinned down by intense enemy sniper fire, Sergeant Sanner, in command of the patrol, halted his men and rushed through the fire to the position from which the fire was coming. Locating a trench in which were four Jap soldiers, he fired quickly killing all of them thus allowing his patrol to continue its advance. Sergeant Sanner's superior leadership and courage coupled with his decision to go after the enemy himself, rather than send his men, brought high recognition and respect from them, and proved a credit to 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 Men:

Staff Sergeant Earl Blewins, 17164403, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Blewins, during a close and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, volunteered as a member of a litter party to evacuate a seriously wounded man across fifty yards of open ground being swept by heavy enemy fire. The party left a sheltered position and carried the man back to the rear. The heroic action of Sergeant Blewins, in volunteering to take the wounded man to safety, in leaving a relatively safe position and exposing himself to fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Frank R. Dunn, 32674026, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10, 12, and 15 April 1945. Private First Class Dunn, a clerk in a regimental S-1 section, volunteered to act as a litter bearer on three

different occasions during a critical period in the campaign. On one occasion, after an arduous and hazardous day on the front lines, he obtained a ride to the rear in a vehicle. While riding in this vehicle, it came under heavy enemy artillery fire which blasted the vehicle off the road and instantly killed five of the eight passengers. Private First Class Dunn, without regard for his own safety, despite the continuing artillery fire, immediately crawled to the casualties and rendered aid to the survivors. The courage and self sacrifice demonstrated by Private First Class Dunn are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald D. Fawley, 35545801, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tombaro Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. As an aid man of an anti-tank platoon, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Fawley left his place of cover and, in the face of enemy mortar and sniper fire, rendered first aid to four wounded men. In order to get to the wounded men, it was necessary for him to run across a field where enemy mortar fire dropped about him. Then, as Technician Fifth Grade Fawley continued his advance, sniper fire fell about him, he crawled seventy-five yards to the spot where the wounded men lay and rendered first aid to each one. Technician Fifth Grade Fawley's courageous actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George L. Sartain, 38400624, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Sartain with one other man crossed over one hundred yards of open terrain swept by enemy machine gun and mortar fire to evacuate a seriously wounded man. The actions of Private First Class Sartain were outstanding, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Billie H. Freeman, Air Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Captain Woodrow W. Lindler, 0315631, 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 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 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. 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 Charles I. Fisher, O1775249, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Iwa, Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. When, during an enemy artillery barrage on a road near the battalion Command Post, an ammunition truck was forced to stop and the driver and assistant driver dismounted, a shell landing near the truck seriously wounded both men. First Lieutenant Fisher, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his place of cover and crossed an area of one hundred yards to reach the wounded men, although the area was still under fire. First Lieutenant Fisher administered first-aid to the two casualties and then supervised their evacuation before he returned to his normal post of duty. His complete disregard for his own personal safety in an effort to save the lives of the wounded men reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant Earl M. Gisse, 6549835, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When two of the men of his company were hit by artillery during darkness, First Sergeant Gisse left the safety of his slit trench and aided in the removal of the men to the aid station. After the removal of the men, First Sergeant Gisse continued to move about the area despite the continual shelling, giving courage to the rest of the men. His exemplary conduct and prompt exhibition of heroic leadership under the intense shelling was outstanding and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Earl V. Henson, 39314000, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Henson, during a close and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, volunteered as a member of a litter party to evacuate a seriously wounded man across fifty yards of open ground being swept by heavy enemy fire. The party left a sheltered position and carried the man back to the rear. The heroic actions of Private First Class Henson, in volunteering to take the wounded man to safety, in leaving a relatively safe position and exposing himself to fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Chester Kwiatkowski, 36711564, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. Private First Class Kwiatkowski, a member of litter squad, crossed approximately three hundred yards of open terrain that furnished scanty cover and concealment, in order to evacuate a seriously wounded casualty. The route he was forced to take was covered by sniper fire. Enroute to accomplish his mission, he stopped long enough to give another

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litter bearer first aid and to place him out of the line of fire. Calling for another litter bearer, and with utter disregard for his own safety, he remained with the wounded men until help arrived. Both wounded men were then evacuated to the aid station with the aid of smoke grenades to conceal their movements. His coolness and intelligent judgement in this dangerous situation, his courage, initiative and selfless devotion to duty materially aided in saving the lives of the wounded men.

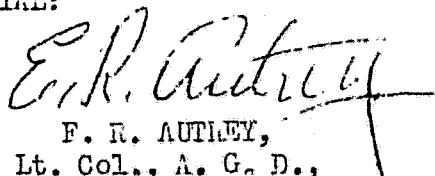
Technical Sergeant Joseph Lomonaco, 36404085, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. In support of an Infantry Battalion attacking strongly fortified Japanese position, a cannon platoon, with Technical Sergeant Lomonaco as a member, waited in a covered position for its fire mission. Suddenly a heavy enemy artillery barrage fell in the sector which pinned all troops down and critically injured a cannoner of the platoon. Technical Sergeant Lomonaco, quickly surmising the situation, courageously left his position of safety, and ran forward through falling shrapnel and concussion blasts from exploding artillery shells, to search for litter bearers. Unable to find a litter section, and realizing the necessity for immediate action, he rushed back toward the tank, and although dazed and badly shaken by a nearby burst struggled to his feet, and soliciting the aid of two soldiers, succeeded in lifting the wounded man into the tank. With dogged determination, Technical Sergeant Lomonaco turned the tank around, and walking to its front, guided the driver through an area containing enemy mines to a safe location where the wounded man was evacuated. Technical Sergeant Lomonaco's complete disregard for his own life, while performing this gallant deed, inspired his fellow soldiers, and was instrumental in saving the life of his wounded comrade.

Private First Class Henry Nunn, 35803297, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Nunn, without regard for personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in the successful repulsing of the attack. As a result of Private First Class Nunn's heroic action, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

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13 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:

Sergeant Franklin P. Rose, 35548287, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. During an attack on an enemy held position, Sergeant Rose led his squad up a hill under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. As the squad advanced, Sergeant Rose was wounded. In great need of medical assistance, and further exposing himself to the enemy fire, he refused to leave his men at this precarious time. Realizing the gravity of the situation, he hid his own wounds, so as to prevent the usual confusion accompanying the loss of the leader during a stiff encounter with the enemy. He remained with the squad, keeping them well organized, and lending confidence by his calm bearing and able leadership. He directed them in a well executed, orderly withdrawal with few casualties. The wounded men were evacuated hurriedly under his guidance. His grim courage was responsible for the sparing of suffering among the casualties which were sustained, in the prevention of further casualties, and in the saving of lives of his comrades.

Sergeant Galen W. Sanner, 39932230, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Although badly wounded in the eye and forehead by enemy grenade fragments, Sergeant Sanner refused treatment and evacuation and continued to lead his squad in its successful assault and destruction of an enemy emplacement which had been assigned to him as his mission. His heroic work and efficient leadership under the intense pain of his wounds exemplified his character as an excellent soldier and brings great credit to himself and to the military service.

Private First Class Orval E. Sartain, 33551640, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When his platoon was faced with the problem of finding a safe route of ascension in order to gain the summit of a steep escarpment, Private First Class Sartain volunteered to act as first scout in the search for the means of approach. After probing the sheer sides of the cliff for two hours, and encountering, in the process, heavy machine gun fire, he and his platoon leader discovered a way to the top which was safe and practicable. Private First Class Sartain's actions were responsible for the safety of his entire unit, for they were able to advance to the very peak of the escarpment without sustaining a single casualty. His perseverance, physical durability and aptness are worthy of high military praise.

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Private First Class Robin C. Starr, 11066709, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Completely disregarding heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Starr, a messenger, carried his message across open terrain to the platoons and in between times he, on his own initiative, took up a position on the lines and fired on the enemy. Private First Class Starr's utter disregard of the enemy fire and his courageous actions were an inspiration to the entire company. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

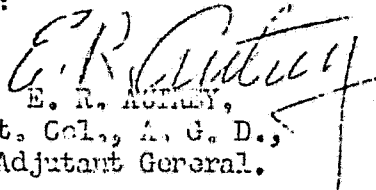
Staff Sergeant Clarence H. Thurnau, 17000665, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Thurnau and two other men were members of an anti-tank platoon which was on call from an Infantry Battalion for anti-tank missions. When the fire of the platoon was checked by advancing troops, it answered a call for litter bearers from another battalion. One company of the battalion advanced about three hundred yards in front of the rest of the front line but because of the unceasing shelling it was forced to withdraw. In the withdrawal, one badly wounded man was left behind. Disregarding his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Thurnau volunteered to go after the wounded man and as a result of his heroic action, the wounded man's life was saved.

Staff Sergeant Jay S. Waxman, 36649626, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gincwan, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. To reach its objective, an enemy strongpoint on a hill, it was necessary for Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Waxman's company to cross an open field approximately two hundred yards in distance. To either side of the objective were hills from which the enemy commanded excellent observation of the terrain. In the ensuing advance over the flat exposed ground, one of the men was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Rendered completely helpless and realizing he was still under enemy observation, the casualty called for help and without hesitation, Staff Sergeant Waxman rushed to his aid. He had covered a distance of twenty-five yards, when the enemy fired upon him with their machine guns. Without faltering, however, he continued on his perilous mission. The danger to Staff Sergeant Waxman was increased, when, upon reaching the casualty, he became the focal point of intense cross fire from two enemy machine guns. Utterly disregarding his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Waxman succeeded in moving the wounded man to a position of comparative safety, after which he returned to his squad and participated in the destruction of the enemy emplacement. His exemplary actions throughout this incident resulted in saving the life of his fallen comrade and ultimate liquidation of the entire enemy strong-point.

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13 July 1945

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NUMBER 516

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:

Lieutenant Colonel Harry H. Covell, 0283772, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Rodger D. Danaher, 37227736, 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 15 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. Erickson, 36534146, 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 15 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Ralph T. Fitzgerald, 11009595, 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 19 April 1945.

Sergeant Elton A. Henry, 38260325, 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 15 June 1945.

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14 July 1945

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

First Lieutenant John A. Farnsworth, 0130434, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When his Company Commander was seriously wounded, First Lieutenant Farnsworth crawled one hundred and fifty yards under a hail of enemy machine gun fire and removed his fallen comrade to the reverse slope of the ridge, where he rendered first aid while still exposed to enemy fire. First Lieutenant Farnsworth's cool determination and utter disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William F. Hebert, 6114234, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Private First Class Hebert, exposing himself to heavy enemy fire, rendered first aid to numerous casualties and disregarding his own personal safety, evacuated three seriously wounded men to positions of safety. His heroism and determination to do his job well and do more than that were outstanding. Private First Class Hebert's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Everett E. Klotzbach, 37439432, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Klotzbach without regard for his personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery and coolness under fire were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Klotzbach's heroic action, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Private First Class Kenneth Murray, 10650013, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. While acting as a litter bearer, Private First Class Murray was wounded making it difficult for him to walk, however in spite of his wound he continued with his job, carrying the wounded man down a steep ravine and across an open field that was covered by enemy fire. Not until the wounded man was safely out of the line of fire did Private First Class Murray give up his job and then only because he was near collapse. By his courageous act, Private First Class Murray was instrumental in helping save the life of a wounded man.

Staff Sergeant Sam M. Pettavino, 36132515, 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 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Pettavino, a brave and alert rifle squad leader, led his men against strong enemy held positions, despite the odds of dug-in fortifications, a rugged and fire swept terrain, and adverse weather conditions. He controlled and directed his men in a superior and commendable manner, inspiring them to such confidence by his sterling example that they fought and displaced the enemy aggressively and determinedly. Staff Sergeant Pettavino was reorganizing his squad in his characteristic efficient fashion to withstand an enemy mortar barrage directed at his men, after they had attained an important ridge, when he was wounded by mortar fragments.

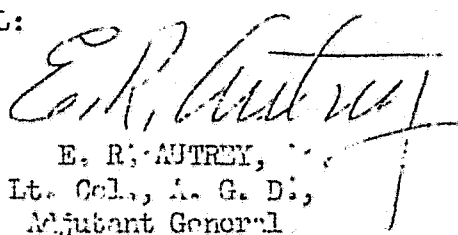
Private First Class Trinidad Tijerina, 32254089, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack, which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Tijerina, without regard for personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Tijerina's heroic actions, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Private First Class Arnulfo Valdez, 32254296, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Valdez, without regard for personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery and coolness under fire were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His courage and initiative were instrumental in the successful repulse of the attack. As a result of Private First Class Valdez's heroic action, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

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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 Michael T. Furilla, 42043847, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When his company had received numerous casualties while assaulting an enemy held ridge, Private First Class Furilla, a company aid man, many times traversed rough terrain swept by deadly enemy fire to give aid to the wounded. When one man lay seriously wounded and in an exposed position, Private First Class Furilla, without regard for his own personal safety, dashed for the man to give aid. Struck in the legs by enemy bullets, he fell to the ground but doggedly continued on his mission by crawling thirty yards to the wounded soldier's position where he administered aid and effected his evacuation. Not until the wounded man was evacuated did he accept medical treatment himself. Private First Class Furilla's courage and devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Elwood E. Edgecomb, 31153911, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When several of the enemy infiltrated into our positions and Private First Class Edgecomb saw them too late to warn anyone of their presence, the Japs, knowing he saw them, began throwing grenades into his foxhole in which two other soldiers besides himself were located. Private First Class Edgecomb threw four of the grenades back out but was unable to throw out the fifth, so he placed his helmet over it. The grenade exploded and severed his leg. He then pointed out the positions of the Japs to the other two men in his foxhole who immediately killed them. Private First Class Edgecomb then refused to be evacuated and remained fighting until day break four hours later. His gallant action and self-sacrificing devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Emil V. Balducci, 36616490, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Technical Sergeant Balducci was leading his heavy machine gun platoon in support of a rifle company in an attack on a strongly fortified enemy held ridge in the vicinity of Conical Peak when his platoon was suddenly fired on by an enemy machine gun from the right flank about one hundred yards away, cutting off the platoon from the rifle company. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technical Sergeant Balducci and one other man exposed themselves to the enemy fire in an attempt to neutralize

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the enemy position. When he had advanced to within twenty-five yards of the enemy machine gun, Technical Sergeant Balducci charged the position with hand grenades and killed the two Japs who were manning the gun. His gallant and courageous action in the face of great danger were an inspiration to all members of the command.

Technical Sergeant Homer R. Bass, 38290719, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Okada, Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. During a heavy enemy counterattack, Technical Sergeant Bass, with utter disregard for his personal safety, leaped from his foxhole and, exposed to heavy fire, directed the defensive fires of his platoon of heavy machine guns. Throughout the entire attack, Technical Sergeant Bass refused to take cover, continuing to direct the defensive fires. During the course of the action, Technical Sergeant Bass was seriously wounded but refused to be evacuated until the counterattack was beaten off and his assigned sector secure. Technical Sergeant Bass' display of courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all of his men and aided them materially in beating off the enemy attack. As a result of his actions one hundred and twenty enemy soldiers were counted the following morning in the front of his sector. Technical Sergeant Bass' actions were in the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

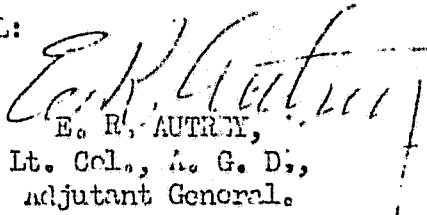
By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 2, War Department, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Man:

Staff Sergeant John J. Jasinski, 36535752, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Jasinski was with his 81mm mortar platoon, firing a heavy concentration of fire upon enemy positions. At approximately 1800, the enemy artillery hit near the mortar ammunition dump. 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 and at great risk to his own life, he immediately proceeded to the dump and extinguished 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.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Lieutenant Colonel John F. Williams, G20910, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. With two of the Battalions of his Regiment moving in a coordinated attack against the heavily fortified Yazu-Dake escarpment and the town of Ozato, Lieutenant Colonel Williams observed from his Observation Point that the right battalion had suddenly bogged down and all advance stopped, thus imperilling the security of the left battalion which continued its advance. With utter disregard for his life, Lieutenant Colonel Williams moved across two hundred yards of cane field infested with enemy mines, under heavy enemy fire, in order to effect personal contact with his right battalion. Upon reaching the support units of the assault companies, he issued emergency instructions for the tactical maneuver, and then still under heavy fire, moved forward one hundred and fifty yards to contact the Company Commanders of the assault units. With an unsurpassed display of calm courage, gallantry and intrepidity, Lieutenant Colonel Williams moved about from platoon to platoon encouraging his battle wear men to resume the assault. His utter disregard for his life inspired his men to new heights, and though volumes of enemy fire deluged the area, the men inspired by Lieutenant Colonel Williams' actions renewed the assault, pushing through the town and well beyond it. Through his intrepid actions, Lieutenant Colonel Williams brought both the battalions back on line, and enabled the entire command to sweep forward, crushing a desperate enemy in the advance. The gallant and courageous actions of Lieutenant Colonel Williams were an inspiration to all the men of the command and reflect great credit upon himself and the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

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:

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Edward V. Sargent, W2122128, United States Army. For heroism displayed while in charge of an ammunition detail in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island, on 4 July 1945. Upon observing that an 81mm mortar shell, HE, heavy was in imminent danger of exploding, because the ignition cartridge and increments had exploded when the shell was being loaded upon a truck, Warrant Officer Sargent, voluntarily, and at great risk to his life, with the assistance of another man, removed the defected shell to a place

of safety during an embankment. It is evident that in removing the shell, by this act, Warrant Officer Junior Grade Sargent was instrumental in eliminating a hazard, jeopardizing the lives of the men of his crew. The initiative and total disregard for his own safety displayed by Warrant Officer Junior Grade Sargent reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION III

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 First Sergeant David A. Tarrant, 39001273, Infantry, United States Army, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945.

SECTION IV

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

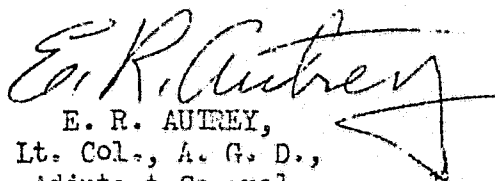
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded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

First Sergeant Joseph G. Fay, 6573019, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island, on 6 April 1945. While his company was advancing under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, First Sergeant Fay, with utter disregard for his life left his position of comparative safety and evacuated two wounded men who lay in the direct path of machine gun fire. He administered first aid to the wounded men and carried them to safety. His courageous action saved the life of one man who was seriously wounded. First Sergeant Fay's bravery and courage in the face of danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER - 21

21 August 1945.

AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain Ronald W. Beaty, 01166226, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 12 April 1945 to 20 April 1945.

Captain John L. Briggs, 01174789, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 5 April 1945 to 21 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Alexander R. Crabb, 0527081, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 23 October 1944 to 25 October 1944.

Technician Fourth Grade Bartholomew T. Daly, 36381787, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 14 April 1945 to 16 April 1945.

Corporal Miles R. Duket, Jr., 36382829, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 23 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Mark F. Fowser, 01176019, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 8 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Leighton D. Hubbard, 01179452, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

Sergeant Clarence E. Johnson Jr., 19082047, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 5 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Irvin M. Kelly, 01182878, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 8 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant John L. LaRue, 6990481, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 22 April 1945 to 25 April 1945.

Second Lieutenant Demetre J. Mallires, 01690808, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 4 April 1945.

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First Lieutenant Gerald E. Mecham, 0357891, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 6 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Victor C. Taylor, 01180069, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Leonard A. Kinville, 01177873, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

First Lieutenant John L. Linville, 01166117, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 5 May 1945 to 7 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Lewis R. Morton, 01176742, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 2 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Tony G. Rukavina, 01175294, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 27 April 1945 to 1 May 1945.

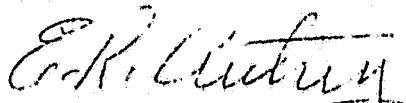
Staff Sergeant Mitchell Tottis, 36536128, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 13 April 1945 to 14 April 1945.

Technician Third Grade Blaine O. Woods, 17003715, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Leyte, Philippine Islands from 24 October 1944 to 27 October 1944.

Staff Sergeant Wayne E. Gifford, 37439643, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 16 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARDS OF BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin No. 25, War Department, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin No. 49, War Department, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal, Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters are awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military person:

First Lieutenant Lewis R. Morton, O1176742, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 8 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

Captain John L. Briggs, O1174789, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 22 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Bartholomew T. Daly, 36381787, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

Corporal Miles R. Duket, Jr., 36382829, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 25 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Mark F. Fowser, O1176019, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 8 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Wayne E. Gifford, 37439643, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 19 April 1945 to 21 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Leighton D. Hubbard, O1179452, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 8 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Sergeant Clarence E. Johnson, Jr., 19082047, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 8 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Irvin M. Kelly, O1182578, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 12 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Leonard A. Kinville, O1177873, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 14 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

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Technical Sergeant John L. LaRue, 6990481, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 26 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

First Lieutenant John L. Linville, 01166117, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 8 May 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Demetre J. Mallire, 01690808, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 5 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Gerald E. Mecham, 0157891, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 8 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Tony G. Rukavina, 01175294, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 2 May 1945 to 7 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Victor C. Taylor, 01180069, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

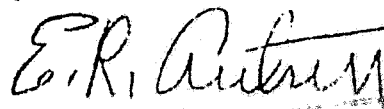
Staff Sergeant Mitchell Tottis, 36536123, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 15 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Wayne K. Welch, 0545539, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 5 April 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARDS OF SECOND BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin No. 25, War Department, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin No. 49, War Department, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, second Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters are awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain John L. Briggs, 01174789, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 5 May 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Bartholomew T. Daly, 36381787, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 19 April 1945 to 20 April 1945.

Corporal Miles R. Duket, Jr., 36382829, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 26 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Mark F. Fowser, 01176019, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 12 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Wayne E. Gifford, 37439643, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 22 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Leighton D. Hubbard, 01179452, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

Sergeant Clarence E. Johnson, Jr., 19082047, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Irvin M. Kelly, 01182878, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 13 April 1945 to 14 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant John L. LaRue, 6990431, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 28 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Leonard A. Kinville, 01177873, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 16 April 1945 to 18 April 1945.

Second Lieutenant Demetre J. Mallires, 01690808, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 11 April 1945.

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First Lieutenant Gerald E. Meham, 0357891, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Lewis R. Morton, 01176742, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 13 April 1945 to 16 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Tony G. Rukavina, 01175294, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 7 May 1945 to 12 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Victor C. Taylor, 01180069, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

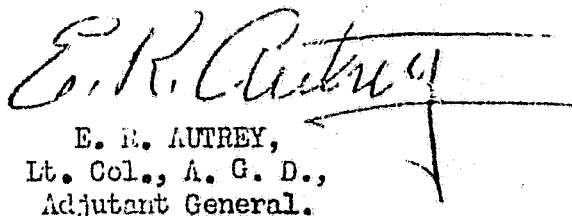
Staff Sergeant Mitchell Tottis, 36536128, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 22 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Wayne K. Welch, 0545539, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARDS OF THIRD BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin No. 25, War Department, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin No. 49, War Department, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, third Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters are awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Bartholomew T. Daly, 36381787, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 21 April 1945 to 24 April 1945.

Corporal Miles R. Duket, Jr., 36382829, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 29 April 1945 to 1 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Mark F. Fowser, 01176019, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 16 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Wayne E. Gifford, 37439643, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 28 April 1945 to 4 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Leighton D. Hubbard, 01179452, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 14 April 1945 to 17 April 1945.

Sergeant Clarence E. Johnson, Jr., 19082047, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Irvin H. Kelly, 01182878, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 15 April 1945 to 16 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Leonard A. Kinville, 01177873, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 18 April 1945 to 22 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant John L. LaRue, 6990481, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 30 April 1945 to 2 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Demetre J. Mallires, 01690808, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 12 April 1945 to 14 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Gerald E. Mechem, 0357891, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights over Okinawa Island from 14 April 1945 to 16 April 1945.

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First Lieutenant Lewis R. Morton, O1175712, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 16 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Tony G. Rukavina, O1175294, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 12 May 1945 to 17 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Victor C. Taylor, O1180069, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 14 April 1945 to 18 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Mitchell Tettis, 36536128, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 23 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Wayne K. Welch, O545539, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

II. AWARD OF FOURTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL

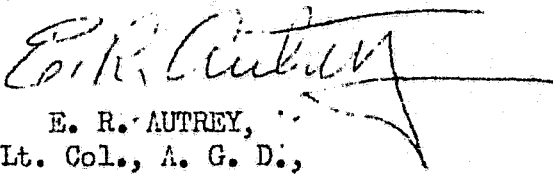
By direction of the President; under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin No. 25, War Department, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin No. 49, War Department, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Wayne K. Welch, O545539, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 11 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 Jack H. Cimino, 39563424, 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 21 April 1945. Next of Kin: Ethel Waunetta Cimino (Mother), 4049 Verdugo Road, Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant Harlan D. Crider, 13164794, 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 20 April 1945. Next of Kin: Walter H. Crider (Father), Hunt, Texas.

Private First Class Joe Lopez, 38254893, 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. Next of Kin: Genevieve Weatherspoon (Cousin), 2015 Wyoming, San Antonio, Texas.

Private First Class Gordon C. Ray, 38290879, 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: Winnie Ray (Mother), Route #1, Spartan Arkansas.

Private First Class Manuel R. Vasquez, 3807436, 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. Next of Kin: Micaela L. Vasquez (Wife), General Delivery, Bishop, Texas.

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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First Lieutenant William J. Johnston, 0448969, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 8 May 1945 to 15 June 1945.

First Lieutenant William B. Kline, 01581872, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 2; November 1944 to 1 March 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 12 July 1945.

Technician Third Grade Thomas T. Masui, 3605514, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Donald L. Watters, 36535783, 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 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Ar. 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded 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:

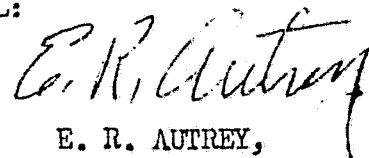
Private First Class Reuben F. Cummins, 38319193, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 141, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 April 1945.

Master Sergeant Charles L. Krieger, 6292232, Infantry, 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. Previous award per General Orders No. 72, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 December 1944.

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

SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Sergeant Thomas R. Carr, 33729361, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his company was suddenly pinned down by fierce enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire from the front, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Carr worked his way through heavy enemy fire to the right flank and fought his way to the top of Sawtooth Ridge, with three other riflemen, reducing all enemy resistance in their vicinity. Sergeant Carr then led the three riflemen toward the enemy strongpoint which had the company pinned down and was preventing the evacuation of numerous casualties. After approaching within twenty-five yards of the position, Sergeant Carr had the three riflemen cover him by fire and immediately advanced on the enemy position. Upon reaching the position Sergeant Carr's weapon jammed, but remaining cool, he threw two hand grenades at the enemy while a fellow rifleman came to his assistance. Sergeant Carr's courage, aggressiveness, and disregard for his personal safety enabled the company to proceed on its mission. Next of Kin: Mollie Carr, Mother, 112 Bridge Street, Elkton, Maryland.

Sergeant Alonzo R. Self, 38292502, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Catmon Hill, Leyte Island on 27 October 1944. Sergeant Self, during the attack on and subsequent withdrawal of his unit from the heavily fortified enemy stronghold of Catmon Hill, on learning that two of the men of his squad were missing, went in search of his comrades. Knowing that his chances of survival were small, Sergeant Self, alone and unaided returned to the scene of battle, where the field was an inferno of enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and with complete disregard for his own life, showed undying courage and devotion to the men of his unit by trying to locate the missing men. Sergeant Self did not return from his chosen mission. The gallant and intrepid action and supreme sacrifice made by Sergeant Self for his men will ever live in the minds of his comrades as an inspiration and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Follie E. Self, Mother, Route 3, Clarksville, Arkansas.

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 Officer:

Second Lieutenant Lawrence W. Hardgrave, 02012492, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Hardgrave, a rifle platoon leader, was holding with his platoon an important position on Nishibaru Ridge when without warning a squad of enemy troops infiltrated to a ledge twenty yards to the front and immediately

began throwing grenades into his platoon. In order to reduce this threat, Second Lieutenant Hardgrave knew that they would have to go forward and meet the enemy and seeing the platoon pinned down, he crawled forward alone to the edge of the ledge and as a flare went off spotted three enemy soldiers whom he immediately killed. Because of the odds in number against him, Second Lieutenant Hardgrave crept to his position and told all men not pinned down by the enemy to go forward with him and returning with six men, killed all the enemy who had infiltrated. This daring and gallant courage, coolness, aggressiveness and determination served as an inspiration to his platoon and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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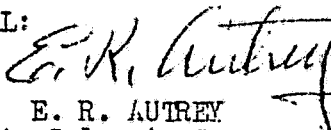
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded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

Private First Class Wifford N. Curran, 38586229, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Curran, participating with his unit in the savage battle for Kakazu Ridge, was subjected to a murderous barrage of ten hours duration, from enemy high angle fire. Though painfully wounded, Private First Class Curran gamely defended his position against the fanatic counter thrusts of the enemy, and he aided greatly in repulsing these attacks. The unflinching courage, unswerving devotion to duty, and great bravery displayed by Private First Class Curran in the face of overwhelming odds reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Bernice Curran, Mother, Blue Earth, Minnesota.

Sergeant Lester B. Hammers, 36277849, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomui, Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Sergeant Hammers was assigned the mission of clearing an enemy minefield, which was situated in an area infested by enemy snipers, from a critically needed supply route leading to Infantry Assault Forces who had become isolated. Fully cognizant of the extreme hazards of the mission, Sergeant Hammers led his squad into the field and started clearing it of high explosive anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, and the mission was completed in a most expeditious manner. After securing the field, Sergeant Hammers conducted his squad to safety and returned alone to make a final inspection prior to opening the route to critically needed supply trains. The undeviating devotion to duty which caused Sergeant Hammers to return to the minefield resulted in his death. Sergeant Hammers' devotion to duty regardless of personal risk reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Ruby Hammers, Wife, 408 SE 28th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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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. 7, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Air 600-49 (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 Harvey H. Ball, 11057632, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in Aragachi, Okinawa Island 20 June 1945. When his company attacked the town of Aragachi and had been engaged in the battle most of the day Sergeant Ball maintained communications as efficiently as possible at all times. The capture of the town had taken most of the day and when it was over and the town was securely in our hands, there arose the problem of establishing communications within the town for the night. Sergeant Ball found it necessary to work entirely in the dark in setting up sound power telephones between the various platoons of his company. He had succeeded in installing three of the telephones and was in the process of setting up the fourth when an enemy sniper shot at him. Notwithstanding this, Sergeant Ball continued with his work and completed the job. On his return to his old position he was fired upon again by the same sniper. This time he found where the enemy was shooting from and he hastily dispatched the Jap with his carbine. Sergeant Ball's proficiency at his assigned task, his steadfastness and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Curtis J. Banchero, 39147216, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Banchero volunteered to go across an open field covered by heavy enemy machine gun crossfire to recover a wounded man from an adjacent battalion. Private First Class Banchero with the aid of several other men moved the man to a more advantageous position and remained there until morning. During the night an enemy combat patrol passed within yards of their position. At dawn the man was returned to safety.

Technician Fifth Grade William E. Bradshaw, 39910753, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, upon hearing the call for aid from the stranded company Technician Fifth Grade Bradshaw, heedless of his own safety, went forward under this hail of fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aiding in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Bradshaw were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

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Private First Class Jessie H. Criswell, 38712057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Criswell volunteered to go across an open field covered by heavy enemy machine gun crossfire to recover a wounded man from an adjacent battalion. Private First Class Criswell with the aid of several other men moved the man to a more advantageous position and remained there until morning. During the night an enemy combat patrol passed within yards of their position. At dawn the man was returned to safety.

Corporal Byron L. Davis, 38319601, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomui, Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Corporal Davis volunteered with two others to escort into enemy held territory a bulldozer whose mission was to cut a road up the side of an escarpment. The working and security parties were under continuous enemy sniper fire from concealed positions high above them on the side of the hill. Spotting several enemy soldiers in a position dominating the road site, Corporal Davis, without regard for his personal risk, successfully assaulted the position, killing six Japanese soldiers and scaling an estimated twenty more in a fortified cave. The accomplishment of Corporal Davis was a direct contribution to the completion of a vitally needed supply road and the ultimate capture of the last line of Japanese resistance. The undeviating devotion to duty and the courage displayed by Corporal Davis in accomplishing an extremely hazardous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jack D. W. Fredrick, 37227964, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, upon hearing the call for aid from the stranded company, Private First Class Fredrick, heedless of his own safety, went forward under this hail of fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aiding in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Private First Class Fredrick were in keeping with highest tradition of 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:

Private First Class William L. Hooper, 39470349, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on King Hill, in the vicinity of Uchibaru, Okinawa Island from 14 May 1945 to 19 May 1945. As lead scout for his company, Private First Class Hooper was the first man to reach the top of King Hill, a strategic point in the enemy's Uchibaru-Yonabaru defense line. Immediately after he had gained the summit of the hill, the enemy began to lay down a tremendous volume of machine gun and mortar fire which caused Private First Class Hooper to be cut off completely from the balance of his unit. Notwithstanding the personal hazards involved, he maintained his position alone and unaided. During the early twilight hours of 14 May, he crept down the hill to his company's positions, secured a field telephone and carried it and a line back to his original post at the top of the ridge. During the night, and for a period of four days and nights following, he directed and adjusted mortar and artillery fire upon the enemy positions. Due to his observations and directions, our mortars and artillery succeeded in destroying many enemy emplacements and fortifications. Private First Class Hooper's steadfastness and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward J. Mankunas, 36384348, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy Uchibaru, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Private First Class Mankunas moving forward with two squads of his platoon suddenly came under withering enemy fire in an open field, and the entire group was pinned down without communications. The platoon leader asked for volunteers to make contact with the support squad to alleviate the pressure on the two squads. Private First Class Mankunas immediately volunteered, moving across more than one hundred yards of fire swept terrain to gain the aid of the support squad. He then led the support squad over an avenue of approach which was comparatively safe, from which effective fires were then delivered, and the entire platoon was able to move, and ultimately destroy the enemy machine gun and its crew, and to further advance against the enemy. The heroic achievements and profound devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Mankunas were directly responsible for the success of the mission. His every action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Lloyd T. Morehead, 13119819, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, upon hearing the call for aid from the stranded company, Sergeant Morehead, heedless of his own safety, went forward under this hail of fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aiding in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Sergeant Morehead were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Lawrence H. Richless, 12221224, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 9 April 1945 on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island. Private First Class Richless, cut off from his machine gun section, voluntarily assumed the position of rifleman, and although under a continuous barrage of murderous enemy high angle fire for ten hours, steadfastly held to the position. During the savage action, Private First Class Richless received a serious leg wound, but in spite of his wound, he refused evacuation or medical treatment until the entire unit was withdrawn. Private First Class Richless' every action was indicative of profound courage and devotion to duty. His unrelenting efforts on behalf of his organization reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Garland F. Sanders, 37292743, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Sanders on finding the advance of his unit stopped because of an enemy machine gun nest, voluntarily and at great risk to his life, crawled forward with grenades to destroy the position. He was wounded before reaching the enemy, but through his valiant efforts, the enemy was definitely located and subsequently destroyed. Staff Sergeant Sanders' daring move, his display of great courage and profound devotion to duty was an inspiration to all the men of the unit, and his every action was exemplary of the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Karl W. Swann, 39470394, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kibura, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Private First Class Swann was the first man of his company to reach the top of Conical Peak, and as the balance of the company advanced up the hill, the enemy opened up with machine guns, pinning down the entire unit. He noticed that in the initial firing of the enemy, the second scout had been hit and lay in the open, exposed to enemy fire. He crept up to the wounded man still under intense enemy fire, rendered temporary first aid and succeeded in evacuating him to a position of comparative safety. Undoubtedly Private First Class Swann's actions saved the man's life. His courage and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Arthur J. Zaluski, 16149243, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, and upon hearing the call for aid from the stranded company, Private First Class Zaluski, heedless of his own safety, went forward under a hail of fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aiding in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Zaluski were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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SECTION I

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 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 Allen J. Fabre, 3657329, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kibura, Okinawa Island from 16 May 1945 to 19 May 1945. For four consecutive days and nights, Private First Class Fabre remained in a cave which was well within the enemy lines, and from there maintained a steady fire upon the enemy. Since movement by day was impossible, he found it necessary to creep down at night to his company's positions in order to secure food and ammunition. With his fragmentation and rifle grenades Private First Class Fabre was able to stem off many attempted enemy night infiltrations and during the daytime poured deadly fire upon the enemy positions. His steadfastness, courage, and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 354, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 June 1945.

Private First Class James F. Gibson, 3657353, 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. On 10 April Private First Class James F. Gibson during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition and after the attack Private First Class Gibson occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks, not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Gibson were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army. Previous award per General Orders 81, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 31 December 1944.

First Lieutenant John L. Linville, O1166117, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. First Lieutenant Linville, attached as an artillery forward observer, participated in an attack upon enemy positions near Tobaru during which the unit suffered many casualties and numerous counterattacks. During one of the counterattacks, the Observation Point from which he was directing artillery fire came under direct fire from enemy automatic weapons accompanied by a heavy mortar barrage, First Lieutenant Linville, with complete disregard for his own safety, remained alone at his post directing artillery fire against the onrushing enemy and inflicting heavy casualties upon them, thus enabling our troops to withdraw with the minimum of casualties. First Lieutenant Linville's devotion to duty, coolness under fire and unflinching courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 356, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

SECTION IIAWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section I: Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act 60-45 (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 Donald F. Koebbe, 36471896, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Koebbe during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Koebbe occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Koebbe were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

Private First Class Seymour Kramer, 12190067, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Kramer during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Kramer occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Kramer were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

Private First Class Tommie R. Malone, 34913395, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Malone during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Malone occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Malone were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions 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 Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Kenneth M. Anderson, 37575663, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Anderson during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Anderson occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Anderson were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

Private First Class Milton O. Gilbert, 38632439, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Gilbert during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Gilbert occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Gilbert were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

Private First Class Edward J. Goliat, 35242886, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Goliat during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Goliat occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Goliat were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

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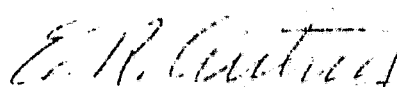
Private First Class Clifford A. Green, 36533704, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. On 10 April Private First Class Green during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Green occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Green were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

Private First Class Paul C. Halderman, 232 442, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Halderman during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Halderman occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Halderman were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

Private First Class Charles F. Jones, 36423944, 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. On 10 April Private First Class Jones during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class Jones occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Jones were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of A.G. 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	Truman H. Alford	44020177	Inf	19 June 1945
Pfc	Vernon L. Allen	35845054	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Felix C. Alston	38550732	Inf	15 May 1945
Pfc	Loan L. Anderson	36279502	Inf	24 May 1945
Pfc	Anthony J. Balski	31412356	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Kannon D. Beard	38300312	Inf	23 May 1945
Pfc	Edward A. Bousman	39470645	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	Harvey R. Callahan	35242741	Inf	26 May 1945
Pfc	Ralph M. Cecil	39422567	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Jimmie Chischilly	39861890	Inf	11 May 1945
Capt	Phillip S. Church Jr.	0472727	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	James D. Clingan	39480136	Inf	26 June 1945
Pfc	Howard A. Cole	39346551	Inf	18 June 1945
S Sgt	Pierre Constance	38260473	Inf	14 April 1945
Pfc	Paul D. Couch	39865067	Inf	23 May 1945
Pfc	Jerry B. Cox	35817680	Inf	20 May 1945
Pfc	John J. Coyne	35929573	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	James B. Currie	39479830	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Paul H. Daniels	39935045	Inf	22 May 1945
Pfc	Leoncio DeHeyer	38701566	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Chester C. Drummond	38227347	Inf	24 May 1945
Pfc	Jack Duke, Sr.	36899100	Inf	25 May 1945
T Sgt	James E. Lyster	36611002	Inf	28 May 1945
Pfc	Joseph B. Eaton	37711128	Inf	16 June 1945
Pfc	John H. Elias	39938606	Inf	23 May 1945
Pfc	Elmer I. Ellertson	37591219	Inf	22 June 1945
Tec 5	Douglas H. Fansler	36510340	Inf	24 June 1945
1st Lt	Charles A. Ferguson	01297702	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	George Frederick Jr.	33877371	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	Leo J. Frederick	37744193	Inf	22 May 1945
Pfc	Constituto L. Habon	39421124	Inf	13 June 1945
Sgt	Lawrence B. Hadland	37564417	Inf	26 June 1945
Sgt	Kent L. Hodges	15100104	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	Charles L. Hoff	33713092	Inf	16 May 1945
Pfc	Edward M. Hoines	35850525	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Chester M. Howe	39346047	Inf	16 May 1945
Pfc	Blair M. Howell	39480134	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Prentiss J. Hughes	34988769	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Emil B. Jansson	37437974	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Andy D. Keller	39470580	Inf	29 May 1945
Pfc	William L. Kidd	35815330	Inf	20 June 1945

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Pfc	Jessie C. Kirby	35243266	Inf	21 May 1945
S Sgt	Al Knight	38260487	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Gerald S. Kriner	33926270	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Sam Kusic, Jr.	35850248	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Richard N. Landis	35105063	Inf	22 May 1945
Pfc	Walter B. Lawson	34919924	Inf	12 May 1945
Pfc	Manuel C. Leal	39730681	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Ventura C. Lopez	39582281	Inf	26 June 1945
Pvt	Dudley A. Mallory	37747476	Inf	22 June 1945
1st Lt	Wade W. McCall	0462648	Inf	9 April 1945
S Sgt	Noland S. McClurg	36273310	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Stanley Mikolajczyk	36610941	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Olin I. Montgomery	38572320	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	William E. Morris	34937902	Inf	22 May 1945
Pfc	Theodore C. Mourges	42071108	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Lester J. Mundt	36911588	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	David L. Nagel	39425313	Inf	22 May 1945
Pfc	Charles I. Nalley	35817736	Inf	25 May 1945
Pfc	William D. Neaderhiser	37752940	Inf	14 May 1945
Pfc	Samuel J. Nichols	36844285	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Albert A. Olivieri	39425314	Inf	18 June 1945
1st Sgt	Robert M. Olson	37518985	Inf	10 June 1945
Pfc	Ellis Owl	34596012	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Roccot Palagano	32999663	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Orville L. Phillips	39478980	Inf	24 May 1945
Pfc	Adrian A. Remington	37712160	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Serafin Sanchez	38701887	Inf	15 May 1945
2d Lt	Ray J. Sands	02012430	Inf	4 April 1945
Sgt	Louis F. Schilling	36700339	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Earl L. Siebert	37642962	Inf	11 May 1945
S Sgt	Chauncey L. Smith	37750902	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	Duane A. Snook	3775132	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Norman A. Souba	37265579	Inf	20 June 1945
1st Lt	David P. Stemper	01307323	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Robert W. Stern	37751203	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Harrell F. Tucker	38319043	Inf	31 May 1945
Pfc	Victor Uria	39932056	Inf	17 June 1945
Cpl	George C. Walker	32801638	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	John W. Weiss	37227945	Inf	27 June 1945
Pfc	Frank Westra	37699178	Inf	13 May 1945
S Sgt	William C. Wilhite	38318922	Inf	15 June 1945
Tec 5	Courtney Williams	36820676	Inf	18 June 1945
Sgt	Marvin S. Willis	38291361	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Harold W. Wilson	36430815	Inf	23 June 1945

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SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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

Corporal Thomas A. Murphy, 36700090, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed in extinguishing a fire within a gun position of a Field Artillery Battery in the vicinity of Kanika, Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. When a white phosphorus shell exploded near his gun pit and started a dangerous fire which exploded two additional rounds before it could be brought under control, Corporal Murphy, without regard for his own life, seized a shovel and instantly began covering the blaze with dirt. Corporal Murphy, with the aid of one other man, remained in the dangerous position, until the fire was extinguished and all ammunition was covered to prevent further explosions. Since there were large quantities of ammunition in the immediate area at the time of the fire, Corporal Murphy's courageous and speedy action saved the Battery personnel and equipment from injury and destruction. The heroism and courage displayed by Corporal Murphy on this occasion reflect credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944) and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-115 (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 Albert McClain, 36293625, 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. On 10 April Private First Class McClain during an attack against a strong enemy position made repeated trips through intense enemy fire to keep the machine guns of his platoon supplied with ammunition, and after the attack, Private First Class McClain occupied an exposed position which he held from April 10 to April 15 in spite of almost constant enemy artillery and mortar fire, and during the same period he assisted in repelling three strong enemy counter attacks not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class McClain were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions 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:

Private First Class Frank A. Adam, 37611474, 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 Adam, a telephone switchboard operator, repaired and maintained the telephone communications line between the battalion command post and battalion observation post while under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire, without regard for his own safety. As a result, the battalion commander was able to call for supporting fire and was soon able to move the battalion forward.

Private First Class Royal C. Degnan, 37315675, 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 Degnan, a battalion messenger voluntarily carried rations and water from the battalion dump to the front line companies. In doing so he had to run through a two hundred yard lane of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. His heroic actions at all times reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Russell D. Gary, 36405056, 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 Gary, a battalion code clerk, voluntarily carried rations and water from the battalion dump to the front line companies. In doing so, he had to run through a two hundred yard lane of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Private First Class Gary's courage and heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William H. Gimson Jr., 38570271, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Gimson, voluntarily, went across an open field covered by heavy enemy machine gun crossfire and recovered a wounded man from an adjacent battalion. Private First Class Gimson, with the aid of others, moved the man to a more advantageous position and remained there under enemy fire until morning. During the night an enemy combat patrol passed within yards of their position. At dawn the wounded man was returned to safety.

Private First Class William Eagenon, 16161388, 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 Eagenon, a battalion messenger, voluntarily carried rations and water from the battalion dump to the front line companies. In doing so, he had to run through a two hundred yard lane of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Bob L. Haines, 35095189, 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 Haines of a battalion headquarters company was assigned the job of performing the maintenance work on the Snoper and Sniper Scopes, of transporting them to the front over fifteen hundred yards of hazardous terrain, under enemy observation and enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, and of directing their operation on the front lines. He remained on the front each night through heavy enemy fire and counterattacks and aided in operating the scopes, and on the following mornings carried them back to the rear for the necessary maintenance. His actions reflect exemplary courage and initiative and are a credit to himself and the military service.

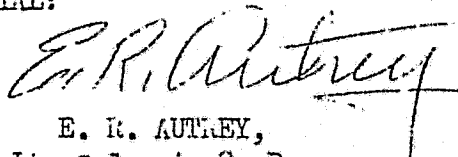
Technician Fifth Grade Delbert L. Hamon, 37237102, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Hamon, truck driver for a battalion headquarters company, drove his vehicle continuously, hauling supplies to the battalion on its forward movement from the beach. On one occasion when the battalion dump was only fifteen hundred yards from the front lines and the entire area and the road leading into it were under constant enemy artillery fire, Technician Fifth Grade Hamon made numerous trips daily bringing supplies up and evacuating wounded and dead to the rear. On the night of 26 April he drove his truck all night hauling ammunition to the front, and because of the shortage of ambulances, he used his truck to evacuate casualties to an area three miles in the rear, thus saving valuable time in getting the men back to where they could receive adequate treatment. His courageous actions in the course of performing hazardous duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade James F. Humburg, 36404199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Humburg, with complete disregard for his own safety and at great risk to his own life, continuously operated the telephone switchboard while exposed to enemy fire during a severe enemy artillery and mortar barrage laid down on the position. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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3 August 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 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 William M. Jackson, 38329703, 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. Sergeant Jackson, squad leader in the anti-tank platoon, led his squad on numerous missions, head carrying supplies fifteen hundred yards to the front line two per. The only available route was over open terrain, under enemy observation and continuous shelling by enemy artillery and mortars. On return trips over the same hazardous route, he acted as litter bearer, carrying casualties back to the battalion aid station. On the nights of April 13 and 14, because of an extended battalion front and the shortage of men, Sergeant Jackson placed his men in an unoccupied position on the line and held it through an intense enemy mortar barrage and two enemy counter-attacks. His heroic actions, courageous leadership, and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter L. Jewell, 39525728, 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 Jewell, a member of an Anti-tank platoon, upon receiving orders to fire on enemy held positions, was compelled to move to an enemy observed position. After being fired on by enemy mortar, artillery, and machine guns, as well as encountering sniper fire, from which he was wounded, it became imperative that the gun be moved to a covered position to keep it from being knocked out and to prevent more casualties. This could only be done by the actions of Private First Class Jewell and other members of his squad creeping and crawling and pulling the gun with them. During the period in which the squad had been firing, it was given credit for knocking out two enemy pillboxes. Private First Class Jewell, throughout the entire campaign assisted in the evacuation of casualties, and the carrying of rations and ammunition. On 13 May 1945, Private First Class Jewell succeeded in warning his squad of enemy infiltration. In the resulting action, the enemy were killed.

Private First Class Edward E. Klima, 36407578, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Klima voluntarily went across an open field covered by heavy enemy machine gun crossfire and recovered a wounded man from an adjacent battalion. Private First Class Klima with the aid of others moved the man to a more advantageous position and remained there under enemy fire until morning. During the night an enemy combat patrol passed within yards of their position. At dawn the wounded man was returned to safety.

Staff Sergeant Arthur E. Miller, 36899114, 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. Staff Sergeant (then Private Miller) of a battalion headquarters company was assigned the job of performing the maintenance work on Snoopers and Sniper Scopes, of transporting them to .

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the front over fifteen hundred yards of hazardous terrain under enemy observation and enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, and of directing their operation on the front lines. He remained on the front each night through heavy enemy fire and counterattacks and aided in operating the scopes, and on the following mornings carried them back to the rear for the necessary maintenance. Staff Sergeant Miller's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Marshall S. Pratt, 37312075, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Sergeant Pratt, battalion message center chief, voluntarily carried rations and water from the battalion dump to the front line companies. In doing so he had to run through a two hundred yard line of enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Sergeant Pratt's courage and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

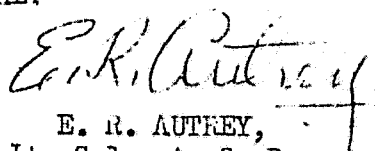
Private First Class Ernest E. Welch, 37457051, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies of an attacking Infantry battalion suffered several casualties as it was making an assault on an enemy held 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 Welch, attached to the company as a litter bearer, volunteered with three other men, to bring them out. They crossed the area under extremely heavy enemy machine gun fire, gave the casualties immediate first aid, and evacuated them to the battalion aid station. These heroic actions, reflecting exemplary courage and coolness under fire, are a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class William O. Fowler, 37233283, Infantry, United Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. While acting in direct support of advancing Infantry, Private First Class Fowler and his squad successfully engaged an enemy artillery piece with their 37mm anti-tank gun. During the duel that ensued the enemy gun twice found their range causing Private First Class Fowler to shift his position and necessitating movement of the gun by hand across one hundred and twenty yards of open terrain under observed fire. Private First Class Fowler's coolness under fire, his determination and courage were instrumental in the destruction of the enemy gun and greatly aided the successful advance of the attacking force.

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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pvt	Doyle W Andrews	33877411	Inf	30 Apr 45
Pfc	Paul Araujo	3773772	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Virgil I Fahr	3777718	Inf	9 Jun 45
Pfc	Elmercash J Bailey	3777715	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Augustine Burgos	39977231	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	James W. Barber	181172	Inf	29 May 45
Pfc	Jack M. Barnes	3677719	Inf	2 Jun 45
T Sgt	Lloyd G Barnes	35777262	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Eugene A Barnett	39277118	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pfc	James J Barrios	39777712	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	John E Bartness Sr.	36777799	Inf	30 May 45
Pfc	Clinton M. Beadle	36777165	Inf	15 Jun 45
S Sgt	Thomas W. Beckett	36290932	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	William J. Benton Jr.	39577762	Inf	28 May 45
Pfc	Paul F. Betz	35905364	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Saverio Bimbo	32694313	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pvt	Shirl A. Eissoger	39594989	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Albert E. Blumhardt	39594814	Inf	2 Jun 45
Pfc	Mike Bocko	37312532	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Carl A. Bond	36429528	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Murray J. Bordelon	38617477	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	James W. Bosley	36292234	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard P. Breed Jr..	11121930	Inf	2 Apr 45
Pfc	Paul H. Brink	39222022	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pvt	Frank Broines	39722125	Inf	1 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles E. Brubaker Jr.	39566448	Inf	15 Jun 45
Maj	George E Bucklin	007776	Inf	9 May 45
Pfc	Harlan A. Buffington	34821576	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Jack C. Bushardner	35214973	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Louise D. Bussert	3977771	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Glenn A. Bussinger	3577775	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert C. Buttrani	37777120	Inf	19 Jun 45
Pfc	George N. Buxton	35885486	Inf	20 Jun 45
Pfc	Henry Carlson	36470905	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Paul H. Clapsadle	35215775	Inf	3 Apr 45
Pfc	Ralph H Clark	35777557	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert H. Clements	35777557	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Miles G Clifford	35906466	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Theodore E. Clinton	39596283	Inf	16 Jun 45
S Sgt	George L. Coble	34735297	Inf	30 May 45
Pfc	George J. Cohen	37646141	Inf	13 Jun 45
S Sgt	Stephen A. Costello	3653386	Inf	25 Apr 45
Pfc	Ernest G. Crowell	35777755	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Walton G. Cromer	18073101	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph P. Crylen	36694011	Inf	6 Apr 45

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Pfc	Donald H. Culton	36237208	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pfc	Albert Cuntz	35241110	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul D. Curry	38338163	Inf	8 Jun 45
S Sgt	Cortez V. Dancer	38549835	Inf	17 Jun 45
Pfc	Bert E. Danielson	36471051	Inf	5 Jun 45
Pfc	James C. Davidson Jr.	44012929	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	John DeMiller	35219313	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Marlo D. Denta	37152687	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Robert D. Dorn	37077025	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Albert W. East	35501021	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Alfred B. Fearb	38783417	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Oscar H. Esquivel	32760405	Inf	6 Jun 45
S Sgt	Harold E. Ewert	36402876	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Harold T. Feron	32000888	Inf	8 Apr 45
Pfc	Burton G. Fletcher	3705445	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert E. Finckes	32000888	Inf	20 Jun 45
T Sgt	Oscar H. Fortune	32000888	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pfc	Lloyd W. Furman Jr.	32700000	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Holland W. Garret	30000003	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul E. Gear	35000002	Inf	4 Apr 45
S Sgt	Wilson L. Gilmore	37000001	Inf	25 Jun 45
Pfc	Shared R. Gilpin	39590087	Inf	1 Jun 45
Pfc	Albert J. Glonde	30000083	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Aguinaldo Gomez	39110032	Inf	4 Jun 45
Pfc	Carlos Gonzales	39000079	Inf	12 Jun 45
Sgt	Carl H. Graefing	32904585	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Raymond F. Grant	36471046	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Ralph E. Gray	37160930	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Leonard M. Gross	35000000	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Anthony J. Gutter	37306606	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Lloyd A. Guttu	37312128	Inf	13 Jun 45
Pfc	Vernon J. Harms	31300289	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pvt	James C. Helton	39470002	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Stanley V. Henderson	37586471	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pfc	Clifford E. Henry	38719006	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	William L. Higgins	38291291	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pvt	John W. Highsmith	38630186	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pfc	John A. Howland	31083051	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pfc	Mike S. Jakubisin	35208072	Inf	5 Jun 45
Tec 5	Louis H. Johnston	36431566	Inf	13 Jun 45

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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Colonel, G. S. C.,
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A:HP-GS 201 Bond, Carl A.
36 129 523 (14 Feb 52)

23 July 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Carl A. Bond
1420 North Jolton
Bloomington, Illinois

1. So much of General Orders 513, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 4 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Carl A. Bond, service number 36 129 523, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart has been previously awarded to above named former soldier by General Orders 26, Headquarters 69th Infantry Division, dated 13 November 1944.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

H. H. Newman
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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NUMBER 544

4 AUGUST 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Executive Order No. 1, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority of Department of Defense (Proclamations), 20 September 1943, as amended by Congress, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Richard J. Anderson, 36444579, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Part of the rifle companies of an Infantry Battalion on Okinawa Island covered a small area as it was making an assault on an enemy held 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. Involving word that the men were seriously wounded and needed immediate evacuation, Private First Class Anderson, attached to the company as a litter bearer, volunteered with three other men to bring them out. They crossed the area under extremely heavy enemy machine gun fire, gave the casualties immediate first aid, and evacuated them to the Battalion aid station. These heroic actions, reflecting exemplary courage and coolness under fire are a credit to himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Milton E. Baird, 37229118, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When acting in direct support of advancing Infantry, Staff Sergeant Baird and his squad successfully engaged an enemy artillery piece with their 37mm anti-tank gun. During the duel that ensued, the enemy gun twice found their range causing Staff Sergeant Baird to shift his position and necessitating movement of his gun by hand across one hundred and twenty yards of open terrain under observed fire. Staff Sergeant Baird's coolness under fire, his determination, and his skill in observation and fire direction were instrumental in the destruction of the enemy gun and greatly aided the successful advance of the attacking force.

Sergeant James G. Berry, 36962236, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nakagusaka, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When his squad came under heavy enemy fire and was pinned down, Sergeant Berry, with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced alone in an effort to locate the enemy position. He travelled only a short distance and was seriously wounded by the devastating enemy fire. However, before being evacuated, he gave the location of the enemy position to his squad, and they were able to maneuver and knock out the strongpoint. The daring initiative, calm courage and profound devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Berry was the major factor in the destruction of the enemy position, and his every action reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

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Sergeant Michael E. Crimmins, 35700662, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When the enemy placed a strong and sustain machine gun and mortar barrage on our positions, and advancing rifle troops were in need of supporting fire. Before any further advances were possible, Sergeant Crimmins, with utter disregard for his own safety, led both of his machine gun crews through the hail of enemy fire, and from exposed positions brought fire down on the enemy, destroying and immobilizing two enemy mortars. Sergeant Crimmins moved from gun to gun under the heavy enemy fire, inspiring his men and urging them on. His heroic actions and bravery instilled confidence in the men, and caused them to persevere in a superior manner under the most devastating enemy fire. As a result of the actions of Sergeant Crimmins, his machine gun crews were able to leave his positions in the advancing rifle troops, and further the advance. The display of courage and heroic actions on one part of Sergeant Crimmins reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Third Grade Lester G. Harvey, 37292423, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. After a period of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, a large mortar weighing three hundred to one thousand pounds burst above and to the right of the cave in which the aid station was located. The occupants were buried with tons of rock and earth. Technician Third Grade Harvey managed to free himself from the debris and with utter disregard for the heavy enemy shelling and his own personal safety, dug frantically with hand and shovel to unearth the other members buried in the cave. After hours of continued toil, his efforts were partially rewarded by the safe extraction of two men whose condition might well have been fatal had it not been for his untiring and heroic efforts.

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Staff Sergeant Jacob Lamar, 36107177, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomui, Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Lamar volunteered with two others to escort into enemy held territory a bulldozer whose mission was to cut a road up the side of an escarpment. The working and security parties were under continuous sniper fire from concealed positions high above them on the side of the hill. Spotting several enemy soldiers in a position dominating the road site, Staff Sergeant Lamar, without regard for his personal safety, with two others successfully assaulted the position, killing six Japanese soldiers and seizing an estimated twenty more in a fortified cave. The accomplishment of Staff Sergeant Lamar was a direct contribution to the completion of a vitally needed supply road and the ultimate capture of the last line of Japanese resistance. The unflinching devotion to duty and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Lamar in accomplishing an extremely hazardous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 96

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 545

4 August 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 11, Executive Order No. 3, War Department 1914), and pursuant to authority contained in Act 600-45 (Legislation), 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 Gerald S. Laird, 10012090, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When the enemy's organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on a ridge and the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Laird without regard for personal safety, maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of the enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter denials were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Laird's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Corporal Carlos G. Mohle, 18073948, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. When the enemy infiltrated into a rifle company throwing grenades into our positions and a man was seriously wounded, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Corporal (then Private First Class) Mohle, an aid man, left his foxhole and went to the aid of the casualty. With the help of another member of the organization, he removed the wounded man from his foxhole and placed him on the top of the ground so as to efficiently administer first aid. During this time, hand grenades were being thrown directly at him, but regardless of this, he finished his job which undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man. This courageous act in the face of the enemy at night was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal William E. Olson, 36340287, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. While acting in direct support of advancing Infantry, Corporal (then Private First Class) Olson and his squad successfully engaged an enemy artillery piece with their 37mm anti-tank gun. During the duel that ensued the enemy gun twice found their range causing Corporal Olson to shift his position and necessitating movement of his gun by hand across one hundred and twenty yards of open terrain under observed fire. Corporal Olson's coolness under fire, his determination, and his skill in the operation of his gun were instrumental in the destruction of the enemy artillery piece and greatly aided the successful advance of the attacking force.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert C. Phillips, 36429393, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan-Jima, Okinawa Island on 4 and 5 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Phillips, a communications platoon lineman, voluntarily and at great risk to his life while under direct heavy enemy artillery fire laid and maintained

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wire communication lines vital to the functioning of his battalion. Several men were killed and numerous others wounded in the period that Technician Fifth Grade Phillips daringly and courageously maintained the lines, which were constantly blown out by enemy artillery fire. On the night of 4 April, Technician Fifth Grade Phillips made five separate repair trips, which in two instances involved a wire check of approximately three hundred yards and continued on his chosen mission in every instance, unmindful of the falling artillery and the danger of enemy infiltrators. Through his devotion to duty, courage and bravery, communications were maintained throughout the night. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

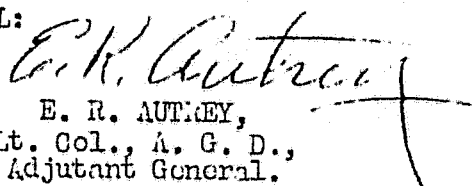
Private First Class James M. Roberts, 34815318, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Roberts, in company with three other men, occupied a forward position of the company's perimeter on the morning of 13 April when the enemy hit our positions with a heavy counterattack. A grenade went off in the position which he was holding, wounding two of his comrades. Private First Class Roberts and another man then proceeded to apply tourniquets, and administer first aid for five hours to the two seriously wounded men. Due to the proximity of the enemy, evacuation of the wounded was impossible, and Private First Class Roberts and the other man had to leave the wounded men several times in order to repulse the enemy infiltrators who continued to counterattack. After five hours, the attack was completely driven off, and evacuation of the two wounded was effected. The actions of Private First Class Roberts, both of rendering constant first aid and repelling the enemy, reflect great courage and profound devotion to duty which contribute to the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Pearce F. Scowcroft, 36543966, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Sergeant Scowcroft, participating with his unit in the attack on Kakazu Ridge, was wounded by mortar fragments, in the first phases of the attack. Offered evacuation, he refused, preferring to remain with his men, who were locked in a savage battle. On numerous occasions he exposed himself to enemy fire in order to place his men in strategic positions from which they might repel the counter-thrusts of the enemy. Through his personal example of fortitude, aggressiveness, and courage, while in great pain, Sergeant Scowcroft imbued in his men a fighting spirit which is unsurpassed.

Private First Class Kent T. White, 39912637, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Following a direct hit by a mortar shell upon his heavy machine gun, Private First Class White made it impossible to repair in the event of capture by the enemy and then evacuated a wounded companion to safety while under heavy enemy fire. During these actions, he was dazed and shocked from the near impact of the shell, but continued to function as a brave and efficient soldier.

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NUMBER 546

ORIGINAL ORDER

5 AUGUST 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR (OG-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:

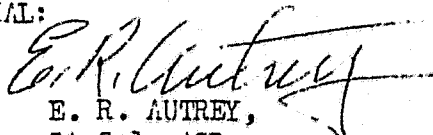
Pfc	Marion L. Jerde	37593277	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	William A. Koser	37593278	Inf	4 April 1945
S Sgt	Marvin G. Korn	37593278	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Paschal A. King	37593279	Inf	30 April 1945
Pfc	Richard M. Klassen	37593280	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Leonard W. Kohn	37593281	Inf	6 June 1945
Pfc	Jack H. Koon	37593282	Inf	23 April 1945
Pfc	Henry P. Kraemer, Jr.	37593283	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Donald F. Kroger	37451527	Inf	13 April 1945
Sgt	Valley J. Lachenev	38263712	Inf	4 June 1945
Sgt	George L. Lewis	6572982	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Arnold O. Lottman	37484021	Inf	4 April 1945
T Sgt	Harry E. Magee	36539857	Inf	15 June 1945
S Sgt	Arthur M. Macias	18017764	Inf	6 April 1945
Pfc	Baldemar L. Martinez	38460768	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Roy G. McDaniel	38604147	Inf	19 June 1945
Pfc	Clare D. McEhurney	39426090	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Dan Meyers	16172326	Inf	25 June 1945
Sgt	John W. Miller	36430852	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	William S. Morgan	35704907	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Jose A. Mullinix	37461706	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Robert B. Nicholson	37316729	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Michael J. O'Larey	39470408	Inf	25 June 1945
Sgt	Eugene A. Olson	37318036	Inf	6 April 1945
Pfc	Austin M. Petit	38499432	Inf	6 April 1945
Pfc	Nicholas Pizzolato	38312555	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Moye Prock	38532874	Inf	6 April 1945
Pfc	Gerald Reutebuch	35909645	Inf	27 May 1945
Pfc	Dixon R. Rich	39346491	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	Estel J. Rich	38572511	Inf	14 May 1945
Pvt	Raymond W. Richey	37877055	Inf	11 April 1945
Pfc	Frank H. E. Roesler	13099725	Inf	10 April 1945
Sgt	Jack M. Rosenberg	36735053	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Manuel L. Ruf	37712157	Inf	7 June 1945
Sgt	John L. Russell	36539930	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Richard K. Russell	11099760	Inf	27 April 1945
Sgt	Silas C. Salazar	37353574	Inf	29 May 1945
Pfc	Eloy Segura	38165671	Inf	6 June 1945
Pfc	Arthur H. Seitz	35885480	Inf	6 June 1945
Pfc	Robert M. Shoemaker	16174958	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Laddie J. Slosser	37266438	Inf	12 April 1945
Pvt	Bill C. Smith	39422189	Inf	30 April 1945
Pfc	Harold J. Smith	36761956	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Wilfried H. Smolenski	35140315	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Philip D. Sorensen	39933855	Inf	14 June 1945

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Cpl	Nicholas J. Spinelli	32017680	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Byron A. Stearly	39594818	Inf	16 June 1945
Pfc	Frederick C. Sternberg	37774397	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Robert L. Stevenson	39422175	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Arthur D. Stigall	38526083	Inf	20 June 1945
Sgt	Ray S. Stuck	39595400	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Peter R. Thibeault	31377217	Inf	27 May 1945
Pfc	Dale Thomas	35909485	Inf	11 June 1945
S Sgt	William M. Tilley	38291756	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Harold Todesco	36470908	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Lawrence P. Ulrich	35603864	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Edmund Uscinowicz	39595397	Inf	2 June 1945
Pfc	Salvatore Valenti	32874215	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Richard O. Veenstra	38452900	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Leon D. Vertz	31117768	Inf	14 June 1945
Pfc	Stanley W. Walker	31474323	Inf	23 April 1945
Sgt	Raymond F. Walterman	37632426	Inf	7 April 1945
Pfc	Gerald E. Warburton	39148938	Inf	13 June 1945
Pvt	Michael P. Wasilewski	36471026	Inf	22 April 1945
Pvt	Francis M. Webb	39422396	Inf	22 April 1945
Pvt	John A. Weber	39345690	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Paul Welch	39596056	Inf	14 May 1945
Pfc	Robert W. Weschke	39146963	Inf	14 May 1945
Pvt	William G. Westfall	39596204	Inf	26 April 1945
Pfc	Charles H. White	39470392	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Jacob J. White	38273330	Inf	4 June 1945
Pvt	Kelmer L. White	39595328	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Kenneth E. Wicklund	37562977	Inf	8 April 1945
Pfc	Harry Williams	39865915	Inf	27 April 1945
Lt. Col.	John M. Williams	020319	Inf	17 April 1945
Pvt	Russell R. Williams	38632497	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Chester Witkowski	36700380	Inf	9 April 1945
Pvt	William E. Witte	39149364	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Casper G. Wolf	37586593	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Charles E. Wollard	37233407	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	Robert J. Woodward	35558439	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Lawrence B. Wright	36472005	Inf	9 April 1945
Sgt	Delbert C. Yakes	36495146	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	Raul Yzquierdo	38253853	Inf	3 April 1945
Pfc	Leroy J. Zegers	37747479	Inf	20 June 1945

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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ACDP-GH 201 Lottman, Arnold O,
37 484 021 (15 Feb 52)

15 September 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO:

1. So much of General Orders 546, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 5 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Private First Class Arnold O. Lottman, 37 484 021, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart was previously awarded to above named former soldier by General Orders 123, Bushnell General Hospital, Brigham City, Utah, dated 13 July 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

[Signature]
Adjutant General

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ORIGINAL ORDER

5 AUGUST 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 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:

✓ Sergeant Wallace D. Archer, 37232850, 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.

✓ Private First Class Donald E. Bartram, 29440993, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

✓ Private Raymond Candelari, 37711809, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 255, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Jack L. Carpenter, 36535830, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945, near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

✓ Private First Class Glen V. Cloninger, 37392727, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Lonnie M. Cox, 38635286, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 447, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 July 1945.

✓ Private First Class William D. Crow, 38663927, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 219, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant William Bowdy, 36429804, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Ralph R. Fields, 37640201, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order's No. 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Alfred J. Hess, 39595554, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 273, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 31 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Jesse A. Hirst, 39299906, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 July 1945, near Inasmoi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Holiman, 37065139, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 July 1945.

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✓ Technician Third Grade Clifford H. Jack, 35572544, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 361 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant Rupert J. Johnson, 36539953, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 207, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 July 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant Ralph D. Kinsch, 37227915, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 447, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 July 1945.

✓ Sergeant Guy A. Scarbrough, 14001566, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

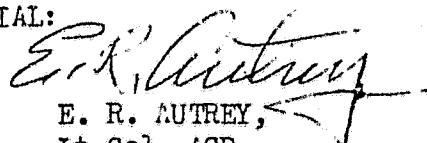
✓ Staff Sergeant Frank Stoad, 36534203, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945, near Unitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

✓ Private First Class Albert C. Streicker, 36383453, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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FINAL ORDER

5 AUGUST 1945 9/1

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 Clarence V. Finley, 38585127, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 271, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Arthur R. Fuchs, 3690711, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 July 1945, near Inasomi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 206, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Anthony L. Garner, 36447412, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 206, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Benjamin H. Griffin, 37100474, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945, near Yonobaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

✓ Second Lieutenant Albert M. Haber, 02012446, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945, near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 206, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Robert E. Kompf, 42095149, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 207, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Elmo D. Lifflefield, 39935782, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 305, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Frank L. Markel, Jr., 36761850, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class James Mayer, 16157813, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 271, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 May 1945.

✓ Sergeant Joseph H. Neme, 39622068, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 208, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Harry E. Pierce, 39587829, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 227, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

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✓ Private First Class Arden D. Pridgeon, 36868296, Infantry, United States Army; wounded 20 June 45 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 227, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

✓ Corporal George E. Pruitt, Jr., 32143775, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945, near Medcra, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 227, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Private First Class Daniel Rizzo, 36615774, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 14, Headquarters 1109th POA Provisional Army Garrison Force, 18 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Albert H. Schimdt, 3661609, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 227, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Bruce N. Sparks, 3942572, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

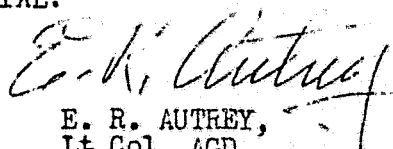
✓ Private First Class Eugene J. Stanton, 36486817, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

✓ Technical Sergeant Russel J. Steimle, 36405162, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 242, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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Under the provisions of AR 100-45 (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 J. R. Altum, 44020370, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 July 1945.

Private First Class Bert L. Becker, 36407305, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945, near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 51, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

~~Staff Sergeant Harold T. Connelly, 37439411, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 79, Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division, 26 December 1944.~~
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Private First Class A. R. Gravatt, 38293116, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 35, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

Second Lieutenant Harvy L. Hahn, 01670207, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 35, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

Sergeant Kent L. Hodges, 15100104, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 539, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant Frank J. Karwoski, 31285181, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945, near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 July 1945.

Private First Class Paul D. Laughlin, 39599960, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945, near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 505, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945.

Private First Class William R. Nunnally, 35243546, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 179, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945.

Private First Class Boyd E. Reichstein, 37699150, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 179, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945.

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Private First Class Edward B. Ripley, Jr., 37747272, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant William E. Schroeder, 17085174, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945, near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 12, 51st General Hospital, 1 December 1944.

Private First Class Donald R. Stough, 16086721, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 121, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945.

Private First Class Roy D. Stearns, 16000576, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 231, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Sergeant Frank J. Troha, 35242989, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 June 1945, near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 12, 51st General Hospital, 1 December 1944.

Captain Walter Trott, 01286740, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

Private First Class William W. Tutor, 38551540, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 419, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Frank S. Witte, 35816025, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 460, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

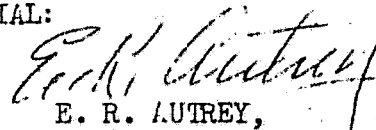
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 15, ...), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant John Haruk, 01170770, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 11 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Jennifer Haruk, wife, Mendon Road, Pittsford, New York.

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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 Allen D. DeVries, 39475658, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When a fellow squad member was seriously wounded, Private First Class DeVries left his slit trench and rushed through heavy mortar fire to aid his comrade. Although he was without bandages at the time, he ripped away the clothing of the wounded man, and by applying pressure about the wound with his fingers, stopped the bleeding. He then remained with the man until a litter team arrived and evacuated him. Private First Class DeVries' clear thinking, bravery, and immediate action was an inspiration to all who witnessed the act and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Charles W. Downen, 39729097, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When the mortar section of an Infantry Company was in dire need of ammunition to carry out their mission during an assault, Private First Class Downen voluntarily left his sheltered position and dashed a distance of approximately 400 yards to the ammunition dump through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire and brought back enough ammunition to keep the section in action until further replenishment was made. His action was an inspiration to fellow members of the section and brought great credit to himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Harry L. Greer, 34900790, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. During an assault on an enemy position by one of our battalions, Private First Class Greer, went forward as a member of a litter squad to one of the front line rifle companies to evacuate a casualty. The route traversed was approximately seven hundred yards through a valley which was covered by heavy mortar and small arms fire. Private First Class Greer advanced on this hazardous route, removed the casualty, and then returned to safety over the same route. His complete disregard for his own personal safety and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Lisle D. Hitchcock, 39422441, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. When a seriously wounded squad member was left lying near the top of "Dick Hill", from which his platoon had withdrawn, Private First Class Hitchcock, as a volunteer, went back alone and rescued the man, although exposed to heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. By his heroic deed Private First Class Hitchcock brought great credit upon himself and the military service.

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✓ Private First Class David F. Kirn, 13098751, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When the radio between the 81mm mortar platoon and the forward rifle companies went out, Private First Class Kirn, without regard for his own personal safety, voluntarily went twelve hundred yards through heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire to the Battalion Command Post and got new batteries. This enabled our communications to be resumed and was the means of effective fire being placed on the enemy when they launched a counterattack. Private First Class Kirn's heroic action was a great inspiration to all who witnessed it and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Harold P. Kornelson, 37719072, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. During an attack on "Oboe Hill", Private First Class Kornelson, without regard for his personal safety and under heavy enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, repaired eight hundred yards of wire between the heavy machine guns and the observation point. His bravery and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

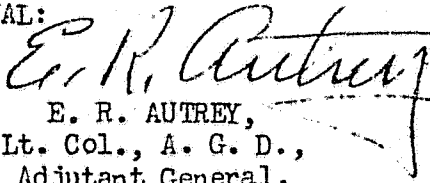
✓ Private First Class Kenneth D. Long, 33568441, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tanabaru, Okinawa Island on 9 May 1945. Private First Class Long, as a member of a litter squad, volunteered to go to a front line infantry company to evacuate a seriously wounded man. It being a particularly dark night, Private First Class Long found it necessary to follow the communications wire to the company Command Post which was approximately eight hundred yards from the aid station. His route through a valley was covered by sporadic enemy mortar fire. Arriving at the company Command Post, Private First Class Long was guided to the front lines where he removed the casualty from the exposed position and made the haul back to the aid station over the same hazardous route. Although in constant danger of drawing both enemy and friendly fire, Private First Class Long completed his mission with complete disregard for his own personal safety. His actions were a credit to himself and the military service.

✓ Technician Fourth Grade Edward F. Zucal, 36593844, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Although exposed to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Technician Fourth Grade Zucal, a member of the support platoon of an Infantry Company, went forward some sixty yards and gave first aid to a wounded soldier of one of the assault platoons and helped in removing the man to a covered position from where he could be evacuated. Technician Fourth Grade Zucal's actions reflect 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 (1-22-45), 22 September 1943 as amended by Change No. 3, 29 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

✓ Private First Class Dwayne N. Anderson, 39534009, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. While his platoon was advancing on Dick Hill an enemy machine gun opened fire from a small hill on the left flank of the objective and held up the platoon's advance. Although exposed to the concentrated fire, Private First Class Anderson moved to an exposed position and with his concentrated fire, destroyed the enemy weapon and its crew of three men, thus allowing his platoon to continue the attack. By his bravery, quickness of action, and alertness of mind, Private First Class Anderson proved a credit to himself and the military service.

✓ Sergeant Jack A. Anderson, 36404902, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Upon being given the mission of neutralizing an enemy pillbox which was holding up the advance of an Infantry battalion, Sergeant Anderson moved his self-propelled howitzer to a position forward of the front lines where he directed fire which silenced the enemy strong point. As the M-7 was about to displace, a barrage of enemy mortar fire sealed off his return route. Instinctively, he hastily reconnoitered an alternate route. While leading his vehicle back, the enemy turned machine gun and rifle fire on him. In defiance to the heavy fire spattering the ground about him Sergeant Anderson guided his tank through a dangerous area containing duds and enemy mines. The fire increased in intensity and despite being forced to take cover frequently, he succeeded in directing the M-7 safely around a jagged escarpment and through a deep tank trap. Sergeant Anderson's heroic deed was an inspiring demonstration of courage and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Wilburn E. Autry, 34631062, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. During an enemy counterattack Private First Class Autry, ammunition bearer for a heavy machine gun section, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, brought up ammunition to the gun under heavy enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire. At all times his courage and devotion to duty were of the highest type and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Robert L. Bolton, 36271694, Medical Department, 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 a buzz bomb landed in the vicinity of a battalion command post and buried several men in their foxholes, although enemy artillery was falling in the area, Private First Class Bolton immediately made an effort to uncover the entombed men.

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Having to use his bare hands for fear of injuring the men with any implement, Private First Class Bolton recovered three men. A fourth man known to have been in the same foxhole was not found but the search was continued for some time. When the fourth man was finally located he was found to be dead. Private First Class Bolton's actions were instrumental in saving three lives and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

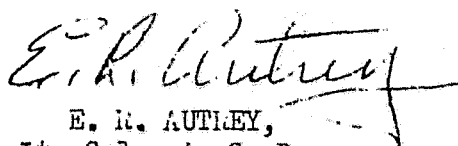
✓ Private First Class Vincent J. Cammarano, 32602171, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When a seriously wounded comrade was lying helpless on the crest of a hill, which was still receiving enemy fire, Private First Class Cammarano crawled thirty five yards under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire to drag the wounded man to safety. The action of Private First Class Cammarano was greatly instrumental in saving a fellow soldier's life and was an inspiration to all who witnessed the act.

✓ Private First Class Harry Carano, 35867026, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. As messenger of an anti-tank gun platoon, Private First Class Carano left his place of cover and aided the evacuation of a wounded man. Due to the intense enemy artillery fire, casualties had been high in the battalion which his platoon was supporting. Litter bearers had been utilized to evacuate the most serious casualties. Private First Class Carano observed a wounded man struggling in an open field east of his covered position and noticing that the wounded man was being fired upon by an enemy sniper, he unhesitatingly left his place of cover and ran one hundred and fifty yards to the wounded man's side. Although bullets were splat-tering at his feet, Private First Class Carano picked up the wounded man and carried him to a place of cover. Moving alternately across the field from one place to another, between the intervals of sniper fire, Private First Class Carano succeeded in getting the wounded man safely to the battalion aid station.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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✓ Private First Class Edmon Lowery, 38291398, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When an Infantry rifle company was in an isolated position and in dire need of supplies and ammunition, Private First Class Lowery, at the risk of his life volunteered to carry the vital supplies to the unit. Private First Class Lowery set out with six rounds of 81mm mortar ammunition strapped to his back, and in the company of 5 other men, crossed 300 yards of open terrain, swept by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, climbed and descended a 200 foot gorge under enemy surveillance and over which the enemy had planned mortar fires zeroed in, and thence around the rim of a hill which had received enemy artillery fire for several days, and was still under fire. During the course of the tortorous journey, the party killed an enemy sniper that had caused numerous casualties on previous occasions, but Private First Class Lowery and the group carried through, delivering the vital items to the beleaguered Company. The courageous and heroic actions of Private First Class Lowery were instrumental in the rifle companies maintaining the ground for which they had so valiantly fought.

✓ Private First Class Leo N. McLeod, 19032650, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class McLeod occupying a prominent position on his companies perimeter was a major factor in repelling the enemies heavy counter thrusts against our positions. When a grenade thrown by one of the enemy landed in Private First Class McLeod's position, seriously wounding one of his comrades, he managed to fight through successive enemy counter-attacks, maintaining a strong defensive fire, as well as applying tourniquets and rendering first aid to his comrade. For more than three hours, Private First Class McLeod continued to move about, fighting off the enemy in his sector and administering first aid to the wounded man. When the enemy was finally driven off, the wounded man was evacuated. Through the heroic actions and unstinting devotion to duty, Private First Class McLeod was a vital factor in staving off the savage enemy counterattacks as well as saving the seriously wounded man's life.

✓ Sergeant James P. Murray, 34434361, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. While subjected to intense enemy artillery fire, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Murray dashed from his position of cover, across an open area, to extinguish a fire enveloping an ammunition truck and trailer, which endangered the lives of the men and afforded the enemy clear observation due to its illuminating effect. Only after exhausting two extinguishers and the hopelessness of the situation was definitely apparent,

did Sergeant Murray leave the scene of action for a position of safety. While he was darting across the open ground, still subjected to the intense enemy fire, the burning vehicles commenced to burst violently in every direction. His heroic performance of courage and devotion to duty and personal concern for his comrades was an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Technical Sergeant Bonnie T. Nalley, 38227673, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Occupying a perimeter position with his unit on Kakazu Ridge, Technical Sergeant Nalley, through his strict attention to duty and his great courage, foiled an enemy infiltration movement of large proportions. Upon hearing movement about twenty feet from his fox hole, Technical Sergeant Nalley, stood upright, exposing himself and fired, killing the enemy immediately. Simultaneously, two more of the enemy rushed his positions from the same area, and though illuminating flares disclosed his every movement, Technical Sergeant Nalley heroically fought off the two new attackers, killing them as well as the first. Through his immediate action the entire perimeter and interior of the unit were alerted, and in the morning, fifteen of the enemy were counted on the edge of the perimeter, four of which were in the immediate proximity of Technical Sergeant Nalley's position. This display of strict attention to duty after two weeks of savage close-in fighting, and the immediate actions on the part of Technical Sergeant Nalley, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

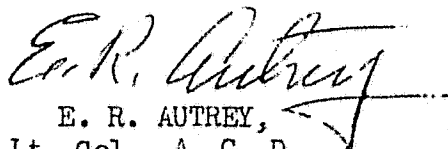
✓ Corporal Roman F. Rycerz Jr., 16141887, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. On Oboe Hill, while under heavy enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, Corporal Rycerz, without regard to his personal safety, occupied an exposed position and directed fire of his heavy machine gun section. Corporal Rycerz's bravery and devotion to duty were of the highest type and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Sterges W. Stergis, 36380278, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When a member of his platoon received serious shrapnel wounds from heavy enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Stergis, although wounded himself and still under heavy enemy fire, assisted a medical aid man in removing the wounded man to safety for treatment and evacuation. Private First Class Stergis' courageous action, even though handicapped by his own injury, were a credit to himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant Cornell W. Culpepper, 01306068, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 18 June 1945.

Sergeant Max A. DeLo, 38271681, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Captain Ralph I. Gustafson, 01533571, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Oahu, Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 1 August 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Captain Glenn E. Kingsley, 01693496, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 December 1944 to 11 June 1945.

Private First Class John L. Kirksey, 36424035, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant James N. Lawson, 35250774, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Major Early B. Lokey, Jr., 0417855, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Donald W. Reinke, 37312558, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Stewart W. Salesberry, 36703121, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Benny C. Saucier, 38260662, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

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Major Julius P. Snier, 0418640, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 December 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Major Arnot C. Sine, 0416613, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 December 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Lee I. Steck, 37231041, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. When an enemy group had infiltrated to within twenty yards of the platoon and were making the position untenable, Staff Sergeant Steck and five other men volunteered to go out in front of the platoon and destroy the enemy group. Exposing themselves to enemy fire and grenades, Staff Sergeant Steck and his companions charged the enemy, killed twelve enemy riflemen, and captured a light machine gun and a knee mortar. Staff Sergeant Steck's daring action kept the enemy from inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon and thus enabled the platoon to maintain the forward position.

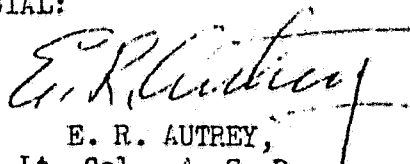
Staff Sergeant Henry C. Strickland, 38328604, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. When an enemy group had infiltrated to within twenty yards of the platoon and were making the position untenable, Staff Sergeant Strickland and five other men volunteered to go out in front of the platoon and destroy the enemy group. Exposing themselves to enemy fire and grenades, Staff Sergeant Strickland and his companions charged the enemy, killed twelve enemy riflemen, and captured a light machine gun and a knee mortar. Staff Sergeant Strickland's daring action kept the enemy from inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon and thus enabled the platoon to maintain the forward position.

Technician Fifth Grade Olby Thornsberry, 35655947, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Thornsberry got out of his covered position, while under heavy enemy artillery fire, to render first aid to a wounded man and then evacuate him still under fire to the rear for further treatment. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Thornsberry reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of A. 600-5 (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:

Sergeant Robert B. Abbott, 16167309, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Paul Araujo, 37735432, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 6 June 1945, near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 543, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 August 1945.

Major George E. Bucklin, 024566, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 543, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant Steve J. Bukosky, 36535874, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945, near Kaiyama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Corporal William T. Corcoran, 36534007, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 324, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Sergeant Robert W. Devericks, 20544368, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945, near Yamaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Private First Class Robert L. Dunn, 37477025, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Yonagasaku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 543, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 August 1945.

Private First Class Elmer M. Ebel, 39422045, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Osa o, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 113, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 April 1945.

Sergeant Otto Farina, 39227158, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Kakazu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 187, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Anthony C. Fuesting, 36700362, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Onaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 129, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

First Sergeant William L. Holborow, 39232531, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 484, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

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Private First Class Kenneth A. Marvin, 39724961, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Leslie E. Middlebrooks, 38227536, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Yuzo, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 470, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 July 1945.

Private First Class Steve J. Ockewski, 36665451, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 near Miami Geparu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 22, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 January 1945.

Sergeant James C. Price, 38282137, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Arayama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 11, Headquarters 1109th FOA Provisional Army Garrison Force, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class Archie J. Roberts, 35227447, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 171, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945.

Private First Class Stillman H. Thomas, 36429533, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945, near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Everett Young, 35771057, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945 near Yunagusuku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 246, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Junior G. Adkins, 35636010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Adkins, on hearing of the plight of a rifle company isolated, and in great need of water, ammunition, and rations, voluntarily and at great risk to his personal safety went on a mission to deliver the items of necessity. In company of five other men, Private First Class Adkins courageously made his way across three hundred yards of open terrain swept by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, then ascended and crawled down a two hundred foot gorge, finally making his way around the rim of a hill which had been under enemy artillery fire for several days, and which was still being fired upon. Private First Class Adkins carried a case of rations the entire distance, and succeeded in reaching the beleaguered unit. Through the bravery and heroic action of Private First Class Adkins the beleaguered company was able to maintain their hold on strategic ground. The actions of Private First Class Adkins reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Jack Bohannon, 38290776, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. When one of his men was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun and sniper fire which was sweeping the entire area over which his company was advancing, Staff Sergeant Bohannon rushed through the fire to rescue the injured man. Working his way underneath the man, he managed to lift him onto his back. Using the fireman's carry, Staff Sergeant Bohannon brought the injured man around and behind the hill to safety where he could be treated. The tedious and courageous effort of Staff Sergeant Bohannon in rescuing a wounded member of his unit reflects credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Howard E. Cast, 32849785, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. When an enemy group had infiltrated to within twenty yards of the platoon and were making the position untenable, Private First Class Cast and five other men volunteered to go out in front of the platoon and destroy the enemy group. Exposing himself to enemy fire and grenades Private First Class Cast charged the enemy, killed twelve enemy riflemen, and captured a light machine gun and knee mortar. Private First Class Cast's daring action kept the enemy from inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon and thus enabled the platoon to maintain its forward position.

Private First Class Joe A. Coronado, 39419216, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well

fortified position on top of Kakazu ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counter-attack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Coronado without regard for personal safety maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Coronado's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Private First Class Eino J. Filla, 39479067, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Filla without regard for personal safety, maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Filla's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

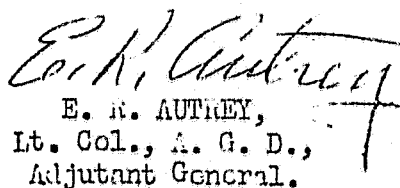
Private First Class Antonio T. Garcia, 32181489, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Private First Class Garcia with total disregard for his own personal safety left his sheltered position on the left flank and moved directly into the fire of at least six Japanese rifle men in order that he might place himself in a position to kill an enemy soldier who was firing on his platoon leader. Private First Class Garcia saved his platoon leader's life and greatly aided the accomplishment of his platoon's mission.

Private First Class Lewis C. Johnson, 38319091, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. When an enemy group had infiltrated to within twenty yards of the platoon and were making the position untenable, Private First Class Johnson and five other men volunteered to go out in front of the platoon and destroy the enemy group. Exposing themselves to enemy fire and grenades Private First Class Johnson and his companions charged the enemy, killed twelve enemy riflemen, and captured a light machine gun and a knee mortar. Private First Class Johnson's daring action kept the enemy from inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon and thus enabled the platoon to maintain its forward position.

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GENERAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private Anthony Mathews, 39597672, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Private Mathews without regard for his own safety charged into a group of the enemy in order to kill two and disrupt the fire of the remaining Japanese being brought to bear on other members of his patrol. By his act Private Mathews saved the lives of two men and materially aided in bringing about the destruction of the enemy forces.

Private First Class Jesse B. Mitchell, 38262820, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Mitchell without regard for personal safety, maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Mitchell's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Private First Class Dave Moody, 38293608, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When an Infantry rifle company was in an isolated position and in dire need of supplies and ammunition, Private First Class Moody, at the risk of his life volunteered to carry the vital items to the unit. He set out with a container full of water strapped to his back, and in the company of five other men, crossed three hundred yards of open terrain swept by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, climbed and descended a two hundred foot gorge under enemy surveillance and over which the enemy had planned mortar fires zeroed in, and thence around the rim of a hill which had received enemy artillery fire for several days, and was still under fire. During the course of the torturous journey, the party killed an enemy sniper that had caused numerous casualties on previous occasions, but Private First Class Moody and the group dauntlessly carried on, and succeeded in reaching the beleaguered company. Through the heroic and courageous actions of Private First Class Moody, the company was able to maintain its positions, and hold the ground for which they so valiantly fought.

Private First Class Wadsworth Sears, 34268440, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. In the face of intense enemy fire Private First Class Sears twice ran forward to render first aid to a wounded man. In order to expedite the evacuation of these two wounded men, Private First Class Sears personally assisted them back to the battalion aid station.

Private First Class Sears' unflinching courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

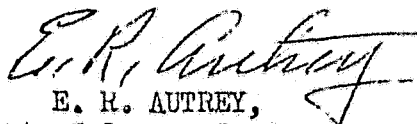
Private First Class Carl E. Sheridan, 36363420, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. When an enemy group had infiltrated to within twenty yards of the platoon and was making the position untenable, Private First Class Sheridan and five other men volunteered to go out in front of the platoon and destroy the enemy group. Exposing themselves to enemy fire and grenades Private First Class Sheridan and his companions charged the enemy, killed twelve enemy riflemen, and captured a light machine gun and a knee mortar. Private First Class Sheridan's during action kept the enemy from inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon and thus enabled the platoon to maintain its forward position.

Private First Class Steve Solcz, 32373942, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after the organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Solcz without regard for personal safety, maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Solcz's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Private First Class Pete J. Spagnuolo, 36742775, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Spagnuolo without regard for personal safety, maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Spagnuolo's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

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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:

Corporal Armand G. Belisle, 31009060, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade R. V. Browning, 3831973, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945

First Lieutenant Clarence H. Christopher, 01301138, 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.

Private First Class Paul W. Dorsey, 33551887, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945.

Sergeant George T. Dowling, 36405005, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 26 March 1945 to 1 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Charles E. Fletcher, 01286627, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

Sergeant Harley T. Johnson, 36431218, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Bruno G. Kupiec, 36702981, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 13 September 1944 to 13 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Roger C. Mayes, 38282227, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Sergeant DeWitt E. Murray, 34435271, Infantry, 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.

Corporal Austin C. Napier, Jr., 35646772, Field Artillery, 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.

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Captain Eugene P. Odom, 0449125, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 25 November 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Edwin B. O'Neil, 36381578, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 14 December 1944 to 13 March 1945.

Private First Class Jack Riley, 38300954, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence T. Saatzer, 17050477, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 12 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Angus Snider, 38253855, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade William G. Stine, 35548239, Infantry (Armored), 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 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Fred L. Weeks, 36384437, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.


Private First Class Daniel E. Wilson, 35603628, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945.

First Sergeant Carl E. Wood, 36049377, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. During a heavy enemy artillery shelling, First Sergeant Wood, disregarding his own personal safety, left his fox hole to go to the aid of a wounded man. First Sergeant Wood carried the man back to the fox hole where first aid was rendered and from which he was evacuated. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by First Sergeant Wood was an inspiring factor to all who witnessed his action and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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6 August 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Corporal Mack Jensen, 6298930, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military action against the enemy on Igoite, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. While on a reconnaissance patrol Corporal Jensen assisted in the evacuation of a seriously wounded soldier across three hundred yards of open swamp under enemy sniper fire while on patrol in front of our lines. Corporal Jensen's patrol discovered a wounded soldier at the scene of an engagement which had taken place the night before. While other members of the patrol administered first aid, Corporal Jensen and one other man crawled out into a bordering swamp under occasional sniper fire to secure a litter from a medical vehicle which was hopelessly mired and temporarily abandoned in the middle of the swamp. Returning to the wounded soldier, he assisted in evacuating the casualty across three hundred yards of open swamp that was so soft in places that he was forced to lie prone to support himself on the surface while pushing the litter in front of him. He was again subjected to light sniper fire in this evacuation. His superior performance of duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert B. Lyons, 01315513, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iwa, Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. During an enemy 75mm artillery barrage, an ammunition dump was hit by direct fire, and the resulting explosions threatened to spread the conflagration to a gasoline dump located approximately fifty yards away. First Lieutenant Lyons, at great risk to his own life, immediately dashed almost directly into the blaze to move a truck loaded with ammunition, although the vehicle itself was in the line of fire of the enemy field piece. Though the truck was already riddled, he succeeded in driving it for about fifty yards where it was stopped by shrapnel piercing the engine. Leaving the vehicle, First Lieutenant Lyons observed two other men operating a bulldozer tank to cover the rapidly burning ammunition in the dump and without hesitation, he again ran through the holocaust, joined the men, and from a semi-exposed position in the turret acted as tank commander to direct and better accomplish the mission of halting the fire. By his courageous actions in continually disregarding the hazards of both the enemy artillery fire and the explosions of the ammunition, First Lieutenant Lyons was instrumental in saving much valuable equipment, in addition to safeguarding the lives of the men who were in the area.

Private First Class Raymond C. Smith, 36383372, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Smith, a member of a volunteer party, moved forward of our tank and Infantry forces to clear a minefield which guarded the first main line of enemy resistance in that sector. The intensity of enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire made it necessary for Private First Class Smith to crawl into the mined area and probe the field from a prone position. A heavy concentration of sustained mortar fire caused

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a momentary cessation of probing operations but the unhesitating steadfastness of purpose and an inspiring display of courage on the part of Private First Class Smith resulted in the ultimate opening of a passage which enabled our armored vehicles to advance and make a direct assault on enemy occupied and fortified positions. The devotion to duty and courageous action under fire demonstrated by Private First Class Smith reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Martin S. Sternbach, 11130147, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counter-attack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Sternbach without regard for personal safety, maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Sternbach's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

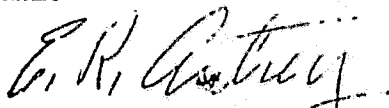
Private First Class Kenton J. Weaver, 38319128, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Weaver volunteered to go across an open field covered by heavy enemy machine gun crossfire to recover a wounded man from an adjacent battalion. Private First Class Weaver with the aid of others moved the man to a more advantageous position and remained there until morning. During the night an enemy combat patrol passed within yards of their position. At dawn the man was returned to safety.

Private First Class Albert L. Wilkerson, 38271646, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. When an enemy group had infiltrated to within twenty yards of the platoon and were making the position untenable, Private First Class Wilkerson and five other men volunteered to go out in front of the platoon and destroy the enemy group. Exposing themselves to enemy fire and grenades Private First Class Wilkerson and his companions charged the enemy, killed twelve enemy riflemen, and captured a light machine gun and knee mortar. Private First Class Wilkerson's daring action kept the enemy from inflicting heavy casualties on his platoon and thus enabled the platoon to maintain its forward position.

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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:

Sergeant Chester L. Pool, 39319632, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. While digging in on the reverse slope of Dick Hill, enemy mortar shells began to fall in the area to which Sergeant Pool's squad had been assigned. One of the shells wounded Sergeant Pool in the arm, while another inflicted serious injuries to one of his men. With utter disregard for his own wounds, Sergeant Pool dashed through the intense shelling to the side of the injured man, but just as he reached the position, a shell landed near him killing him instantly. For his daring and valorous attempt to give aid to one of his men under such adverse conditions, Sergeant Pool, not only showed an example of extremely high devotion toward his men, but proved himself worthy of the highest traditions of the military service. Next Mrs. Carrie G. Pool, Mother, 131 South Main Street, Larned, Kansas.

Private First Class William S. Kyle, 36610840, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Kyle without regard for personal safety, maintained his exposed position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire, and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Kyle's heroic action, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted. Next of Kin: Grace M. Kyle, Mother, 849 South Oxford Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Shelby Allen, 35087537, 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 Allen upon observing enemy machine gun and mortar fire creating casualties on elements of his company, left a position of cover in order to place effective Browning Automatic Rifle Fire on the enemy positions. In order to get to the position in which to engage the enemy it was necessary for him to crawl under heavy enemy fire. Private First Class Allen neutralized this enemy position to such an extent that our casualties could be removed and the advance continued. While engaged in the action, Private First Class Allen was killed by sniper fire from another hill. His courage and actions under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Elizabeth C. Allen, Wife, 2135 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant Lee R. Carbutt, 37233332, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Carbutt, while advancing with his squad over open terrain was fired upon by an enemy machine gun. Realizing that he and his squad were pinned down in a field where there was very little cover, Staff Sergeant Carbutt crawled a distance of fifty yards under heavy machine gun fire, to a vantage point from which he fired upon the machine gun with the purpose of drawing its fire upon himself. He attracted the enemy's attention long enough that his squad was enabled to proceed to a position of safety with no casualties. In placing the safety of his squad before that of his own, and enabling his men to move without the loss of a single casualty, he gained for himself the respect and admiration of all the men who witnessed his outstanding performance. Next of Kin: Jay R. Carbutt, Father, RFD #2, Concordia, Kansas.

Private First Class Dominic A. Liguori, 32872053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, upon hearing the call for aid, Private First Class Liguori, heedless of his own safety, went forward under a hail of enemy fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aided in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Private First Class Liguori were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Frances Cuomo, Mother, 60-67 Catalpa Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

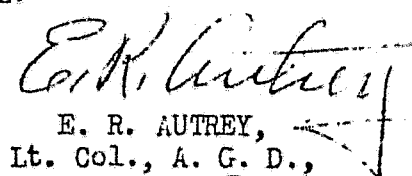
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Sergeant Robert N. Koski, 39038245, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When several enemy artillery shells fell in his section's area wounding two men and burying four more, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Koski left his place of cover and dashed through the intense shelling to the aid of the injured men. After caring for and effecting their evacuation, he immediately began in the search of those buried. Working hurriedly but carefully, Sergeant Koski helped to revive the men to consciousness and aided in their evacuation. Sergeant Koski's diligent effort in fulfilling this laborious task undoubtedly saved the lives of those men who were buried and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Hilda Koski, Mother, 60 Caselli Avenue, San Francisco, California.

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6 August 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 2045 (Decorations), 22 September 1943 as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal William T. Adams, 33509698, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Corporal Adams, a member of a volunteer party moved forward of our tank and Infantry forces to clear a minefield which guarded the first main line of enemy resistance in that sector. The intensity of enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire made it necessary for Corporal Adams to crawl into the mined area and probe the field from a prone position. A heavy concentration of sustained mortar fire caused a momentary cessation of probing operations but the unhesitating steadfastness of purpose and an inspiring display of courage on the part of Corporal Adams resulted in the ultimate opening of a passage which enabled our armored vehicles to advance and make a direct assault on enemy occupied and fortified positions. The devotion to duty and courageous action under fire demonstrated by Corporal Adams reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph P. Angus, 36903711, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Angus, a member of a volunteer party moved forward of our tank and Infantry forces to clear a minefield which guarded the first main line of enemy resistance in that sector. The intensity of enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire made it necessary for Private First Class Angus to crawl into the mined area and probe the field from a prone position. A heavy concentration of sustained mortar fire caused a momentary cessation of probing operations but the unhesitating steadfastness of purpose and an inspiring display of courage on the part of Private First Class Angus resulted in the ultimate opening of a passage which enabled our armored vehicles to advance and make a direct assault on enemy occupied and fortified positions. The devotion to duty and courageous action under fire demonstrated by Private First Class Angus reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade John E. Arend, 36617046, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 19 April 1945 to 21 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Arend, company armorer-artificer, acting as litter bearer, responded to numerous calls for litter bearers, immediately upon receipt of such calls. The terrain over which he operated was under continuous enemy fire of all types, and of such rough nature that it completely exhausted the other litter bearers, after two or three trips. By Technician Fifth Grade Arend's disregard for his own safety and seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy, he instilled the spirit to carry on in the other men of his company. His courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Archie O. Barnett, 38227328, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 28 October 1944. When his battalion was dug in near Tabontabon, word came that there were a group of collaborationists in Tabontabor, harrassing our troops. Staff Sergeant Barnett with two members of his section went into the town guided by a native and searched for the enemy. As they approached a native hut they were fired upon. While his men covered his advance, Staff Sergeant Barnett rushed toward the hut. In the struggle that ensued trying to capture the five alive, Staff Sergeant Barnett was obliged to kill two but they bound the remaining three and brought them to the command post for questioning. One of those killed was a high ranking city official that had been active in subversive action for many months.

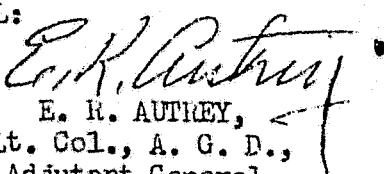
Private First Class Edwin J. Bunka, 36615620, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Zebra Hill, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Bunka with two other members of his anti-tank gun squad, pulled his squad gun out of position in the face of enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Bunka then crawled to a newly designated position and while under enemy machine gun fire, dug an anti-tank gun emplacement from the prone position in order to resume fire against the enemy. Private First Class Bunka's courage and devotion to duty displays one of the finest qualities of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Richard W. Clifton, 38290866, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Clifton, a member of a volunteer party, moved forward of our tank and Infantry forces to clear a minefield which guarded the first main line of enemy resistance in that sector. The intensity of enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire made it necessary for Technician Fifth Grade Clifton to crawl into the mined area and probe the field from a prone position. A heavy concentration of sustained mortar fire caused a momentary cessation of probing operations but the unhesitating steadfastness of purpose and an inspiring display of courage on the part of Technician Fifth Grade Clifton resulted in the ultimate opening of a passage which enabled our armored vehicles to advance and make a direct assault on enemy occupied and fortified positions. The devotion to duty and courageous action and fire demonstrated by Technician Fifth Grade Clifton reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Allen H. Crain, 36403990, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. When two of the men of his squad were wounded, Staff Sergeant Crain dashed across the direct path of enemy fire and began administering first aid. Staff Sergeant Crain himself was wounded in so doing, but continued his work and not until he had effected his men's evacuation from the area did he accept medical attention for himself. His heroic deed in giving aid to his men under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

6 August 1945

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 Juan R. Gonzales, 39239600, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. After a night of intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, a large spigot mortar shell burst above and to the right of the cave in which the aid station was located and the contents were buried in rock and earth. Staff Sergeant Gonzales managed to free himself from the debris and with utter disregard for the continued heavy enemy shelling and his own personal safety, dug with hand and shovel to unearth his men. His efforts were partially rewarded by the safe evacuation of two men whose condition, although critical might well have been fatal had it not been for his untiring and heroic efforts.

Sergeant Lawrence B. Hadland, 37564417, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Answering a request from a front line company for much needed ammunition, Sergeant Hadland departed prior to daybreak, accompanied by two men, to carry the ammunition forward. Enroute he was suddenly intercepted by three armed Japs who had infiltrated behind the lines. With intrepid courage he attacked the enemy, killed all three, and continued forward with the needed ammunition.

Private First Class Richard W. Hibner, 36914799, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When an enemy mortar began throwing shell in his platoon area, Private First Class Hibner volunteered to go to the company ammunition dump to get ammunition for a rocket launcher which was to be used to neutralize the enemy gun. Moving skillfully and rapidly through the enemy fire he returned with the rockets in time to enable the crew to carry out its mission. His heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Thomas H. Hindle III, 42001640, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Hindle volunteered and went forward of the aid station five hundred yards. With utter disregard for his personal safety he made four separate trips forward into an area under direct enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire and successfully evacuated wounded men to the Battalion Aid Station. His courage, physical endurance and devotion to duty were an inspiration to those who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Sergeant Kent L. Hodges, 15100104, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. While his company was attacking a heavily fortified enemy position, heavy machine gun and sniper fire forced the company to withdraw to an alternate position. During the withdrawal one of the men was seriously wounded. With utter disregard for his own personal safety Sergeant Hodges, braving murderous enemy machine gun fire, returned to the wounded man and carried him to safety. Sergeant Hodges' intrepidity, courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his action and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

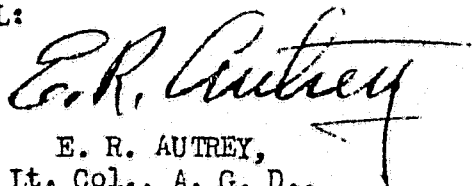
Private First Class Donald D. Hubbert, 36430487, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When the mortar section of his company sorely needed ammunition to continue its mission of breaking up and repulsing an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Hubbert, with utter disregard for his own life, voluntarily went a half-mile to the ammunition dump through intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire and returned with thirty rounds, enough to replenish the supply. His valiant and courageous deed was one of the dominant factors in the section's successful completion of its mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Boyce D. Hust, 38300653, 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 Hust a member of a mortar section, upon hearing of elements of the company being wounded, secured bandages and drugs and with utter disregard for his own personal safety dashed across a ridge covered by enemy machine gun fire to give aid to the wounded men. He applied first aid to the men and remained with them until the company moved forward and evacuated them. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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6 August 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 10, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 48 CFR 101-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943 as amended by Change No. 3, 15 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Quinton M. Cole, 39346608, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When several of his fellow soldiers became casualties from intense enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Cole, with utter disregard for his own life, left his covered position and began treating those most seriously wounded. Although under continual fire, he single handedly cared for seven of the men and caused the evacuation of four of them before he was relieved by medical aid men. Private First Class Cole's heroic and efficient accomplishments under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade James F. Collins, 36539352, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 24 June 1945. Through his constant devotion to duty and marked heroism on several occasions Technician Fifth Grade Collins distinguished himself and was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. In the heavy fighting around Kakazu Ridge and Conical Peak Technician Fifth Grade Collins in company with one other man showed calm courage in the face of devastating enemy fire. Moving over unsecured ground, he and the other man created a route for tank passage in order to give needed support to the rifle troops in their drive against Conical Peak and the surrounding strategic ground. Technician Fifth Grade Collins further displayed his heroism and calm courage on another occasion by going to the aid of two seriously wounded men in the vicinity of Ozato when exploding mines had struck the men down. He moved immediately to their aid over ground which he knew to be mined. His exemplary actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Howard B. Davis, 35708051, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. When a rifleman, attempting to cross an open space, was wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Davis inched his way through the fire to where the man lay and lying flatly on his stomach bandaged the wounds. Then after rolling the man onto a stretcher which had been thrown to him, he crawled slowly over the ground pushing the stretcher as he went along until he reached a point where he received assistance. Private First Class Davis's resourceful and unhesitating action in the face of personal danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John E. Davis, 37597482, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When enemy sniper fire from a cave pinned down and halted his squad's advance toward its objective, Private First Class Davis crawled through the fire to a position from which he delivered return fire on the position with his rifle. His foe, pinned down, Private First Class Davis charged forward and with his bayonet killed the sniper and neutralized the position. His courageous actions were instrumental in his squad's successful fulfillment of its

mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert L. Demayer, 37750342, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When an enemy mortar began throwing shells into his platoon area, Private First Class Demayer volunteered to go to the company ammunition dump to get crewmen for a rocket launcher which was to be used to neutralize the enemy mortar. Moving skillfully and rapidly through the enemy fire he returned with the rockets in time to enable the crew to carry out its mission. His brave actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

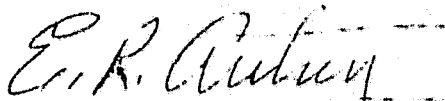
Private First Class Neil L. Erickson, 36804953, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When vital communications with a forward line company went out during the night, Private First Class Erickson volunteered to repair the line. This action necessitated crossing four hundred yards of difficult terrain swept by mortar and artillery fire. During this action Private First Class Erickson located two casualties and brought a litter squad to their assistance and was himself wounded while attempting to evacuate them. His courage and unhesitating devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Fred D. Goebel, 39204572, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his section came under persistent enemy sniper and machine gun fire and was subjected to intense concentrations of mortar fire, many casualties occurred in the Infantry Company with which his Field Artillery Forward Observer section was operating, and two men of the Forward Observer party were wounded. Private First Class Goebel, who was chief of the section, courageously left the safety of his position and rendered first aid to one of the wounded men. A leg wound made it impossible for the wounded man to withdraw from his perilous position alone, and Pfc Goebel, using great initiative and inspired determination, half carried the wounded man through a hail of enemy sniper and machine gun fire, to a medical collecting point eight hundred yards away. Private First Class Goebel's complete disregard for his own safety and courageous actions to save the life of his fellow soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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7 August 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
~~ORIGINAL ORDER~~

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 Bernard Ingle, 37312541, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Technical Sergeant Ingle, although wounded refused to leave his platoon. He exposed himself many times to enemy small arms and mortar fire in directing his platoon. When radio communication failed, he ran sixty yards through intense machine gun fire to contact elements of the right flank, and covered them with fire as they withdrew to a new position. Technical Sergeant Ingle's courage and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clarence G. Johnson, 37747288, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When intense enemy knee mortar fire and hand grenades halted his company's advance over an important hill, Private First Class Johnson, and two other men worked their way to the peak of the hill and fought the enemy with their own grenades and rifles until the enemy positions were flanked by the rest of the company. Although he was seriously wounded, he continued the fight until his ammunition was exhausted. Private First Class Johnson's heroic deed was an inspiration to all who witnessed the act and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Alben W. Ludas, 16141918, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When enemy artillery fragments cut the communication line between the company command post, and his platoon, Staff Sergeant Ludas, unmindful of the artillery shells which were still falling, or the fact that darkness had begun to set in, crawled four hundred yards forward to find, and successfully repaired the break, and then returned to his platoon. Staff Sergeant Ludas, in the same evening, disregarding his own personal safety, voluntarily left his fox hole and guided two wounded comrades to the Battalion aid station, through an area where intermittent artillery shells were still falling. Staff Sergeant Ludas's actions were in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Harry E. Magee, 36539957, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Shima on 15 June 1945. When a rifle platoon, in assault, was pinned down by intense fire coming from enemy emplacements about five hundred yards away, informed of the enemy position, Technical Sergeant Magee, a weapons platoon sergeant, unable to observe the fortification from his position of cover, moved forward to a position approximately fifty yards beyond the assault companies and supporting tanks, for better observation. There, in open terrain, exposed to heavy enemy automatic weapon fire, he directed mortar fire upon the enemy emplacement. Although wounded during action, Technical Sergeant Magee remained at his

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position, directing fire until the enemy fortification had been knocked out. His courage, devotion to duty, and coolness under fire served as an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant John W McMullen, 36540275, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When an enemy patrol infiltrated behind Sgt McMullen's men with demolitions to use on battalion positions, upon witnessing that the enemy had succeeded in throwing some demolitions upon a group of the men, he without regard for his own personal safety, moved out in front of his lines to alert the nearest aid man for help. Being without communications to the Company Command Post to notify the unit of the danger which existed, Sergeant McMullen climbed a high slippery ridge which was exposed to both friendly and enemy fire, and carried the information to the command post. Sergeant McMullen's courage and determination to accomplish his mission was responsible for saving the lives of three wounded men and undoubtedly many more in the immediate vicinity.

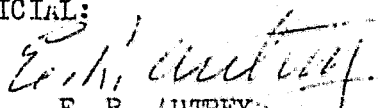
Private First Class Joseph C. Mercurio, 35798195, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When two riflemen were hit by enemy fire and were lying in an exposed position, Private First Class Mercurio, as a member of a litter squad, crawled forward through a ditch to reach the casualties. An attempt to use the ditch as a route of evacuation was unsuccessful because of the depth of the mud in its bottom. Two men of the squad then made an attempt to carry the more serious of the casualties through the open terrain since his condition was such that he required immediate attention. In so doing one of these men was wounded. Private First Class Mercurio and the remaining members of the litter squad then evacuated all casualties with great difficulty through the mud along the cover of the ditch. Private First Class Mercurio's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Clarence C. Moes, 37318999, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomui, Okinawa, on 12 June 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Moes, a bulldozer operator in a Combat Engineer Battalion, took his machine into an area infested with enemy snipers, who had but a short time before, mortally wounded his squad leader. Disregarding his own personal risk Technician Fifth Grade Moes drove his unarmored bulldozer forward of the infantry forces and under continuous enemy rifle fire constructed a route over which tanks could advance thus enabling them to fire point blank into the enemy fortifications. The intrepidity of his action and the courage which Technician Fifth Grade Moes displayed reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (see ordina), 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:

American

Pfc	Lorne E. Abbott	36933767	Inf	8 June 1945
Capt	<u>Phillip A. Allison</u> 40045-204945	01246906	Inf	16 April 1945
Sgt	William A. Aves	63271539	Inf	21 June 1945
2d Lt	Howard L. Avey	01111116	Inf	11 June 1945
1st Lt	Vernon S. Aukroy	36401011	Inf	24 April 1945
Pfc	Herman W. Aundra	38651377	Inf	16 June 1945
Pfc	Harold W. Arms	16075373	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Donald M. Armstrong	39590177	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	Harry L. Aschmare	36130017	Inf	14 June 1945
Pfc	Tariso Barajas	38631177	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Henry A. Barlow	38632124	Inf	9 June 1945
Pfc	Lennie Barnhart	38300622	Inf	16 June 1945
Cpl	Richard A. Bauer	36700203	Inf	9 June 1945
Pfc	Teddy J. Baumgartner	39591311	Inf	14 June 1945
Pfc	Chester Baxter	37414911	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Davie Beall	38711331	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Gordon V. Bish	33871502	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Carl R. Blesing	36611331	Inf	16 June 1945
Pvt	Louis A. Bossini	39470604	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Alberic Bouchard	31471101	Inf	24 May 1945
Cpl	John C. Bozett	36617038	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Edwin A. Brietzke	38610711	Inf	6 July 1945
Sgt	Dana A. Bronken	36815421	Inf	21 May 1945
Cpl	William E. Burnett	37247223	Inf (Armed)	21 June 1945
1st Sgt	Albert Busby	6939025	MD	8 April 1945
Pfc	LeRoy Bussell	38909475	Inf	8 June 1945
Pfc	Colson Campbell	38730073	Inf	15 May 1945
Pfc	James J. Caroline	37514562	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	James W. Carter	39345892	Inf	19 May 1945
Pfc	Junior F. Cawthra	37712376	Inf	27 June 1945
Pfc	Nelson C. Chase	38619017	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Leslie M. Christensen	37714338	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Rodger F. Conger	38335332	Inf	20 June 1945
1st Lt	Allyn W. Conway	38227511	MD	17 June 1945
Pfc	Lawrence E. Corroll	36613796	Inf	9 June 1945
Pvt	Vance Cramer, Jr.	36766971	MD	11 April 1945
Pfc	Wilford N. Curran	37516220	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Albert E. Daniel	39838626	Inf	9 June 1945
Sgt	Max W. Darling	37413715	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Joel W. Davids	39951792	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Billy N. Davis	38611516	Inf	6 June 1945
S Sgt	Howard C. Delf	17151011	Inf	20 June 1945
Sgt	Harry E. Dornin	19011111	Inf	14 June 1945
Cpl	Marvin H. Ellard	38114111	Inf	8 June 1945
Pfc	Herman J. Eppink	37611111	Inf	25 June 1945

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Pfc	John L. Everson	36845790	Inf	23 June 1945
Pvt	Weasley E. Fullstone	37773227	Inf	12 May 1945
Pfc	Rinaldo T. Fascione, Jr.	35850734	Inf	1 June 1945
Tec 5	Frank E. Geraco	12139287	MD	4 April 1945
S Sgt	Marvin L. Gains	39153753	Inf	8 April 1945
Sgt	George J. Grazier	36120608	Inf	22 April 1945
S Sgt	Orrie H. Grucoli	39021984	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	Bernaldo Gurule	37397757	Inf	15 June 1945
S Sgt	Eugene M. Holman	37233429	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	Travis E. Keller	39932033	Inf	10 April 1945
T Sgt	Albert S. Kamberlin	6271309	Inf	14 June 1945
Sgt	Darold D. Legert	36345137	Inf	13 May 1945
S Sgt	Petrolina Hernandez	37353555	Inf	7 June 1945
1st Sgt	John A. Miller	37129700	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Vernon D. Nickel	37642278	Inf	8 June 1945
2d Lt	Magnott C. O Shea	02012137	Inf	2 June 1945
Pfc	Donald F. O'Neil	3609920	Inf	13 April 1945
Pfc	David D. O'Neil	39100560	Inf	25 June 1945
Cpl	Roland J. Oculx	37565151	Inf	8 June 1945
Sgt	Paul A. Ronco	39344130	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	William H. Rose	39866653	Inf	14 May 1945
Tec 5	Robert M. Roster	36535971	Inf	12 May 1945
Pfc	Wheeler A. Rowell	44025000	Inf	5 May 1945
Pfc	DeWayne F. Schroeder	37774554	Inf	28 June 1945
Pfc	Ellery G. Scott	36404474	Inf	25 June 1945
Sgt	James H. Spofford	39933210	Inf	19 May 1945
1st Lt	Hugh D. Stetler	01286729	Inf	22 April 1945
T Sgt	Elmer Sweetser	37461615	Inf	9 April 1945
Pfc	Ray N. Valera	39865726	Inf	13 June 1945
2d Lt	Richard J. Wadley	02012139	Inf	30 April 1945

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:

S Sgt	Oscar M. Chasteen	35130119	Inf	15 December 1944
Pfc	William L. Duncan	35092821	Inf	8 December 1944
T Sgt	Fitzhugh Hogan	38283092	Inf	30 November 1944
S Sgt	George G. Randall	16149073	Inf	31 October 1944

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AGRC-SA 201, Greifer, George J.
36 429 608 (1 Feb 55)

14 April 1955

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. George J. Greifer
c/o Schwartz's
226 - 230 North Fifth Street
Quincy, Illinois

1. So much of General Orders 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 7 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to George J. Greifer, service number 36 429 608, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart has been awarded to above named former soldier by General Orders 238, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, dated 16 June 1945, as amended by Department of the Army Letter Orders dated 14 April 1955.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

David W. Arp
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 566

7 AUGUST 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a second 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 20 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 May 1945.

Private First Class Clarence W. Blessing, 37615701, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Osato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Robert L. Dunn, 37177024, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Conical Point, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 543, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 August 1945.

Sergeant Otto Farina, 39227158, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 June 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 187, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant William J. Green, 39202650, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Osato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Benjamin H. Griffin, 37100474, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Thomas R. Holiman, 37065139, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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

Sergeant Walter L. Penstein, 38313620, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 227, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Franklin F. Rose, 35543287, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant Frank Stead, Jr., 36534203, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 31 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

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Sergeant Gene E. York, 37733622, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 185, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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

Staff Sergeant Franklin P. Rose, 35548287, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Arayachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

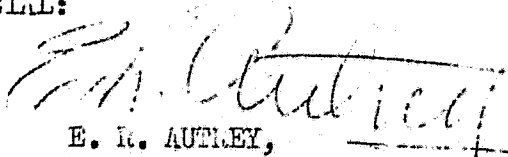
3. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named Enlisted Man per authority indicated, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds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

Staff Sergeant Franklin P. Rose, 35548287, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945 near Arayachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 567

7 August 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER --

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 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 Theodore W. Navratil, 12219888, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When members of the battalion Ammunition and Pioneer platoon, who were distributing ammunition, discovered three armed enemy hiding in a ditch in the Battalion Command Post area. The Japanese, in good English asked to be directed to the Battalion Command Post, and then opened fire upon two men. Private First Class Navratil, a member of the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, armed with his Browning automatic rifle, and three hand grenades, and with great courage charged the enemy killing all of them. His heroic and quick action safeguarded the Battalion Command Post and protected the members of his platoon from the enemy threat.

Sergeant Carl G. Olson, 36638155, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When an enemy machine gun pinned down and halted his squad's advance upon its objective, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Olson, seeing that he could not assault the enemy weapon frontally, withdrew his men to the bottom of the ridge to a covered position and then set out alone to reconnoiter for a better route of approach. Having gone only a few yards he encountered a lone Jap defender in a fox-hole on the left flank of his squad. Acting quickly, he charged the enemy soldier and killed him with his bayonet. Sergeant Olson then continued on his mission of finding a better route for the assault of his squad's objective. After reconnoitering for some time, he located a draw which was suitable not only for his squad to move through, but also for the whole platoon. Upon his return he reported the results of his reconnaissance to his platoon leader who told him to guide the platoon over the route and through the draw. This done, Sergeant Olson took command of his squad and assisted his platoon in capturing its objective without casualties. Sergeant Olson's heroic action and excellent leadership reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alan L. Park, 33590620, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. As the operator of his company's 300 radio, Private First Class Park maintained continual communications with battalion headquarters and with artillery units. Although he had been wounded early in the day, in the early phases of the battle for the town he remained with his company, refusing proffered evacuation. Staying back, he aided his company commander immeasurably in maintaining control and instilled, by his own exemplary calmness and poise, a feeling of coolness among the other troops. His reassuring composure and words of confidence did much for the maintenance of morale within the company. Private First Class Park's deep devotion to duty, his steadfastness and self-possession are worthy of high military praise.

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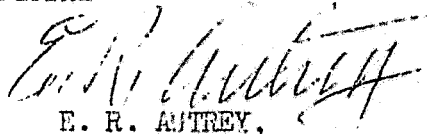
Private First Class Axel B. Rasmussen, 36730345, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Yuza Dake Escarpment, Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Private First Class Rasmussen, acting as a squad leader was leading the first squad in his company up the Yuza Dake Escarpment. He gained the top of the escarpment with his squad and they had set up in the best position they could find when suddenly a light machine gun opened up on them from a position near a pill-box on their left. Then another machine gun opened up from their right producing such a concentration of fire that Private First Class Rasmussen had to order his men off the escarpment. As the men withdrew, three of them were wounded including Private First Class Rasmussen who received a wound in the arm. However he managed to get out and when he started to reorganize his squad found the other two men missing. Knowing that they must still be in the machine gun fire he unsparingly went back up the escarpment and worked his way under the heavy machine gun fire to where his men were lying in a small shell crater. He administered first aid, worked them out of the position, and finally got them safely moved to a spot from which they could be evacuated. Private First Class Rasmussen's courageous act in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of the two wounded men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Sergeant William C. Rhodes, 34644249, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When it was reported that the enemy had made a break through the line Sergeant Rhodes volunteered to man a machine gun on the forward slope of the hill occupied by the battalion command post. Although his position was heavily shelled by enemy artillery during the night and he himself was several times covered by dirt, he manned his gun with a courage and determination that reflects highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Ray E. Richard, 38260629, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When intense enemy knee mortar fire and hand grenades halted his company's advance over the top of an important hill, Sergeant Richard, and two other men worked their way to the peak of the hill and fought the enemy with their own grenades and rifles until the enemy positions were flanked by the rest of the company. Although he was seriously wounded, he continued the fight until his ammunition was exhausted. Sergeant Richard's heroic deed was an inspiration to all who witnessed the act and brought great credit upon himself and the military service.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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7 August 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER
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 Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class John E. Daley, 36903771, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When a man in a nearby fox-hole was seriously wounded during an enemy counterattack on his company, Private First Class Daley left his place of cover and rushed to the aid of the wounded man. He gave medical aid to the man while under constant fire from enemy mortars and the attacking troops. He then single-handedly carried the wounded man to safety which enabled him to receive further treatment, and speeded his evacuation. Private First Class Daley's courageous deed reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 1, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 January 1945.

Sergeant Frank J. Dowell, 36700169, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Sergeant Dowell, along with his company, was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. Several casualties were suffered and because of the enemy fire several men wounded in forward positions could not be reached. Noticing that several of the wounded men were in a serious condition, Sergeant Dowell crept forward to three of them giving first aid and then evacuating them one at a time to cover despite the fact that enemy bullets were hitting all around him. After rescuing the three wounded men he, with the help of another soldier, crept forward to three more wounded giving aid and evacuating them. Sergeant Dowell displayed daring courage, coolness, and aggressiveness, and was directly responsible in saving the lives of six of his fellow soldiers. Previous award per General Orders 30, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 February 1945.

Private First Class Raymond R. Greenleaf, 31220705, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When two riflemen were hit by enemy sniper fire and were lying in an exposed position, Private First Class Greenleaf, with one other man, crawled forward through a ditch to reach the casualties. An attempt to use the ditch as a route of evacuation was unsuccessful because of the depth of mud in its bottom. The two men then made an attempt to carry the more serious of the casualties through the open terrain since his condition was such that he required immediate attention. The other member of the squad being wounded in the attempts to remove the casualties through the open terrain, Private First Class Greenleaf evacuated the casualties although with great difficulty through the mud along the cover of the ditch. Private First Class Greenleaf's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 46, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945.

Sergeant Lawrence F. Hartman, 37233204, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Hartman was advancing with the rest of his platoon on the reverse slope of a hill when forty

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to fifty Japs attacked them. Sergeant Hartman immediately left his covered position and poured withering Browning Automatic Rifle fire into the enemy which broke their attack and put the survivors to rout. Sergeant Hartman's devotion to duty and courage against large odds reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 228, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 May 1945.

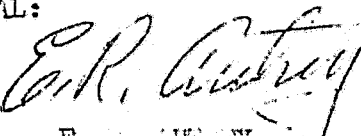
Technician Fifth Grade Clifford V. Kempe, 3217233, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When several Infantrymen were buried by an enemy rocket-bomb, during a heavy barrage, Technician Fifth Grade Kempe, an ambulance driver, completely disregarding his own safety, voluntarily rushed to their aid, where he assisted in digging the injured out, and in the successful revival of one man by artificial respiration. Despite the danger from the enemy artillery, Technician Fifth Grade Kempe, remained in the area and continued to assist in the evacuation of the other wounded men. Technician Fifth Grade Kempe's courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 254, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 25 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Ellis C. Miller Jr., 37373473, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When an ammunition dump in his bivouac area was hit by direct fire during a heavy enemy artillery barrage and the resulting fire threatened to spread to a gasoline dump located approximately fifty yards away, Staff Sergeant Miller, a Company Supply Sergeant, with complete disregard for his own safety, left a position of safety to run through the barrage to a bull dozer tank. Although he was unfamiliar with the driving of a tank, he made every effort to operate it and the dozer blade at the same time. While thus engaged, he was joined by another man who volunteered to drive the tank. Staff Sergeant Miller then moved over to the bow gunner's seat and operated the dozer blade. Together these two men repeatedly drove into the blazing inferno knocking apart piles of ammunition and scraping dirt over the burning wooden cases and the exploding shells. For better vision, Staff Sergeant Miller constantly worked with an open hatch, thus additionally exposing himself to the dangers of his mission. By his courageous actions, accomplished while still in the line of enemy artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Miller was instrumental in saving much valuable equipment, in addition to safeguarding the lives of the men who were in the bivouac area. Previous award per General Orders 56, Headquarters 7th Infantry Division, 20 July 1944.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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ORIGINAL ORDER

7 August 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Sergeant Loren T. Altig, 37457099, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 28 April 1945. Sergeant Altig's coordination of vehicles on their supply hauls to the front, his thorough and efficient reconnaissance of forward routes and the directing of vehicles over mined and artillery shelled roads, were instrumental in keeping his battalion in sufficient supplies to carry out its missions. On the night of 24 April when the enemy was laying a heavy barrage of artillery and anti-aircraft in the battalion motor pool area, Sergeant Altig left his foxhole to aid in evacuating two men who were wounded by shrapnel. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Norman M. Belford, 39724860, 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. When the battalion command post received a call that two enemy soldiers had slipped through the lines and were moving in the direction of the command post, Private First Class Belford volunteered to join a patrol in search for them. After a thorough search which led the patrol under enemy artillery and mortar fire they returned with one prisoner. On the night of 13 April during an enemy counterattack it was reported that some fifty of the enemy had infiltrated through the lines. Private First Class Belford volunteered to man a machine gun position as part of the perimeter of defense for the command post, and even though the area around his position was heavily shelled by enemy artillery and spirit bombs, he bravely manned his gun throughout the night. His exemplary actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Merlin O. Bennett, 38635771, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. Private First Class Bennett was with his company during an attack on a commanding ridge on the Nishibara Range which at this time was held by the enemy. For five days previously his company was held up at the base to the ridge by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, during which time the enemy inflicted casualties on our troops by their fire from advantageous positions. When the company was ordered to move south and take the ridge that was a gateway to Shuri, Private First Class Bennett was designated as one of the two scouts for the attack and when the order was given to advance, he courageously and unhesitatingly moved out over the enemy occupied ridge. With complete disregard for his own safety, and while under enemy fire and observation, Private First Class Bennett successfully scouted out the enemy positions and then directed the company to the enemy positions, and was directly responsible for the destruction of twenty of the enemy without a casualty for our troops. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Harry J. Brown, 37647449, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. Private First Class Brown was with his company during an attack on a commanding ridge on the Nishibara Range which at this time was held by the enemy. For five days previously his company was held up at the base to the ridge by enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire, during which time the enemy inflicted casualties on our troops by their fire from advantageous positions. When the company was ordered to move south and take the ridge, Private First Class Brown was designated as one of the two scouts for the attack and when the order was given to advance, he courageously and unhesitatingly moved out over the enemy occupied ridge. With complete disregard for his own safety, and while under enemy fire and observation, he successfully scouted out the enemy positions. Private First Class Brown then directed the company to the enemy positions, and was responsible for the destruction of twenty of the enemy without a casualty to our own troops. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

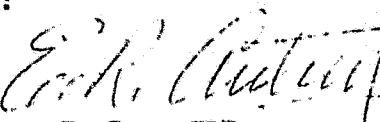
Private First Class Wilfred T. Griggs, 30282927, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Private First Class Griggs, as an anti-tank gunner, succeeded in knocking out three enemy machine gun positions and one mortar position although under heavy enemy machine gun fire. The ridge from which he was firing had not yet been secured by riflemen, when the gun was placed in position. Private First Class Griggs' actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Lawrence R. Hunter, 37233224, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Private First Class Hunter's duties as truck driver carried him many times across roads that were mined and shelled by enemy artillery, yet he drove continuously throughout the period hauling supplies to the battalion forward dump. On the night of 23 April he drove his vehicle all night, moving ammunition to the front and evacuating casualties under enemy mortar and artillery fire. On the night of 24 April, the enemy shelled the battalion motor pool area for several hours with artillery and anti-aircraft. Private First Class Hunter was in a foxhole with a companion when an anti-aircraft shell hit in the hole with them and exploded. Although he was the most seriously wounded, Private First Class Hunter held his companion in their foxhole until the shelling stopped, then called for help and aided in getting the men to a vehicle for transportation to a hospital. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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7 August 1945

MICHAEL MILLER
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald A. Hoyt, 37491300, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When a tank in which Technician Fifth Grade Hoyt was a crew member was hit several times by an enemy anti-tank gun, it burst into flames. After dismounting from the tank, and exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Technician Fifth Grade Hoyt struggled in the blaze to extricate the tank driver who was wounded by one of the penetrating shells and trapped in his seat by the flames. In accomplishing his task, Technician Fifth Grade Hoyt was seriously burned himself; but despite all hazards, he succeeded in extricating the wounded soldier and bringing him to safety. His display of courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Frank J. Karwoski, 31235181, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When one of the members of his squad was hit by enemy machine gun fire and trapped on a ledge, Staff Sergeant Karwoski fashioned a rope from rifle slings and went down to the wounded man in direct line with the enemy machine gun and while under fire slipped the slings under the wounded man's arms and pulled him to safety. Staff Sergeant Karwoski then reorganized his squad and continued on his mission. His bravery and courage was an inspiring factor to all who witnessed his actions. Staff Sergeant Karwoski's performance of duty was highly significant in the success of the attack made by his company.

Private First Class Clinton O. Ishmael, 36431387, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. While Private First Class Ishmael's company was busily engaged in repelling a heavy enemy counterattack, he constantly received and transmitted messages by radio with higher echelons and with the company. His position at the company observation post was under heavy enemy mortar and rifle fire. His ability to carry on his work, even under grave danger, influenced others of the organization, and his expert communications enabled his company to get supporting fire missions in a minimum of time.

Technician Fifth Grade Ralph S. Levy, 33389754, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, hearing the call for aid, Technician Fifth Grade Levy, heedless of his own safety, went forward and aided in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Levy were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Technician Fourth Grade Guy S. Markham Jr., 34501240, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When one of the men of his company was wounded from heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, Technician Fourth Grade Markham, although exhausted from delivering badly needed ammunition to the front lines, gave medical aid to the injured man under the intense fire and single-handedly carried him a distance of three hundred yards directly under the heavy barrage back to the battalion aid station. Technician Fourth Grade Markham's diligent effort and fine display of courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

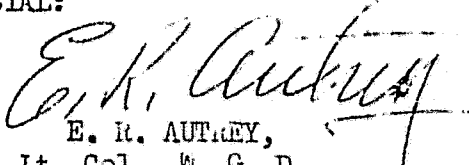
Technician Fifth Grade James W. Mersman, 37392612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When two men of his company were wounded by enemy hand grenade fire while dug in at night, Technician Fifth Grade Mersman voluntarily answered his commanding officer's call for a vehicle to evacuate them. Although the darkness of the night, the rocky and winding road, and enemy sniper fire which caused him to stop and take cover made driving almost impossible, he returned safely with the two casualties. His fine display of courage and willingness to help enabled the wounded men to receive further care and brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Sergeant Alvin J. Neuner, 36096654, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Sergeant Neuner was a member of a forward observer party working with the assault Infantry companies in the attack on Kakazu Ridge. He was on an Observation Point just behind the front lines and observed that the Infantry was receiving heavy machine gun and mortar fire, but could not observe where it was coming from. On his own initiative, and with complete disregard for his own life, Sergeant Neuner crossed a fire swept field contacted the Infantry and got the location of the enemy guns, then returned across the field with information that enabled the officer in charge to bring artillery fire on the enemy positions; knock out three machine guns, destroy one camouflaged pillbox, and silence the mortars. Later in the day Sergeant Neuner repeated this performance and upon arriving back at his Observation Point, found the officer absent and proceeded to adjust fire on a pill box and destroy it. His courage and zealous devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

C. H. WHITE JR.,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


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Adjutant General.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 571

MILITARY ORDER

8 AUGUST 1945

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Art 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	John A. Ables	33272627	Inf	10 June 1945
Pfc	John H. Alvey	33907557	Inf	20 June 1945
T Sgt	Morris E. Beals	36301333	Inf	7 April 1945
Pfc	Tolly M. Beaver	37775479	Inf	10 May 1945
Pfc	Lloyd G. Beartson	37774314	Inf	10 May 1945
Pfc	Earl E. Best	35835475	Inf	13 May 1945
Pvt	Carl G. Bicknell	39533250	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Daniel E. Black	36172807	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Edward H. Blankenship	35734172	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	Arnold J. Blanner	37642938	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Noah A. Bottoms	44020453	Inf	2 June 1945
Pfc	William S. Bowman	37774573	Inf	17 May 1945
Pfc	Francis A. Brighenti	31325417	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	William K. Brockhart	35878113	Inf	3 June 1945
Pfc	Donald R. Burgess	37775336	Inf	1 July 1945
Pfc	Hersholl R. E. Burnham	39471120	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	Earl H. Burton	38347883	Inf	19 April 1945
Tec 5	Thomas E. Callahan	6820341	Inf	10 April 1945
Cpl	Joseph J. Capretti	36700530	Inf	12 April 1945
S Sgt	Mercer H. Casey	36534330	Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc	Amuel W. Charlton	37641282	Inf	3 June 1945
Pfc	Otho H. Chitwood	37641013	Inf	11 May 1945
S Sgt	William H. Cissell	36703178	Inf	26 April 1945
Pfc	Robert L. Colyer	37647317	Inf	7 June 1945
Pfc	Archie L. Combs	36906446	Inf	15 May 1945
Pvt	George H. Cooksey	38632264	Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc	Wilson P. Courville	37617291	Inf	28 May 1945
Pfc	Troy A. Cumber	34358790	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	James W. Davis	39475226	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	Wayne S. DeChambeau	39933123	Inf	17 May 1945
Pfc	Salvatore N. DeSano	32602227	Inf	23 May 1945
Pfc	Manuel J. Dominguez	39119734	Inf	22 May 1945
T Sgt	Max Dominguez	39234249	Inf	22 May 1945
Sgt	Robert H. Draper	36363023	Inf	12 May 1945
Pfc	Levey W. Druwe	38680146	Inf	12 May 1945
Pfc	Harold R. Drumheller	36915798	Inf	25 May 1945
T Sgt	Dennis O. Dunifan	19045411	Inf	15 May 1945
Pfc	Elwood F. Edgewcombe	31153900	Inf	13 April 1945
Pfc	Freeman L. Elliott	39391233	Inf	13 May 1945
Major	Kenny W. Erickson	024474	Inf	16 May 1945
Pfc	James H. Erment	38292638	Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc	Vernon A. Erchmann	6916199	Inf	11 June 1945
Sgt	William L. Fair	37535625	Inf	15 May 1945
Pfc	Clifford E. Flashgrab	37713342	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Robert L. Fleckenstein	35241407	Inf	16 May 1945

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2d Lt	Edward F. Foster	02012140	Inf	20 May 1945
Pfc	Carl L. Fritz	39723330	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Juan Garza	33701651	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Wayne M. Gocke	17135339	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Robert O. Gourley	32763003	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Carlton E. Gustafson	37735120	Inf	23 April 1945
Tec 5	Robert G. Hachen	36797123	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Bob L. Haines	35075139	Inf	26 June 1945
Pfc	J. C. Hall	39596263	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	Devor Hampton	39932289	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	James H. Hanley	39935053	Inf	3 June 1945
Pfc	David Z. Hawley	38325026	Inf	5 April 1945
Pfc	Henry S. Haynes	37735602	Inf	13 May 1945
Pvt	Wayne A. Heitkila	39933141	Inf	23 April 1945
Pfc	Novle J. Henson	31300329	Inf	24 May 1945
Sgt	Arlin E. Hudson	36899251	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	George A. Karpen	39346693	Inf	8 July 1945
Pfc	Bernard C. Kathe	35224676	FA	7 July 1945
1st Lt	Rush E. Kloster	01300657	Inf	22 May 1945
2d Lt	Charles L. Knight	01323532	Inf	24 June 1945
Pfc	Louis L. Kuttel	39344096	Inf	10 May 1945
S Sgt	Eldred D. Lierly	36430310	Inf	13 May 1945
Sgt	Elmer R. Madsen	37313149	Inf	4 June 1945
Pfc	Ben C. Maldonado	38213451	Inf	20 April 1945
Pvt	Robert D. Marshall	36906431	Inf	23 April 1945
Pfc	Frank L. Matheny	36431736	Inf	15 June 1945
S Sgt	William T. McCord	37615230	Inf	21 May 1945
Cpl	Acuben E. Miller	37317544	CE	25 June 1945
S Sgt	Charles H. Molek	36431914	Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc	Kenneth Murray	10650013	Inf	11 April 1945
Sgt	Kenneth F. Nicholson	37233203	Inf	24 June 1945
Sgt	Rowland J. Normand	38260331	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Even O. Pennington	39312939	Inf	17 April 1945
Pvt	Glenn R. Perry	39479464	Inf	8 April 1945
Sgt	Lawrence S. Pochocki	36331646	FA	23 June 1945
S Sgt	James E. Pruitt	38229967	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Harlan C. Raines	39479503	ID	19 June 1945
Pfc	Albert D. Rega	31131316	Inf	22 April 1945
Sgt	Stephen D. Renlinger	36703035	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Floyd J. Robertson	39933499	ID	15 June 1945

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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AGDF-33 201 Dunipain, Dennis C.
19 045 811 (25 Sep 53)

4 November 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Dennis C. Dunipain
20197 Woodbine Avenue
Castro Valley, California

1. So much of General Orders 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 8 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Technical Sergeant Dennis C. Dunipain, service number 19 045 811, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart had been previously awarded to the above named individual by General Orders 12, Headquarters 204th General Hospital, dated 18 May 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBERS 572

SECTION I

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

SECTION I ORIGINAL ORDER - 17

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	Melvin E. Rosebush	36533939	Inf	20 April 1945
Pfc	Hershall L. Seabolt	44036059	Inf	8 June 1945
Pvt	Benjamin F. Shipley	39595454	Inf	29 April 1945
Pfc	Donald W. Shoaf	33926041	Inf	3 June 1945
Sgt	Arthur E. Smith	36382854	Inf	17 June 1945
S Sgt	Earl G. Smith	39595157	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Lloyd R. Smith	38220294	Inf	22 April 1945
Pvt	Coy W. Snow	38570551	Inf	26 April 1945
Pfc	Russell A. Soderburg	39388599	Inf	24 June 1945
Sgt	John W. Stephens	32798548	Inf	22 June 1945
Pvt	Thomas B. Stepp, Jr.	32631849	Inf	23 April 1945
Pfc	Sidney A. Stern	39325385	Inf	15 May 1945
Pvt	George N. Stoops	39933186	Inf	23 April 1945
Pvt	Lonnie A. Stratton	39170290	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Vyron R. Strawn	38631881	Inf	11 June 1945
Pfc	Charles L. Strode	36431234	Inf	27 April 1945
Cpl	George E. Sykes, Jr.	31289918	Inf	11 May 1945
Cpl	Marcus E. Taylor	38515070	Inf	23 April 1945
Pfc	Jordan N. Tucker	38300185	Inf	19 June 1945
Pfc	Vernon W. Vanderpan	39615762	Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc	Max A. Warner	39725056	Inf	24 June 1945
2d Lt	Samuel R. Watkins	02331687	Inf	4 June 1945
Pfc	Howard L. Williams	36429768	Inf	12 May 1945
Pfc	Robert W. Williams	38517343	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Jessie D. Wilson	38294109	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Orville B. Wood, Jr.	39730411	Inf	21 May 1945
Pfc	Alfred W. Zarn	37318244	Inf	23 April 1945

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a 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 Ralph E. Bauch, 36430862, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Chan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 50, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

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Private First Class Laurence E. Burkland, 36700373, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Ronald W. Bracken, 39595401, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

First Lieutenant George M. Gale, 0495565, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 22, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 November 1944.

Private First Class Raymond F. Goodrich, 15360947, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Orric H. Griswell, Jr., 39084988, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

Private First Class Carlton E. Gustafson, 34735420, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert G. Hachen, 36597128, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

Private First Class Jesse A. Hubbard, 35709942, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 209, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Dailey E. Jackson, 38701668, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

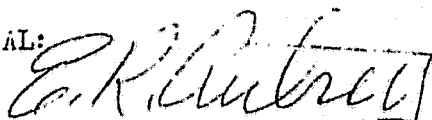
First Sergeant John K. Miller, 37392700, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

Sergeant Carol D. Morehead, 38227758, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Turara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

C. H. WHITE JR.,
Colonel, GSC,
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Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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AGRS-DA 201 Rosebush, Melvin E.
36 533 939 (20 Nov 50)

29 November 1950

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

TO: Mr. Melvin E. Rosebush
104 Chandler Street
Bay City, Michigan

1. General Order 572, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division dated 8 August 1945 which awards the Purple Heart to Private First Class Melvin E. Rosebush, 36 533 939, is withdrawn.

2. The Purple Heart has previously been awarded to the above-named individual by General Order 262, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command dated 23 June 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. A. Lacey
Adjutant General

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AGDP-GSP 201 Williams, Howard L.
ER 36 429 768 (21 Jan 53)

16 February 1953

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Withdrawal of General Orders

1. So much of General Orders 572, Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division, dated 8 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Howard L. Williams, 36 429 768, is withdrawn.
2. The Purple Heart has previously been awarded to the above-named individual by General Orders 64, Headquarters, Army Garrison Force, dated 4 July 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. H. Newman
Adjutant General

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8 AUGUST 1945

SECTION

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

SECTION I

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:

First Lieutenant Eric S. Backholm, 01315470, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 near Tobaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 121, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945.

Private First Class Frederick W. Barthels, 36846700, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 400, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Morris E. Beals, 36384183, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

Private First Class Jesse E. Burkhalter, 44032621, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 306, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 June 1945.

Private First Class Billy Corley, 34936518, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 232, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Private First Class Salvatore N. Delano, 32602227, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant James E. Pruitt, 38229967, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Meada, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

Private First Class Manuel V. Salazar, 38679923, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 484, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

Private First Class John J. Schriener, 35917514, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 242, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Sergeant Paul E. Shirley, 19146202, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

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Private First Class Duane A. Snook, 37775432, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Onaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 539, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 August 1945.

Private Coy W. Snow, 38570651, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Meada, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 572, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

Private First Class Earl H. Stanley, 3775334C, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 279, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 June 1945.

Private First Class Peter K. Thibault, 31377217, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 546, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945.

Private First Class Alfred H. Vines, 39149097, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 485, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

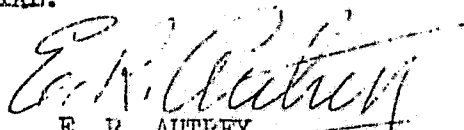
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel for wounds received in action against the enemy at Leyte, Philippine Islands, on dates indicated:

Cpl	Thomas F. Guzman	32650088	Inf (Armd)	29 October 1944
Pfc	William J. Hill	16141504	Inf	7 November 1944
Pfc	Alan K. Loper	37573085	Inf	24 November 1944

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL B. DIEB:

C. H. WHITE JR.,
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Lt Col, AGD,
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
ORIGINAL ORDER - 96

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 574

8 August 1945.

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Lester J. Damme, 37461505, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Throughout the campaign, Private First Class Damme, a jeep ambulance driver, made many trips to the Battalion Aid Stations, carrying medical supplies forward and returning with the wounded. Fearlessly disregarding enemy artillery and rocket-bomb barrages, Private First Class Damme unflinchingly continued, often volunteering to make the hazardous trips at night under black-out, although several times harrassed by enemy machine-gun fire. The strenuous labor, endurance, and dependability of Private First Class Damme through severe weather conditions, contributed much to the successful medical support of the infantry when our lines of evacuation were threatened by difficult land transportation. Private First Class Damme's grim determination and unwavering devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Anthony R. Mahoney, 36152076, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. During a night attack on his anti-tank gun position by nine enemy soldiers, Staff Sergeant Mahoney succeeded in killing five of them and routing the rest. No casualties were suffered in his squad sleeping nearby. Staff Sergeant Mahoney's actions saved the lives of his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul W. Mathews, 38319957, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Private First Class Mathews, Under enemy sniper fire, assisted in the administering of first aid and the evacuation of a wounded soldier who had been wounded the night before during an engagement with the enemy, across three hundred yards of open swamp, which was so soft that he was forced to lie in the prone position to support himself on the surface while pulling the litter, bearing the casualty, behind him. Private First Class Mathews' courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal James A. Murphy, 35725829, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maed Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Corporal Murphy, volunteered at great risk to his own life, to carry food and water to a forward company which was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire and to evacuate the wounded. Corporal Murphy had to cross six hundred yards of open field which was covered by a by-passed enemy machine gun and subjected to enemy mortar fire. The devotion to duty, initiative, and exemplary conduct under these hazardous conditions, shown by Corporal Murphy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Sergeant Raymond G. Myers, 38293623, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 and 26 May 1945. On the night of 25 May 1945 with his company in defense of an important ridge at Nishibara-Mura, Sergeant Myers volunteered to move through intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire to the aid of his platoon sergeant who was wounded in action. Sergeant Myers administered first aid with the help of two others and helped carry him to cover; later he helped to evacuate him to safety. Again on 26 May 1945, he helped to evacuate five casualties under flares, while being fired upon by enemy machine guns and small arms fire. Sergeant Myers' determination to accomplish his mission under heavy enemy concentrated fire was responsible for saving the lives of six men. Sergeant Myers' heroic action served as an inspiration to all the men of his unit and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

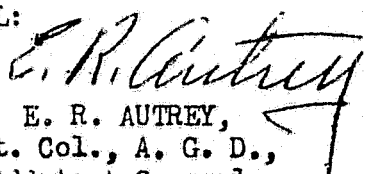
Corporal Lester L. Smith, 33246916, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. During a counterattack by an estimated platoon of the enemy Corporal Smith continued to fire his anti-tank gun even though its shield was pierced by bullets and its tires cut by mortar fragments. His actions accounted for seven of the enemy. The achievements of Corporal Smith displayed his cool courage and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul E. Smith, 36404100, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. Private First Class Smith while engaged in his capacity of evacuating patients from the battalion Aid Station to the Collecting Company, learned that there were two wounded men in the Battalion Observation Post requiring immediate evacuation. Private First Class Smith volunteered to take his vehicle over a route covered by enemy fire to reach these casualties. Private First Class Smith's courageous and aggressive action speeded the evacuation of the wounded soldiers to further medical care.

Private First Class James F. Weiss, 35093774, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When vital communications with a forward line company went out during the night, Private First Class Weiss twice volunteered to repair the line. This action necessitated crossing four hundred yards of difficult terrain swept by mortar and artillery fire. During this action Private First Class Weiss located two casualties and brought a litter squad to their assistance. His courage and unhesitating devotion to duty in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Technician Fifth Grade Roger M. Olson, 3554868, 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 Fifth Grade Olson demonstrated exceptional skill and initiative in operating an overloaded switchboard from the battalion command post while under enemy artillery fire. By his expeditious manner of operating the board, calls went through with no loss of time. On the morning of 13 April, when an enemy spigot bomb killed eighteen men in an aid station near his position, Technician Fifth Grade Olson under continuous mortar and artillery fire immediately set to work to help dig away the dirt. By his determined and incessant labors he greatly aided in saving the lives of nine of the men. His heroic actions under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal William A. Romero, 20849165, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Conical Hill, Okinawa Island on 1 May 1945. Corporal Romero's medium tank was giving fire support to the leading elements of the advancing Infantry when he observed an Infantryman fifty yards forward of his tank seriously wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. In attempting to maneuver the tank alongside the wounded man to evacuate him, Corporal Romero was halted by the obstacles of rugged terrain and limited vision. Undaunted, Corporal Romero, voluntarily and at a great risk to his own life, dismounted from the tank and in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire, quickly covered the distance between himself and the wounded man. He immediately administered first aid, and after calling to the litter squads in the rear, made a return dash through the hail of fire to his tank. Corporal Romero then drove his tank, and called other tanks to a position between the enemy machine gun and the litter party to provide cover for the evacuation of the casualty to the rear area. The heroic and fearless actions of Corporal Romero are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles R. Schleicher, 3625168, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, upon hearing the call for aid, Technician Fifth Grade Schleicher, heedless of his own safety went forward under a hail of fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aiding in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Schleicher were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class George Sego, Jr, 39591567, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. When a front line Infantry company, while under enemy artillery fire, had several men of a light machine gun squad buried by an artillery shell which landed in the vicinity of their post, one of the men, being only partially buried gave the call for help. Private First Class Sego, without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, left his place of cover and went immediately to the aid of the entombed men. Enemy sniper and machine gun fire began to fall in the area but Private First Class Sego persisted in his efforts until all of the men had been recovered and given first aid. Private First Class Sego's actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.


Corporal Thomas Shamas, 32466336, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When a mortar shell critically wounded his platoon leader and killed a rifle company commander, Corporal Shamas, hearing the call for help, courageously left his foxhole in the face of hostile machine gun fire to procure a first aid man. Defying the withering enemy fire, he quickly led the aid man across the exposed area to the side of his comrade. After aiding in administering first aid he supervised the evacuation of the casualty. Corporal Shamas's inspiring devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Balorino C. Sierra, 36109706, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When fire from enemy snipers in a house pinned down and halted the advance of his company, Private First Class Sierra, although exposed completely to the fire, worked his way into position and demolished the building with two accurate shots from his rocket launcher thereby exposing its inhabitants to fire from the men of his company. The courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Sierra was the dominant factor in his company's ability to continue the attack and was an inspiration to all who witnessed the deed.

Sergeant Gene E. York, 37733622, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) York, during a close and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, volunteered as a member of a litter party to evacuate a seriously wounded man across fifty yards of open ground being swept by heavy, accurate enemy fire. The party left a sheltered depression and carried the man back to the rear. The gallant actions of Sergeant York in volunteering to take the wounded man to safety, in leaving a relatively safe position and exposing himself to fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Simpson, 36540311, 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 fellow squad members were digging in, and wounded nine men, Staff Sergeant Simpson, still under enemy fire left his shelter and began treating them. Before the medical aid men arrived, he already had cared for three of those most seriously wounded. His rapid and efficient handling of the wounded men and his devotion to duty, undoubtedly saved several lives and proved himself a credit to the military service.

Private First Class David Snyder, 32523335, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Snyder, a member of a volunteer party, moved forward of our tank and Infantry forces to clear a minefield which guarded the first main line of enemy resistance in that sector. The intensity of enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire made it necessary for Private First Class Snyder to crawl into the mined area and probe the field from a prone position. A heavy concentration of sustained mortar fire caused a momentary cessation of probing operations but the unhesitating steadfastness of purpose and an inspiring display of courage on the part of Private First Class Snyder resulted in the ultimate opening of a passage which enabled our armored vehicles to advance and make a direct assault on enemy occupied and fortified positions. The devotion to duty and courageous actions under fire demonstrated by Private First Class Snyder reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Lawrence J. Sousa, 39210154, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Zebra Hill, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Sousa with two other members of his anti-tank gun squad pulled his squad gun out of position in the face of enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Sousa then crawled to a newly designated position and while under enemy machine gun fire, dug an anti-tank gun emplacement from the prone position in order to resume fire against the enemy. Private First Class Sousa's courage and devotion to duty displays one of the finest qualities of the military service.

Staff Sergeant John A. Stratman, 35129585, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. As Supply Sergeant, Staff Sergeant Stratman volunteered to help evacuate two wounded men from an area which was under fire. Taking charge of the litter team, Staff Sergeant Stratman braving enemy artillery and small arm fire successfully evacuated the wounded men, some six hundred yards to the battalion aid station. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade Walter L. Trulove, 36383364, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When an enemy spigot bomb buried eighteen men in an aid station near his position, Technician Fifth Grade Trulove immediately left his shelter and under heavy artillery fire, set to work to help dig away the dirt. By his determined and incessant labors he greatly aided in saving the lives of nine of the men. Technician Fifth Grade Trulove's courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

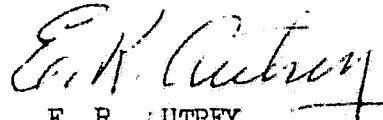
Private First Class Edward A. Tuinstra, 36414961, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Tuinstra, a member of a volunteer party, moved forward of our tank and Infantry forces to clear a minefield which guarded the first main line of enemy resistance in that sector. The intensity of enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire made it necessary for Private First Class Tuinstra to crawl into the mined area and probe the field from a prone position. A heavy concentration of sustained mortar fire caused a momentary cessation of probing operations but the unhesitating steadfastness of purpose and an inspiring display of courage on the part of Private First Class Tuinstra resulted in the ultimate opening of a passage which enabled our armored vehicles to advance and make a direct assault on enemy occupied and fortified positions. The devotion to duty and courageous action under fire demonstrated by Private First Class Tuinstra reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Harvey L. Viether, 36431628, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When extremely heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire pinned his company down in its attempt to attack Tombstone Ridge, Staff Sergeant Viether, a mortar section leader, acting on his own initiative, moved forward under the intense fire to an observation post from which he brought fire to bear on the enemy weapons. Although continually exposed to enemy fire, he fulfilled his endeavor and because of his efficient and unerring direction, six of the enemy guns were destroyed and fourteen members of their crews killed. Staff Sergeant Viether's superior performance of duty in the face of extreme danger paved the way for his company's successful capture of its objective and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class William H. Barclay, Jr., 37535367, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When a strong enemy counterattack, preceded by intense artillery and mortar fire supported by withering machine gun and sniper fire, was in progress, Private First Class Barclay advanced fifty yards from his covered position to a point from which he was able to protect two exposed machine gun positions. Under heavy enemy fire at all times, he continued on his mission, throwing grenades, and firing his rifle. He aided greatly in repulsing the attack.

Private First Class Merl E. Beagle, 39343614, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire, and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Beagle without regard for personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery and coolness under fire were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His courage and initiative were instrumental in successfully repulsing the attack. As a result of Private First Class Beagle's heroic action, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Private First Class Alex Berman, 31378883, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Berman, during a spigot mortar and artillery bombardment, left a sheltered position and exposed himself in order to aid in digging out a buried comrade, who had been entirely buried by a direct hit of one of the spigot mortar rounds. His action contributed greatly to the saving of the man's life. The heroic actions of Private First Class Berman in aiding his buried comrade and in continuing to work while under bombardment, undoubtedly saved the man's life, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William L. Bixby, 39620392, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Bixby, volunteered at the risk of his own life, to carry food and water to a forward line company and to evacuate casualties. This company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire and Private First Class Bixby had to cross six hundred yards of open field which was covered by a by-passed enemy machine gun and was subjected to mortar and heavy artillery fire. Private First Class Bixby's devotion to duty, initiative and exemplary conduct under such hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Second Lieutenant Truman R. Blanton, 01824416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 and 26 May 1945. On the night of 25 May 1945 with his company in defense of an important ridge at Nishi-Baru-Mura, Second Lieutenant Blanton moved through intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire with the aid of two volunteers, to help his platoon sergeant who had been wounded in action. Second Lieutenant Blanton helped to administer first aid, carry him to cover and later to evacuate him. On 26 May 1945 when several casualties were inflicted on our troops, Second Lieutenant Blanton helped to evacuate five of them under flares from our lines, and while being fired upon by enemy machine guns and small arms fire. Second Lieutenant Blanton's determination to accomplish his mission under heavy enemy fire was directly responsible for saving the lives of six men. Second Lieutenant Blanton's heroic action served as an inspiration to all the men of his unit and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

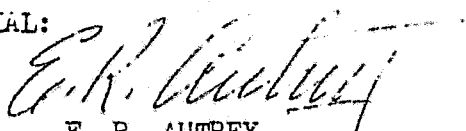
Technician Fourth Grade John A. Boyack, 36383406, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island, on 6 April 1945. When upon capturing a strategic enemy held position, it was found that the vehicles could not cross an open field to bring up supplies, because of intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Technician Fourth Grade Boyack volunteered to lead a carrying party across the exposed terrain. In view of the fact that the area was under complete observation by the enemy, Technician Fourth Grade Boyack ordered his men to remain under cover, while he alone went out to reconnoiter for a safe supply route. When, as he started across the open field, enemy machine guns immediately began firing upon him, he jumped into a shell-hole where he gained temporary safety. Shortly, he left the shell-hole, and began running once more across the open terrain, taking advantage of the little cover afforded by a nearby terrace. By creeping and crawling he discovered that the supplies could be moved over this route with a minimum of danger. Calling his men, he then directed the movement of such necessary supplies as water, ammunition and food over the perilous route. His heroic action enabled his company to remain in its newly won and vital position.

Sergeant Travis P. Brown, 38300808, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. Sergeant Brown, in charge of a platoon of litter bearers who were evacuating casualties across an open field which was under direct fire from an enemy machine gun, with utter disregard for his own life, constantly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to ascertain accurately the enemy position and direct litter squads in the safe evacuation of the wounded. Sergeant Brown's courage, leadership and devotion to duty speeded evacuation of the wounded soldiers to further medical care.

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First Lieutenant George M. Gale, 0495565, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on April 9, 1945. When his company commander was evacuated, First Lieutenant Gale assumed command while his company was under fire during the assault of an enemy held ridge. Exposing himself to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire he personally led his men to the top of the ridge and although wounded, he refused evacuation and continued to direct the fire and movement from a vantage point in the center of the line. Only when the enemy ridge was secure and his men were dug in for the night did First Lieutenant Gale submit to medical aid and evacuation. The leadership, intrepid courage and devotion to duty displayed by First Lieutenant Gale was an inspiration to all, and his actions were largely responsible for his battalion's ability to secure its objective for the day.

Private First Class Herbert D. Chapman, 38328480, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When an enemy anti-tank gun opened fire on tanks which were supporting the advance of his company, Private First Class Chapman, gunner in a sixty millimeter mortar squad, voluntarily crawled to a position from which he could best return the fire; set up his mortar and began firing. Although he and his gun were completely exposed to the fire, he continued his work until he had destroyed the enemy weapon. Private First Class Chapman's excellent example of courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Harvey W. Cohen, 36832041, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Cohen left a covered position and ran forward one hundred yards under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire to the assistance of two wounded riflemen. In the small protection afforded by a slight draw, Technician Fifth Grade Cohen administered first aid to the wounded men and then ran back through the same intense enemy fire for three hundred yards to bring up litter bearers who successfully evacuated the casualty. By his initiative and courageous action Technician Fifth Grade Cohen assisted in saving the lives of the two men.

Technician Fifth Grade James G. Collier, 35441074, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Collier, under enemy sniper fire, assisted in the administering of first aid and the evacuation of a wounded soldier who had been wounded the night before during an engagement with the

enemy, across three hundred yards of open swamp which was so soft that he was forced to lie in the prone position to support himself on the surface while pulling the litter, bearing the casualty behind him. Technician Fifth Grade Collier's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

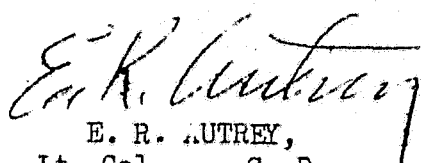
Staff Sergeant Louie W. Collier, 38300289, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Collier, although wounded by enemy fragments, continued to direct fire on enemy cave positions with his anti-tank gun and succeeded in closing five of them and knocking out an enemy observation post. He continually refused to be evacuated although weakened by loss of blood and being under enemy fire. The unflinching devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Collier reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Aldo P. D'Agosta, 37461594, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an estimated fifty enemy soldiers attempted a Banzai charge on his company, Sergeant (then Private First Class) D'Agosta, on guard at his position, left his place of cover and alerted the men in his sector for readiness to meet the attack. The charge had already started when he returned to his position but by standing up in his fox-hole in an exposed position he met the assault with an incessant amount of BAR fire and killed eighteen of the enemy troops. His alertness and courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thaddeus A. Krolikowski, 36540737, 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 Krolikowski volunteered to carry barbed wire to the forward companies of the battalion in order to set up defensive positions in preparation for an enemy counterattack. The route which he used was over treacherous terrain and was under enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. The same night, in response to an urgent call for ammunition, Private First Class Krolikowski made several trips over the same dangerous trail to supply the companies with the much needed ammunition. These trips, during the hours of darkness were extremely dangerous, as he was exposed to both friendly and enemy fire. Private First Class Krolikowski's bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Buell W. Gifford, 37627919, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When his squad leader became a casualty as a result of an enemy counter-attack, supported by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class Gifford immediately rushed to his side and gave him medical care under the intense fire. He then carried him two hundred yards to the aid station although still exposed to the constant fire. Upon his return Private First Class Gifford took over the command of the squad and directed it and its attached automatic weapons fire in such a manner that the attack near and around his sector was repulsed. Private First Class Gifford's initiative and calmness under intense enemy fire prevented further danger to his men and proved a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Lavoyght P. Hale, 314083110, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When his company suffered several casualties as a result of an enemy counter-attack supported by heavy mortar and machine gun fire Private First Class Hale left his place of cover and although constantly exposed to the intense fire of the attacking troops and their supporting weapons, helped evacuate the wounded men from the area to the aid station, a distance of two hundred yards. Private First Class Hale's display of courage in the face of extreme danger saved the injured men's lives and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles V. Harvey, 36540058, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 3 November 1944. When a heavy machine gun platoon was preparing to displace forward in order to support a rifle company in its drive upon Bloody Ridge, Private First Class Harvey was wounded by an enemy sniper's bullet but disregarding his wound he picked up the tripod and carried it one hundred fifty yards across an open area, waist deep in mud and covered by enemy sniper and machine gun fire. He then set up his gun and maintained supporting fire until the rifle company reached its objective. Not until the order was given to cease firing did he dress his wound. Private First Class Harvey's courage and devotion to duty were contributing factors to the success of the attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Gordon D. Henderson, 36890641, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Henderson, with utter disregard for his own life, voluntarily, moved forward into an area which was under continuous enemy artillery and buzz bomb barrage to search for his wounded platoon leader. Private First Class Henderson remained in the area for four hours caring for the wounded and directing their evacuation. His courageous and aggressive action was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and is keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. - 1 -

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Private First Class Willis R. Henton, 37710396, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 and 26 May 1945. On the night of 25 May 1945 with his company in defense of an important ridge at Nishibara-Mura, Private First Class Henton volunteered to move through intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire to the aid of his platoon sergeant who was wounded in action and unable to walk. Private First Class Henton helped to administer first aid and later evacuated him from enemy fire. On 26 May 1945, Private First Class Henton helped to evacuate five other casualties with the aid of flares, while being fired upon by enemy machine guns and small arms fire. Private First Class Henton's determination to accomplish his mission under deadly fire was responsible for saving the lives of six men. His heroic action served as an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

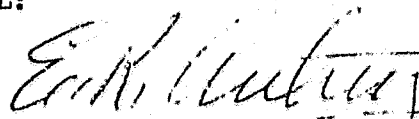
Staff Sergeant Charles E. Incl, 39571281, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Incl, during a spigot mortar and artillery bombardment, left a sheltered position and exposed himself in order to aid in digging out a buried comrade who had been originally buried by a direct hit of one of the spigot mortar rounds. His action contributed greatly to the saving of the man's life. The courageous actions of Staff Sergeant Incl in aiding his buried comrade and in continuing to work while under bombardment undoubtedly saved the man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James W. Judd, 39596163, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. When his platoon was cut off from the rest of the company and pinned down by fire from an enemy machine-gun on the left flank, Private First Class Judd, knowing his platoon needed ammunition badly, went back over the direct path of the fire, to the ammunition dump, two hundred yards away and returned with enough ammunition to replenish the supply, thereby saving his platoon from complete annihilation as well as enabling it to destroy the enemy weapon and its three crew members. Private First Class Judd's fine display of courage and initiative was exemplary and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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MILITARY 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), 20 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 Sergeant Romaine S. Alklish, 36793637, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Robert E. Broad, 37229001, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Captain Maurice J. Champagne, 01286607, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945.

Private First Class John R. Curns, 36680079, 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.

Sergeant Elmo J. DiToro, 32721785, 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 23 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald E. Flanders, 37313634, 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 26 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade James W. Goodart, 38293693, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 and 10 April 1945.

Private First Class Mack A. Hamilton, 38622081, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Conical Hill, Okinawa Island from 16 May 1945 to 19 May 1945.

Major William H. Hewes, 0413799, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 21 October 1944 to 21 June 1945.

Sergeant Thomas A. Pallen, 36704772, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945.

Captain Jacob J. Hladycz, 0419060, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Sanar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945.

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Private First Class Clare E. Howe, 37313589, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 November 1944.

Private First Class J. D. King, 38254932, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 November 1944.

Corporal Dowaine A. Kinser, 37267519, Field Artillery, 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.

Captain Robert S. Parker, 01702569, Medical 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 31 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant George Roughgarden, 32602233, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 2 January 1945.

Sergeant Henry Sabgash, 36534009, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945.

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Sergeant ~~Albert E. Sieg, 39595381,~~ Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945.

Private First Class Eugene E. Thompson, 20920792, 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.

Captain John E. Walsh, 01175349, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provision of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 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:

Sergeant Needham J. Spikes, 38423637, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Zebra Hill on Okinawa Island on 9 June 1945. Upon encountering an enemy demolition patrol in the vicinity of his anti-tank gun position, Sergeant Spikes without regard for his personal safety, led several men of his squad in a charge against the patrol, killing fourteen enemy soldiers without suffering a casualty among his own men. This action by Sergeant Spikes prevented the possible destruction of field artillery pieces in the vicinity. Sergeant Spikes' courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John F. Walker, 39933116, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a rifle company was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire and was suffering heavy casualties, upon hearing the call for aid, Private First Class Walker, heedless of his own safety, went forward under the hail of fire, carrying litters and supplies forward and aided in the evacuation of the wounded. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Private First Class Walker were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

Private First Class Alonzo C. Wilson Jr, 34815176, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When enemy mortar fire pinned his company down and halted its advance, Private First Class Wilson, without regard to his own life, continued forward to an exposed position from which he located the enemy gun. With accurate and concentrated fire from his rifle he quickly neutralized the gun by killing its three crew members. The initiative and courage displayed by Private First Class Wilson on this occasion allowed his company to continue its attack and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Harold R. Wilson, 36430815, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuga, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. As a member of an anti-tank company engaged in holding a by-passed hill, Private First Class Wilson was trapped behind an enemy occupied pillbox, and was under enemy mortar and machine gun fire from his exposed flank. While in this position, Private First Class Wilson observed a satchel charge and fire bomb being thrown from the pillbox and warned his own men in time to prevent casualties. He then made his escape from the untenable location and returned to his squad. Upon learning that a Browning automatic rifle had been left at the pillbox, Private First Class Wilson voluntarily returned through the heavy fire, retrieved the weapon and prevented it from being used against friendly troops on the exposed ridge. In the grenade battle

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that followed, Private First Class Wilson aided materially in the repulse of the attacking Japanese, and the killing of nine enemy soldiers. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

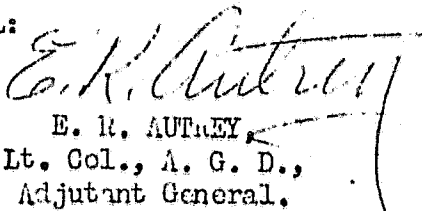
Private First Class Barnam B. Wright, 38332677, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island, on 11 April 1945. Shortly after his organization had secured an extremely well fortified position on top of Kakazu ridge, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack which was preceded by intense mortar and artillery fire and accompanied by withering machine gun and small arms fire. Private First Class Wright without regard for personal safety, maintained his position on top of the ridge despite the fury of enemy action. His bravery, coolness under fire and bitter defiance were a constant source of inspiration to the men around him. His singular courage and initiative were instrumental in the successful repulse of the attack. As a result of Private First Class Wright's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted.

Private First Class Harry L. Wright, 35547473, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuga, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. As a member of an anti-tank company, Private First Class Wright was digging in for the night when a member of his company was fired at by enemy soldiers in a pillbox. On his own initiative, Private First Class Wright assaulted the fortification with grenades and contained the enemy until the pillbox could be demolished and the occupants killed. His unhesitating action protected the exposed members of his company and aided materially in the elimination of the pillbox. Private First Class Wright's devotion to duty and heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph Yarosevich, 37267447, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When his unit had succeeded in taking a bitterly contested ridge, but the only route of supply lay over terrain covered by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Yarosevich answered the call for volunteers and set out for the supply point. As soon as he left cover, he was fired upon by an enemy machine gun. His progress was slow, but with will and determination he crawled and ran from one spot to another, and finally succeeded in reaching the supplies. Although he had been instructed to give up the mission if too much risk were involved, he picked up supplies and started back. He was soon aware that all return routes were covered by well-placed mortar and machine gun fire, but realizing his company's need for supplies, he was determined to return as soon as possible and throwing several smoke grenades, he made his way through the hail of enemy fire and reached his company safely. Private First Class Yarosevich's sense of responsibility and devotion to duty 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:

Private First Class Edwin F. Berlinghoff, 36583290, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. When the men in his patrol had come under intense fire from a well concealed Japanese machine gun, Private First Class Berlinghoff displaying outstanding initiative and aggressiveness, unhesitatingly crawled to within three yards of the enemy machine gun. When his presence was discovered by the Japanese officer, Private First Class Berlinghoff, fearlessly raised from his covered position and standing erect, firing his rifle as he advanced, moved into the enemy, killing one officer and four men. As a result of his gallantry in action he successfully destroyed the enemy machine gun nest, thus saving the lives of the men in his patrol. Private First Class Berlinghoff's display of gallantry reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Jack Bohannon, 38290776, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. When the fire of an enemy machine gun from a cave pinned down and halted his company's advance on its objective, Staff Sergeant Bohannon, without regard for his own personal safety, left his position of safety and charged forward thirty five yards through the enemy fire and over the rocky terrain and neutralized the enemy weapon by killing its crew of three men. He then placed a demolition charge at the mouth of the cave, and the explosion demolished it thereby preventing further danger to the company. The initiative and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Bohannon reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Leonard H. Carter, 2419558, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ozato, Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When one of the front line Infantry companies was held up by enemy machine gun fire in an attack on an enemy escarpment, and several men in an exposed position were wounded, Technician Fifth Grade Carter, although knowing that the area was covered by the fire from several enemy machine guns, went immediately to the assistance of the wounded men, completely disregarding his own personal safety. During this action Technician Fifth Grade Carter was wounded but refused to cease in his treatment of the casualties and the supervision of their evacuation. After all casualties in the immediate vicinity had been treated, Technician Fifth Grade Carter then instructed an infantryman in the treatment of his own wounds, and administered morphine to himself. Then noticing another casualty lying about one hundred yards away, he rose and attempted to make his way to this fallen soldier. Due to the seriousness of his own wounds, Technician Fifth Grade Carter collapsed on the field and it was necessary to carry him to the rear. Technician Fifth Grade Carter's steadfast devotion to duty and courageous actions were responsible for the saving of lives of several casualties and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them.

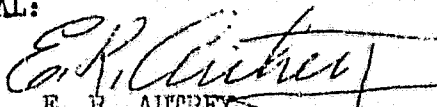
Captain Wilber L. Fite, 0388558, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 21 October 1944. When the advance of his company was halted by intense machine gun and mortar fire from strong enemy emplacements, Captain Fite called for tanks, and personally led them into the face of the enemy. Although at all times exposed to machine gun and mortar fire, he directed the fire and movement of the tanks so effectively that four emplacements, three machine guns and several mortars were knocked out and at least fifty of the enemy were killed. Removal of the enemy obstacles and personnel enabled not only his company, but his entire battalion to continue their advance. The outstanding courage, leadership and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Fite was an inspiration to all of the men of his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain Joseph F. Vering, 01301564, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 and 12 May 1945. Captain Vering, Commanding Officer of an anti tank company, led two platoons of his company to the base of Zebra Hill. The enemy on this front had prevented our troops from advancing by their intense machine gun, artillery, mortar and sniper fire. In order to move his guns into position on top of the hill it was necessary to use block and tackle. After designating the firing positions to the squad leaders Captain Vering supervised the pulling of the guns up the hill. Although mortar and sniper fire were falling on the hill, his persistent efforts made good the movement of the anti tank guns. After four of the anti tank guns were in position the Captain went from gun to gun directing very effective fire on the enemy positions. It was the supporting fire rendered by these four guns on the 11th of May 1945 and six guns on the 12th of May 1945 that enabled the front line troops to move forward and secure their objective which up until this time had been stalemated. Through the untiring efforts of Captain Vering his platoons destroyed in six hours of action one enemy vehicle, two 47mm anti tank guns, ten machine gun positions, five observation posts and not less than twenty caves. The action of these two anti tank platoons and heroic direction of fire by Captain Vering undoubtedly aided in the advance of the entire regiment. Captain Vering's leadership, courage and disregard for personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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9 August 1945

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:

Sergeant Elmer J. Higgins, 35293875, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Previous award per General Orders 352, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant Irving C. Iverson, 02012497, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945. Previous award per General Orders 167, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945.

Captain Donald J. Kaiser, 01166303, Field Artillery, 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. Captain Kaiser, a Field Artillery Liaison Officer, left the covered position and exposed himself to machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to gain information to place supporting artillery fire on an enemy position located on a ridge which was holding up the battalion advance. Placing this deadly fire on the enemy positions, the battalion advanced to an advantageous piece of terrain and made it possible for the battalion to tie in with a unit on the right flank. In the act that Captain Kaiser so nobly accomplished, he was seriously wounded. His heroic actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 88, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Hubert G. Muff, 37266255, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Muff with complete disregard for his own safety deliberately exposed himself to the hazards of enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire in order to draw fire away from a litter squad he was leading through difficult terrain and thus made possible the evacuation of a seriously wounded soldier to further medical treatment. The courage and leadership displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Muff is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 53, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant William F. Powers, 16068654, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Cactus Ridge, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. During an assault on Cactus Ridge, a rifle company that was flanking the ridge ran into heavy enemy resistance and was pinned down by enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire. All available litter squads were in use when word came of two serious casualties. Quickly organizing makeshift litter squads, Staff Sergeant Powers led his men across three hundred yards of terrain swept by enemy machine gun and artillery fire. Reaching the forward elements of the company, Staff Sergeant Powers, with utter disregard for his own personal safety and at great risk to his life, crawled forward under the terrific enemy fire and returned with the wounded men. Staff Sergeant Powers' actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 41, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

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Second Lieutenant Guy R. Roop Jr., 02012452, Military Intelligence, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Madeera, Okinawa Island on 26 June 1945. When his detachment was assigned the mission of capturing the Commanding General of the 24th Infantry Division of the Japanese Imperial Force, who along with his staff, was holding out stubbornly in a well guarded cave, Second Lieutenant Roop, fully aware of the fact that some seven hundred heavily armed enemy soldiers were dispersed about the inside of the cave guarding the General, voluntarily had himself lowered into the cave on a rope through its only known opening, a narrow tunnel, and at great risk to his life and with utter disregard for his own safety, placed a loud speaker in an advantageous position for the purpose of attempting, through the use of interpreters, to persuade the occupants of the cave to surrender. Before allowing himself to be removed from the cave, Second Lieutenant Roop calmly adjusted the public address system and tested it to assure its proper functioning. Second Lieutenant Roop's initiative and fearless and courageous actions are in keeping with the highest military traditions. Previous award per General Orders 70, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945.

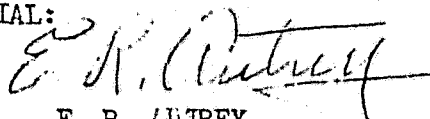
Major Austin T. Thorson, 0288305, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. Major Thorson, although ill, went forward to plan the approach and attack on Hill 143, a highly strategic portion of enemy held terrain. He personally led the assault companies and pointed out the enemy strong points. While in the act of leading his Battalion, Major Thorson was momentarily pinned down by an enemy machine gun seventy-five yards on his right flank. He stood in the open position, fully exposed to the withering fire, in order to better direct the fire of the line companies. During this action Major Thorson had to be evacuated because of his increased illness. The Battalion went on and took their objective as he had planned it. His unselfishness, courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty were an inspiration to those who witnessed them, and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 185, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Sergeant Gene E. York, 37733622, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) York, during a spigot mortar and artillery bombardment, left a sheltered position and exposed himself in order to aid in digging out a buried comrade, who had been entirely buried by a direct hit of one of the spigot mortar rounds. His action contributed greatly to the saving of the man's life. The heroic actions of Sergeant York in aiding his buried comrade and in continuing to work although under bombardment, undoubtedly saved the man's life, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 575, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August, 1945.

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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 Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

First Lieutenant Owen C. Crosslin, 01325974, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a man on Tarragona Beach, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 15 March 1945. Observing a man caught in a rip tide and being carried out to sea, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Crosslin, 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, First Lieutenant Crosslin, himself, was in imminent danger of drowning until rescued and returned to shore where he received artificial respiration. The heroism displayed by First Lieutenant Crosslin on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul J. Week, 37586621, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed while a member of an ammunition detail in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island, on 4 July 1945. Upon observing that an 81mm mortar shell was in imminent danger of exploding because the ignition cartridge and increments had exploded when the shell was being loaded upon a truck, Private First Class Week, with the assistance of one other man voluntarily and at great risk to his life, removed the defected shell to a place of safety behind an embankment. By this act, Private First Class Week was instrumental in eliminating a hazard which jeopardized the lives of the ten men in the crew. The initiative and total disregard for his own safety displayed by Private First Class Week reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Silver Star having been previously awarded to the following named enlisted man per General Orders 224, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 May 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is posthumously awarded him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Jack D. Davis, 38230493, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Nishibaru Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Davis lost his life after gallantly and intrepidly charging and knocking out an enemy mortar emplacement which was holding his company down and preventing its advance to a vital objective. His gallant action in leaving his place of cover with utter disregard for his own safety and of giving his life that his company might advance is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: Mrs. Grace Davis, Mother, 315 North Gray Street, Wampa, Texas.

SECTION III

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;

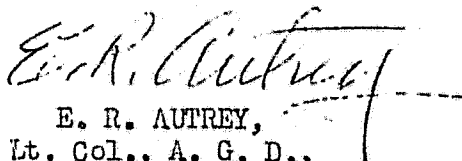
Private First Class Henry V. Jackson, 38292244, Infantry, United States Army For gallantry in action against the enemy on Mishibaru Ridge, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Jackson lost his life while gallantly charging an enemy position from which his unit was held up by grenade and mortar fire. He personally accounted for two such enemy emplacements by aggressive and intrepid use of his rifle and hand grenades, thus helping his company, which had been brought to a standstill by a curtain of enemy fire, to advance. His gallant action in leaving his place of cover with utter disregard for his personal safety and of giving his life that his unit might advance is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: Mrs. Millie L. Jackson, Mother, Alpine, Arkansas.

Captain William K. Macdonald, 01286676, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During an attack on Zebra Hill near Kechi, the battalion in which Captain Macdonald served as a heavy weapons Company Commander, met fierce enemy resistance from well fortified and concealed positions. The forward elements were in danger of annihilation by a heavy enemy counterattack. From a position of comparative safety, Captain Macdonald rushed forward, through heavy enemy mortar, sniper, and machine gun fire, picked up a machine gun whose crew had been wounded, dragged it forward, and fired upon the enemy. His intrepid action and devotion to duty saved the lives of many comrades and aided the advance of his battalion along its entire front. Next of Kin: Mr. Thomas L. Macdonald, Father, Abbeville, Georgia.

Private First Class Norman W. Patty, 37484351, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Patty unhesitatingly gave his life in the gallant and selfless action where he personally charged and knocked out an enemy light machine gun position with grenades and rifle fire; a position which was keeping his company from advancing. His gallant action of leaving his place of cover with utter disregard for his personal safety and of giving his life that his unit might advance is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: Ruth L. Patty, Mother, 3205 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	William E. Anderson	34936929	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	John B. Armesto	32339755	Inf	20 April 1945
Pfc	Renew Bailey	37712461	Inf	2 June 1945
Pfc	Orlo R. Barrick	33935605	Inf	8 June 1945
Pfc	John A. Benikoff	34551083	Inf	13 May 1945
Pfc	Herman D. Beshear	38631129	Inf	11 June 1945
Pfc	Earl H. Bevan	33925883	Inf	24 May 1945
Pfc	Robert J. Blasch	35055231	Inf	9 June 1945
S Sgt	Warren G. Bradbury	37233395	Inf	1 June 1945
Pfc	Donald S. Brisbois	36915001	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Aubrey H. Brock	38572317	Inf	19 May 1945
Pfc	Jack A. Caples	33952153	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	James T. Carmichael	37775473	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Arvelo J. Chavez	37751677	Inf	20 May 1945
T Sgt	Guy J. Dale	16075417	Inf	20 May 1945
Pvt	Charles E. Dixon	34836392	Inf	21 April 1945
Pfc	Theodore Elaides	32654577	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Neil L. Erickson	36404933	Inf	29 April 1945
2d Lt	Quinn M. Eskelsen	01331614	Inf	9 June 1945
S Sgt	Pat L. Ewing	39009831	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Charles E. Fara	39425215	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	Norman Flanders	16118921	MD	18 June 1945
Cpl	Kirby L. Forrest	38227564	Inf	16 June 1945
Pfc	Walter Garcia	37364687	Inf	23 June 1945
Pfc	Mayo W. Goffard	36413723	Inf	13 April 1945
Pfc	Euclid J. Grabert	33313459	Inf	21 April 1945
Pfc	Robert E. Hadley	39505366	Inf	15 May 1945
Pfc	Edward Hamm	35737138	Inf	6 June 1945
Pfc	William R. Hill	39470444	Inf	21 May 1945
Sgt	Robert W. Hunter	39202796	Inf	29 April 1945
S Sgt	Alfred I. Isakson	37312110	Inf	8 April 1945
Tec 4	Taft H. Isenhower	6906165	Inf	3 June 1945
Pfc	Elmo T. Johnson	35486868	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Henry J. Kaska	38232716	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	James M. Knapp	31417641	FAI	22 July 1945
Pfc	John F. Langley	34354414	Inf	21 June 1945
Tec 5	Adolph Lavin Jr.	38315870	MD	9 April 1945
Sgt	Thomas S. Lee Jr.	34666927	Inf	19 May 1945
Pfc	Irwin E. Leonard	37229139	Inf	21 April 1945
Cpl	Louis Lightman	31354958	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Ronald E. Linderman	12216824	Inf	11 June 1945
Pfc	Richard E. MacHolz	36611307	Inf	15 June 1945
Cpl	Michael R. Magliano Jr.	32811527	Inf (Arml)	3 April 1945
S Sgt	Edward J. Mankunas	36384348	Inf	20 May 1945
Pfc	Arnold W. Mattson	37586078	Inf	14 June 1945

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Tec 5	Robert E. Maul	12217765	Cav	15 June 1945
S Sgt	Dale N. McComas	37435603	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Euel T. Metcalf	38229922	Inf	23 April 1945
Sgt	C. L. Moore	33292125	Inf	19 April 1945
1st Lt	William R. Neiman	01315 56	Inf	13 May 1945
Tec 5	roy E. Nelson	36615931	Inf	24 June 1945
1st Lt	Phillip D. Nowell	01397927	Inf	24 June 1945
Sgt	Joseph M. O'Connell	160057 2	Inf	19 May 1945
Sgt	Donald A. Page	35261316	Inf	6 April 1945
Tec 5	George H. Palm Jr.	150764 4	Inf	7 June 1945
Cpl	Robert V. Petersen	35563983	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	George C. Querada	39597400	PA	14 June 1945
Pfc	Frank W. Quinn	33756562	Inf	16 June 1945
S Sgt	Francois M. Rall	35 30152	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Axel B. Rasmussen	36739315	Inf	12 June 1945
Pfc	Burgin V. Ray, Jr.	34999033	PA	7 July 1945
Pfc	John L. Reina	39587666	Inf	24 May 1945
Tec 5	Dewey O. Reynolds	38282151	PA	25 June 1945
Pfc	Joseph J. G. Richards	32573073	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Gordon E. Richardson	38604099	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	John J. Roark	39724698	Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc	Raymond E. Rohrbouck	37712187	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Robert A. Romero	39724270	Inf	5 June 1945
Tec 4	Edward G. Rottman	36383384	PA	22 July 1945
Pfc	Jack M. Sackerman	39931953	Inf	21 June 1945
S Sgt	Francis J. Schoenmaker	39214162	Inf	18 June 1945
Pfc	Meriman Scott	34939603	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Herman J. Sieve	37635565	PA	20 May 1945
Pfc	Omer H. Smith	39121245	Inf	25 June 1945
Pfc	Richard E. Smith	39934856	Inf	21 June 1945
Sgt	Joseph Spora	38312673	Inf	24 May 1945
Pvt	Lavcon H. Stanger	31632203	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Myron E. Strahan	39863 12	Inf	11 June 1945
Capt	Stanley B. Sutton Jr.	0153574	Inf	14 June 1945
S Sgt	Clarence H. Thurnau	17000 67	Inf	24 June 1945
Capt	Albert A. Todd	01010270	Inf(Armd)	20 May 1945
1st Lt	Donald Tracy	01291913	Inf	14 June 1945
Pfc	Joseph B. Trolier	33952344	Inf	16 June 1945
Pfc	George G. Welsh	39593729	Inf	1 June 1945
Pfc	Norman J. Yagle	36335483	Inf	24 June 1945

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SECTION I

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 Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

✓ 1st Sgt	Herman Anthony	6233397	Inf	12 June 1945
✓ Pfc	Lawrence W. Arnold	18190038	Inf	19 June 1945
✓ Pfc	Leroy C. Auch	35334360	Inf	24 June 1945
✓ Pfc	Benjamin T. Butler	38300672	Inf	22 April 1945
✓ Pfc	H. T. Childers	38573115	Inf	20 June 1945
✓ Pfc	Valen A. Christensen	37752482	Inf	21 May 1945
✓ Pfc	Willard H. Everett	37712472	Inf	22 June 1945
✓ Pfc	James B. Falk	37601918	Inf	14 June 1945
✓ Pfc	Jesus P. Gallardo	39343090	Inf	20 June 1945
✓ Pfc	William W. Harper	34391906	MD	4 June 1945
✓ Pvt	George J. Haslam	37741112	Inf	24 May 1945
✓ Pvt	Frederick H. Hoornike	36472032	Inf	27 April 1945
✓ Pfc	George N. Kavathas	35374334	Inf	17 June 1945
✓ Pvt	Harold Levenson	35382215	Inf	22 April 1945
✓ 1st Lt	Caso March	01317381	Inf	10 May 1945
✓ S Sgt	William G. Murdoch	38312609	Inf	22 April 1945
✓ Tec 4	Erich Pogrzeba	32626010	Inf	23 May 1945
✓ 2d Lt	Salvatore J. Semilia	01118652	CE	20 June 1945
✓ Pvt	George L. Shipman	38632124	Inf	25 April 1945
✓ Pvt	Wilbur O. Welby	38632252	Inf	25 April 1945
✓ 2d Lt	Nathaniel F. Wood	0556129	Inf	24 May 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 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 Ralph S. Abbott, 37752930, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

✓ Sergeant Michael E. Grimmins, 36700662, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 113, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 April 1945.

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Private First Class Kenneth H. Curnow, 37771209, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 near Kechi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 440, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 July 1945.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Fred C. Praggio, 3256991, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Kamiya, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 129, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

✓ Technical Sergeant Frank Hartzler, 6948105, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders unknown.

Private First Class Richard Keller, 35060336, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders unknown.

✓ Private First Class Eval T. Metcalf, 38229022, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Meada, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 585, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 August 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant George G. Randall, 16149073, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

✓ Private First Class Emory K. Rice, 33501631, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 near Kechi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders unknown.

✓ Private First Class John J. Roark, 39724693, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 585, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 August 1945.

✓ Private First Class Earl S. Stapleton, 33768060, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

Private First Class Robert F. Wolter, 30595252, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 190, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class James L. Wright, 38631731, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 190, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 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 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 Wilfred N. Curran, 37586229, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

✓ Private First Class William J. Drury, 38731653, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Chyan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Arthur D. Duncan, 19011413, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Willie B. Farve, 38272330, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 151, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Chester W. Ferguson, 30591131, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 June 1945 near Ika, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 330, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 June 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant William H. Filter, 36814326, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 511, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

✓ Private First Class Robert L. Fleckenstein, 35211407, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Uzato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

✓ Private First Class Donald P. Free, 38571911, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Milton O. Gilbert, 38632139, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 220, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Robert E. Graham, 38582973, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 511, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

✓ Private First Class Billy B. Jackson, 30638660, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 440, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

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✓ Private First Class Donald G. Janes, 38291336, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 505, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945.

✓ Private First Class Dean A. Jircks, 37733945, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 207, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Harvey Kaplan, 32993550, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Chagana, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

✓ Private First Class John W. Peterson, 36631931, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 484, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

First Lieutenant Emil J. Roemer, 01017522, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 126, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

✓ Private First Class Vernon A. Russell, 35815279, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Kibura, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 413, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Harold D. Shearer, 31449554, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Onaga, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 470, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 July 1945.

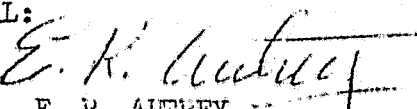
✓ Private First Class John W. Shipwash, 31436095, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945 near Kibura, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

✓ Corporal John W. Sikorski, 16700510, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 439, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945.

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AGRS-DA 201 Randall, George G.
16 149 073 (17 Jan 52)

5 March 1951

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. George G. Randall
809 Ann Street
Birmingham, Michigan

So much of General Orders 586, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division dated 10 August 1945, as pertains to the award of the Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant George G. Randall, 16 149 073, which reads for wounds received in action on "20 May 1945", is amended to read for wounds received in action on "19 May 1945".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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11 August 1945
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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER I
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

SECTION I

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

Private First Class William W. Conklin, 15306662, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Conklin, medical aid man with a front line platoon, discharged his duties in an inspiring and courageous manner. On the morning of 11 April his company was in a battle for control of a sector of Kakazu Ridge. Private First Class Conklin risked his life many times that morning to give aid to the wounded. When a man lay seriously wounded near the crest of Kakazu Ridge. The enemy fire in that area was extremely heavy and to advance to give the needed aid was a suicidal risk, but without hesitation, Private First Class Conklin moved toward the wounded man, succeeded in reaching him, but while giving aid, an enemy mortar shell exploded close by causing fatal wounds to Private First Class Conklin. His daring actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 18, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 January 1945. Next of Kin: Herbert K. Conklin, Father, 208 Lexington Avenue, Georgetown, Kentucky.

Private First Class Tirso R. Guzman, 39865885, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. When his battalion was defending the reverse slope of a strategic ridge and was unable to move on to the ridge because of raking enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Guzman, as forward observer for the battalion's 60mm mortars, selected an observation point on the ridge line and realizing the urgent need for close support to the rifle troops, he continually observed fire on the nearby enemy positions, each time exposing himself to the deadly enemy fire. He directed fire which demolished many hostile positions, and his intrepid use of his professional knowledge contributed materially to a final destruction of the enemy's defensive position. He remained at his post until mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. Private First Class Guzman's devotion to duty and heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 452, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 July 1945. Next of Kin Mrs Luz R. Guzman, Mother, E-4 Davis Canyon, Box 149, Miami, Arizona.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9499, 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:

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Private First Class Edward W. Bennett, 35216582, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 5 April 1945 in the vicinity of Okinawa, Okinawa Island. When heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire had inflicted several casualties in a heavy weapons platoon, Private First Class Bennett, an aid man, cared for the casualties in the immediate vicinity, and then noticing one man seriously wounded approximately one hundred yards distant in an exposed position, he crossed through the open terrain in full view of the enemy, and administered first aid to the wounded man. He remained with the casualty until such time that enemy fire would allow his evacuation with complete safety. Private First Class Bennett's devotion to duty and resourcefulness in the performance of his duties were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Next of Kin: Mrs Mae V. Bennett, Mother, 1372 East 17th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Private First Class Donald Benko, 36472783, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When the rifle platoon of Private First Class Benko's company were isolated from the tactical supply point by a heavy enemy mortar barrage and sniper fire, volunteers were asked for to carry hand grenades to them. Private First Class Benko unhesitatingly volunteered for the mission and carried an ammunition bag full of grenades over the hazardous route, exposing himself to the danger of enemy snipers and snipers. Because darkness fell before he and his six comrades could return, he was in further danger of being fired upon by infiltrating enemy snipers. Private First Class Benko's unhesitating courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Andrew Benko, Father, 6456 Seneca, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Donald D. Mayhew, 35634871, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When his company received a strong enemy counter-attack upon their position near Charlie Hill, during the encounter one of the machine gun squads received a direct mortar hit upon their position. Private First Class Mayhew, an acting squad leader, seeing the direct hit from his nearby emplacement, designated targets to the crew to afford covering fire and with complete disregard of his own personal safety, crawled from cover in the face of intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire to the wounded men approximately thirty yards away. After administering first aid and assisting in the evacuation of the six wounded men, Private First Class Mayhew personally manned the machine gun in the knocked out position and continued to repel the assault. Next of Kin: Helen Mayhew, Mother, 92 E. Larenew Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

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SECTION I
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 to the following named Officer per authority indicated, a third Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Captain Llewellyn E. Christensen, 0515560, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When during an exceptionally heavy shelling by enemy artillery and mortars, the battalion aid station was squarely hit by a spigot mortar, one man was killed, and two were covered by a deluge of debris, rocks and earth. Captain Christensen, disregarding the danger of the exploding shells, and the flying shrapnel, leaped from his cover to check on the safety of his men. Running from one position to another, he quickly learned that two men were missing. Without hesitation, and further defying the enemy fire, he started digging in search of the men. Inspired by his example, the other men left their cover to lend greatly needed assistance in the search for the buried men. The men were located, dug out, and their lives saved. Captain Christensen's heroic and timely efforts were directly responsible for the saving of two men's lives. Previous award per General Orders No. 55, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 February 1945.

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:

Technician Fifth Grade Thaddeus A. Biesiada, 36700295, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. When enemy fire was so intense as to delay the setting up of wire communications, Technician Fifth Grade Biesiada, in a fully exposed area, set up his radio, the sight of which drew even more serious enemy small arms and mortar fire. Although the terrain was not suited for quick and easy observation and the weather conditions highly unfavorable, Technician Fifth Grade Biesiada conducted artillery fire which was extremely successful in knocking out the enemy. While making one of these adjustments in artillery fire, an enemy shell landed close by and exploded, mortally wounding him. Technician Fifth Grade Biesiada's heroic service, his lack of regard for his own personal safety, and his untiring loyalty to duty, reflects great credit upon himself and the Military Service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ann Biesiada (Wife), Box 303, Thornton, Illinois.

Private First Class Marvin N. Block, 38548393, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When the battalion was entrenched on a key position one thousand yards east of Shuri, intense enemy infiltration exhausted the forward companies' grenades supply and Private First Class Block with ten other men, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, in total darkness and under the most adverse ground conditions, carried the necessary ammunition eight hundred yards forward to the rifle companies while exposed to heavy enemy fire. He then helped evacuate three casualties to the battalion aid station. His heroic action enabled the rifle companies to maintain their position that night and undeniably saved the lives of the wounded.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Dorothy Block (Wife), 214 Rhode Island Street, Orange, Texas.

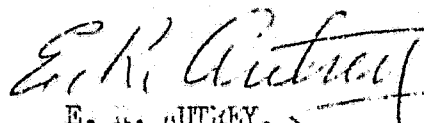
Private First Class James L. Chatwin, 39935430, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 May 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire while advancing over Dick Hill, Private First Class Chatwin crawled forward some thirty yards through the fire over the rough terrain and directed mortar fire on the enemy positions. Although he himself possessed little knowledge of giving the proper fire orders to a mortar squad, he nevertheless directed the fire with a 536-radio which he had taken from the mortar observer who had been wounded, until the enemy gun was silenced. Private First Class Chatwin was killed when he attempted to leave his position and join his platoon as it continued on its mission. Next of Kin: Mrs. Beth Jenkins Chatwin (Wife), 136 South First East, Provo, Utah.

Staff Sergeant Hugh M. Dinning, 36471024, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Dinning was a front-line rifleman when his company attacked and gained the top of Nakazu Ridge. In spite of an intense mortar barrage, which forced others in his vicinity to seek cover, Staff Sergeant Dinning continued to deliver effective aimed fire at all possible enemy targets. In the face of a strong enemy counterattack, he held stubbornly to his position at first firing his rifle and later when the enemy drew near, engaged them in a hand grenade duel. On another occasion during a coordinated attack on a strongly held enemy position he moved in aggressively on the enemy in the face of heavy fire, at the same time encouraging others nearby to follow his example. On 10 June 1945 he successfully led his squad in an attack on an escarpment south of Yungusuka across open ground and in the face of overwhelming machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Dinning was directing his men in mopping up enemy caves at the foot of this precipitous escarpment when he was killed by an enemy sniper. The heroic actions of Staff Sergeant Dinning reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Vivian Dinning (Mother) 9111 Burnette, Detroit, Michigan.

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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, 20 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division to the following named military personnel:

Technical Sergeant Myrl V. Lawrence, 20741658, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Lawrence, during a spigot mortar and artillery bombardment, left a sheltered place and exposed himself in order to aid in digging out a man who had been entirely buried by a hit of one of the spigot mortar rounds. His action contributed greatly to the saving of the man's life. The heroic actions of Technical Sergeant Lawrence in aiding his buried comrade, in continuing to work through under bombardment, undoubtedly saved the man's life, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: James C. Lawrence, Father, Applin, Arkansas.

Technical Sergeant Bertie E. Matney, 38319171, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. When his company was subjected to an intense enemy mortar barrage and small arms fire and suffered many casualties in an assault against enemy fortifications on Love Hill, the troops were in dire need of smoke to cover their withdrawal. Unable to observe the troops from his position of cover, Technical Sergeant Matney, a weapons platoon sergeant, moved forward up the slope about fifty yards where in full view of the enemy and under heavy mortar and automatic weapon fire, he directed the fire of the mortars, furnishing a smoke screen through which the wounded were safely evacuated. His devotion to duty, coolness under fire and unselfishness served as an inspiration to his entire company and was instrumental in the saving of many lives. Next of Kin: Katherine A. Matney, Mother, Route 2, Newkirk, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Raymond I. Meyer, 37504274, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the foothills west of Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 4 November 1944. Private First Class Meyer, with utter disregard for his personal safety, and under murderous enemy machine gun and small arms fire, succeeded in making his way to the battalion aid station to secure blood plasma for a wounded comrade. Upon returning with the plasma, Private First Class Meyer had to undergo the same hazardous conditions for a second time. Private First Class Meyer's action undoubtedly saved the wounded man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Oscar Meyer, Father, 716 Sherman Street, Salina, Kansas.

Private First Class Russell A. Norton, 37731649, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When his battalion was entrenched on a key position one thousand yards east of Shuri, intense enemy infiltration exhausted the forward companies grenades supply and Private First Class Norton, with ten other men, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, in total darkness and under the most adverse ground conditions carried the necessary ammunition eight hundred yards forward to the rifle companies while exposed to heavy enemy fire. He then helped