

evacuate three casualties to the battalion aid station. His heroic action enabled the rifle companies to maintain their position that night and undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men. Next of Kin: Mrs Tessie Norton, Mother, General Delivery, Mt Morich, Missouri.

Private First Class Jack L. Schletzbaum, 37540385, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. As a member of a rear guard element for his organization, Private First Class Schletzbaum noticed two soldiers partially buried by debris sufficiently heavy enough to prevent their extracting themselves. Although the men were isolated in enemy territory and were in extreme danger of sniper and machine gun fire and the flying debris of spigot mortars, he proceeded to remove the soil and rocks from them. His actions were responsible for extracting the two soldiers from their dangerous position and returning them to their organization. Private First Class Schletzbaum's courage and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his fellow men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Fayne E. Schletzbaum, Father, 325 South Hickory Street, McPherson, Kansas.

Private First Class Fred W. Schumaker, 39473264, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Schumaker's company was being subjected to harrassing fire from a number of Japanese who had infiltrated to positions in front of the company. Although all previous attempts to advance had failed and had resulted in several casualties, Private First Class Schumaker and one other man crawled forward and placed bazooka fire in one cave killing three Japs and eliminating the fire from that sector. Private First Class Schumaker's courage and aggressiveness enabled the company to maneuver and clean out the remaining resistance. Next of Kin: Jessie Schumaker, Wife, Box 7, Tachet, Washington.

Private First Class Robert J. Schwade, 36950078, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When the first squad of the machine gun section of his company needed a gun barrel to replace the one in which a ruptured cartridge caused a stoppage, Private First Class Schwade volunteered to go back to the Company Command Post for the missing part. By moving from cover to cover and crawling distances of from thirty to fifty yards over a route well covered by enemy fire, he returned with the barrel to a position near that of his squad but just as he made a break toward his destination he was seriously wounded. However, his fellow squad members, hearing his call, rallied to his aid and retrieved the barrel. His diligent work caused the gun's return to action and its fulfillment of its mission. Private First Class Schwade's actions in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Elsie L. Schwade, Mother, 522 Cherry Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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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 An 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 Frederic T. Fox, 37556933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When an enemy machine gun opened fire and caused several casualties, Private First Class Fox exposed himself to the fire by moving to a position from which he could better return the fire. After getting into position, he unleashed a heavy volume of fire from his Browning Automatic Rifle and knocked the enemy gun out. His accomplishment of this deed made the attacking troops easy prey for his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Loretta Fox (Wife), General Delivery, Richardson, North Dakota.

Second Lieutenant William D. Harp Jr., 028358, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ozato, Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Harp led his platoon in an assault against the heavily defended enemy positions west of Ozato, and when his platoon became pinned down by the intense enemy automatic weapons fire, he, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved among his troops openly exposed to the withering fire, exhorting his men to carry the attack. He led a portion of the platoon forward, and they renewed the attack under his brilliant direction. Returning with another squad which he was bringing up to further the attack, he was mortally wounded while fearlessly leading them across twenty five yards of open terrain exposed to enemy fire. Although he was mortally wounded, his men were inspired by his intrepid actions and swept on to smash the enemy and seize the objective. The outstanding leadership, calm courage under fire, and the manner in which Lieutenant Harp led his men will ever serve as an inspiration to his men and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Peggy B. Harp (Wife), 305 North Washington Street, Albany, Georgia.

Private First Class William T. Johnson, 33290822, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Johnson without regard for his personal safety and in a display of great courage, left his position of comparative safety to crawl to the aid of his squad leader who had been seriously wounded by machine gun fire. He had begun to give first aid when he was killed by an enemy sniper. Private First Class Johnson's unselfish devotion to duty, his loyalty to his leader and his heroism in action was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Bill Johnson (Father), West Ridge, Arkansas.

Second Lieutenant Robert E. O'Brien, 01920821, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Second Lieutenant O'Brien led his platoon in an attack on an important objective and in the course of the attack exposed himself many times in order to eliminate the strongly entrenched enemy. His action

inspired his platoon which very soon routed the enemy. The enemy then shelled the position with mortar and artillery fire. Second Lieutenant O'Brien exposed himself several times in order to locate enemy positions, and through his direction the enemy positions were neutralized and the advance continued. Second Lieutenant O'Brien was killed by an enemy sniper as he continued to lead his men in the attack. His courage and daring actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Gloria E. O'Brien (Wife), 5433 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Owen L. Parrish, 38291080, 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 Parrish 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 Parrish's heroic action the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted. Next of Kin: Mrs. Altie Parrish (Mother), Route 1, Cavenden, Arkansas.

Private First Class William Paulsen, 37773910, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When communication between the Mortar Observation Post and the 81mm Mortars of his unit was cut off, Private First Class Paulsen volunteered to find the break in the wire line and repair it. In following the wire he came to an area under heavy enemy mortar fire and although forewarned, walked right into the barrage without hesitation or regard to his personal safety, found the cut in the line and repaired it. Not until he was thoroughly satisfied that the wires were properly spliced did he begin to move out from under the barrage. On moving out of the untenable area he was hit by an enemy mortar shell and killed instantly. His heroic action contributed materially to the success of our attack and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Olga M. Paulsen (Wife), Box 306, Askov, Minnesota.

Private First Class Ben S. Petroff, 36615543, 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 Petroff 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 singular courage and initiative were instrumental in the successful repulse of the attack. As a result of Private First Class Petroff's heroic action, the ridge was held and possible catastrophe was averted. Next of Kin: Bernice Petroff (Mother), 351 Wolcott, Chicago, Illinois.

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Sergeant Vincent E. Tomchick, 33682605, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When enemy machine gun fire from a cave halted his company's advance, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Tomchick, voluntarily crawled forward in the face of the enemy fire thirty five yards with a demolition charge and placed it in the rear entrance to the position. The charge completely demolished the cave and annihilated its occupants. Sergeant Tomchick's valorous and courageous action made it possible for his company to continue its advance and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Michael Tomchick, Father, Route 4, Conry, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Herman E. Veerkamp, 37624759, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Veerkamp, on his own initiative, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to cover the withdrawal of his platoon and the evacuation of the wounded men. His disregard for personal safety and the effective fire from his weapon undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the men of his platoon. His courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Philena K. Veerkamp, Mother, Route 1, Ottosen, Iowa.

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Staff Sergeant Harold Bershow, 37316490, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Bershow, a mortar section leader, remained at his observation post on the crest of a hill exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire which caused the rest of his company to seek cover away from this hill. Staff Sergeant Bershow continued to direct his mortars with such accuracy that he knocked out the enemy positions and enabled his company

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to continue the attack. The courage and devotion to duty shown by Staff Sergeant Bershow in this action was an inspiration to his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Ralph J. Bird, 36471223, 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 Bird, 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 undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

Private First Class Albert E. Blumhardt, 39594814, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When his company in its assault upon enemy occupied hills near Tobaru, became engaged in a hand grenade duel with the enemy. During the encounter the company's supply of hand grenades and ammunition became nearly exhausted. Private First Class Blumhardt, a platoon runner, volunteered to return to the company supply dump to replenish the supplies. Working his way back to the company Command Post, two hundred and fifty yards away, over terrain exposed to intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Blumhardt accomplished the mission. Five times, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he made the trip, bringing up the much needed ammunition. His devotion to duty, courage, and coolness under fire were instrumental in the defeat of the enemy and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ralph J. Bow, 36406028, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When one of the platoons in his company requested more hand grenades from the Company Command Post during a night banzai charge, Private First Class Bow, on guard at the Command Post, requested a fellow comrade in his hole to replace him on guard and set out to deliver the badly needed ammunition. In spite of the darkness of the night and heavy rain which made the ground muddy and slippery, he dashed back one hundred yards to the ammunition dump through the enemy fire and returned to the Command Post with two full boxes of grenades. Although exhausted from carrying his heavy load, he continued from the Command Post pulling the boxes as he crawled along in the mud until he reached the platoon area. He then returned to his guard post and remained there until relieved. Private First Class Bow's display of bravery and courage enabled the platoon to repulse the attack and brought great credit upon himself and the military service.

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* Private First Class Walter S. Acklin, 38250458, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During a heavy enemy counterattack, Private First Class Walter S. Acklin, by his courage and quick thinking, prevented the loss of many men when the enemy attempted to blow up an emplacement full of ammunition located within the perimeter. Placing himself near the emplacement fully exposed to the enemy, Private First Class Acklin, with his Browning Automatic Rifle, defended the emplacement against a number of the enemy who came at him with satchel charges in their frenzied effort to destroy the ammunition. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Acklin was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Herbert L. Allen, 3810621, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When requests were sent to the collecting company for vehicles to evacuate twelve seriously wounded men at night from the battalion aid station, Private First Class Allen fully realizing the hazards of the mission volunteered to drive his weapons carrier forward. Despite a blinding rain, with mud making travel almost impossible and extreme danger from the constant bursts of enemy artillery fire along the road, Private First Class Allen successfully made the trip to within four hundred yards of the aid station where impassible conditions of the road forced him to stop. He remained with his vehicle until weapons successfully crossed the remaining four hundred yards and evacuated the casualties back to the weapons carrier. When his vehicle was completely loaded he made the hazardous trip back to the collecting company and returned for more casualties. With constant risk to his life he continued this operation for three and one half hours until all casualties were evacuated. Private First Class Allen's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Camillo W. Andreatta, 34721923, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of his comrades were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Private First Class Andreatta and seven other men organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the enemy fire, and by using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded men down the steep, muddy slope. During the entire time he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Private First Class Andreatta's loyalty to his comrades and his devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

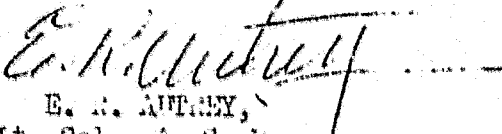
Staff Sergeant Kessler Back, 35007500, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. When the mission of his battalion was to hold its positions on Oboe Hill and heavy enemy fire caused casualties among the 60mm Mortar observers, Staff Sergeant Back, a section sergeant in a heavy machine gun platoon, rushed to the mortar observation post and volunteered to take over their duties. Without regard for his own personal safety Staff Sergeant Back exposed his person to heavy enemy knee mortar and machine gun fire in order to direct mortar fire on the enemy strong points. Under his direction the mortars knocked out four enemy machine gun nests and fired upon several enemy troop concentrations. As a result, the fire of the enemy decreased considerably. Staff Sergeant Back's initiative in voluntarily becoming an observer and his courageous and aggressive direction of the 60mm mortar fire played a significant part in the success of his unit's holding activities on Oboe Hill.

Private First Class Edward A. Bajor, 36533747, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Bajor unhesitatingly volunteered as assistant weasel driver to go forward from the collecting company at night over almost impassable roads, which were constantly harassed by bursts of enemy artillery shells, to the battalion aid station to help evacuate seriously wounded casualties. Arriving safely at the battalion aid station after their hazardous trip through rain and mud and in spite of the last four hundred yards being under concentrated enemy mortar and persistent sniper fire, they immediately started evacuating their casualties back four hundred yards and transferring them to a weapons carrier for evacuation on to the collecting company. Private First Class Bajor and driver made numerous trips over a three and one half hour period, evacuating all the casualties. Private First Class Bajor's heroism and unselfishness were instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald J. Beecher, 347194, 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' supply of grenades and Private First Class Beecher with ten other men and 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 while exposed to heavy enemy fire. He then assisted in the evacuation of three casualties to the battalion aid station. This heroic action enabled the rifle companies to maintain their position that night and undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

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Private First Class William C. Bowman, 39332658, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ozato, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When due to local enemy counterattacks, heavy casualties had been sustained by our troops holding a ridge outside of a village, Private First Class Bowman and other members of a litter squad, moved forward to remove the casualties, many of whom were forward of the front line positions at the time. Disregarding extremely heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Bowman and the men working with him, made repeated trips into an exposed position to remove the wounded men. The action eventually became so intense that it was necessary to cover the evacuation with supporting tanks, but Private First Class Bowman and his squad continued in their efforts until the last of approximately twenty-five casualties were removed to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Bowman's courageous actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Joh H. Breeding, 35783665, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When three riflemen were wounded during a night counterattack on Dick Hill, Private First Class Breeding and two companions rushed to their aid. Operating under the cover of a heavy machine gun, Private First Class Breeding assisted in evacuating the casualties to a place of safety at the bottom of the hill. During this time, he exposed himself to heavy enemy grenade and mortar fire. He administered first aid to the wounded and remained with them until morning.

Private First Class David W. Brock Jr., 36914439, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When a rifle platoon of Private First Class Brock's company was isolated from the battalion supply point by a heavy enemy mortar barrage and sniper fire, volunteers were asked for to carry hand grenades to them. Private First Class Brock unhesitatingly volunteered for the mission and carried an ammunition bag full of grenades over the hazardous route exposing himself to the danger of enemy mortars 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 Brock's unhesitating courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ottie Brock, 37646806, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When three riflemen were wounded during a night counterattack on Dick Hill, Private First Class Brock and two companions

rushed to their aid and assisted in evacuating the casualties to a place of safety at the bottom of the hill. During this time he exposed himself to heavy enemy grenade and knee mortar fire. Private First Class Brock administered first aid to the wounded and remained with them for the rest of the night. His voluntary and courageous actions were a great credit to himself and an inspiration to the men of his unit.

✓ Private First Class Armando B. Cardenas, 18290456, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 May 1945. Private First Class Cardenas, a jeep ambulance driver, displayed great courage and devotion to duty while evacuating casualties and battle exhausted soldiers. During the evacuation, two battle exhausted soldiers became hysterical and disappeared into the darkness when enemy mortar fire landed in the vicinity of the jeep ambulance. Private First Class Cardenas, with utter disregard for his own safety, searched the area which was under heavy enemy mortar fire, found the patients, quieted them, and swiftly evacuated the casualties. Private First Class Cardenas' courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Herbert G. Carhart, Jr., 33745275, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Carhart, during a spigot mortar and artillery bombardment, left a sheltered position and exposed himself in order to aid in digging out a 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 Staff Sergeant Carhart 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.

Sergeant Bernard A. Carlson, 37312685, 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 company's grenade supply and Sergeant Carlson, with ten other men, and 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 undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

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Private First Class Henry A. Beshorse, 3240151, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When six men of his company were seriously wounded during a heavy barrage of enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Beshorse, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, quickly left his covered position and although under constant fire, gave aid to all of them. Before regularly assigned litter teams had arrived, Private First Class Beshorse had singlehandedly carried one of the wounded men back over the dangerous route two hundred fifty yards to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Beshorse' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Albert Brown, 34947524, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. When enemy machine gun and sniper fire destroyed a 536 radio belonging to one of the assault platoons, cutting off its communications with the company commander, Private Albert Brown, after hearing of the misfortune, left his position at the company observation post and pushed forward by crawling and jumping from cover to cover with a heavy roll of wire through the withering fire until he reached the platoon's position. From there he laid wire back to the observation post over rough terrain still exposed to the fire of the enemy guns. His dangerous and difficult task reestablished badly needed communications for the platoon which enabled the company commander to give further instructions to the platoon leader.

Private First Class William J. Browning, 3499716, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Browning, in complete disregard for personal safety, voluntarily drove his weasel forward at night, through heavy rain, over muddy roads made extremely hazardous by terrific barrages of enemy artillery fire, to a battalion aid station to help evacuate twelve seriously wounded casualties. The last four hundred yards of the trip was made under heavy enemy mortar fire and sniper fire. Immediately, despite the danger involved, Private First Class Browning and assistant started evacuating the casualties back four hundred yards over the same hazardous route to a weapons carrier which was waiting to take the casualties to the collecting company. Facing constant danger, they continued this operation for three and one half hours until all casualties were evacuated. Private First Class Browning's outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James T. Ballard, 38550973, 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 knee mortar opened fire and pinned down and caused casualties to another company, during their attack of Item Hill, Private First Class Ballard, without hesitation, crawled forward forty yards under the fire into a position where he could bring fire on the enemy weapon. With accurate and concentrated fire from his Browning Automatic Rifle, he quickly put the enemy mortar out of action and killed its operator, although he was completely exposed while firing. His exemplary and diligent effort allowed the attacking company to continue its advance and proved a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Earl R. Butler, 35906752, 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 platoons of Private First Class Butler's company were isolated from the battalion supply point by a heavy enemy mortar barrage and sniper fire, volunteers were asked for to carry hand grenades to them. Private First Class Butler unhesitatingly volunteered for the mission and carried an ammunition bag full of grenades over the hazardous route, exposing himself to the danger of enemy mortars 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 Homer H. Calvert, 14100212, 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 platoons of Private First Class Calvert's company were isolated from the battalion supply point by a heavy enemy mortar barrage and sniper fire, volunteers were asked for to carry hand grenades to them. Private First Class Calvert unhesitatingly volunteered for the mission and carried an ammunition bag full of grenades over the hazardous route, exposing himself to the danger of enemy mortars 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Frank Cameron, 19050496, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Cameron voluntarily acted as the leading man of a group of men who under enemy fire were clearing a road of mines and preparing gaps for tanks to go through. During this action Technician Fourth Grade Cameron was wounded. His act of volunteering for this duty and his disregard for his own personal safety is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named enlisted man per General Order 54, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 February 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded him posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant Paul L. Wernick, 37432377, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. As a member of a rear guard element for his organization, Staff Sergeant Wernick noticed two soldiers partially buried by debris sufficiently heavy enough to prevent their extracting themselves. Although the men were isolated in enemy territory and were in extreme danger of sniper and machine gun fire and the flying debris of apogee mortars, he proceeded to remove the soil and rocks from them and succeeded in extracting them from their dangerous position and returning them to their organization. Staff Sergeant Wernick's courage and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his fellow men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Mary Wernick, Mother, 2340 Barker Street, Clinton, Iowa.

SECTION IIAWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, 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 Leonard H. Carter, 39419558, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Onago, Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When a Japanese patrol broke through the defense of the outer perimeter and with the use of hand grenades, inflicted several casualties among members of an Infantry company, Technician Fifth Grade Carter immediately left his place of cover and went to the assistance of the wounded soldiers even though the enemy was still in the area and there was the probability of drawing friendly fire. Technician Fifth Grade Carter continued to treat wounds as long as they occurred, moving from one foxhole to another, with the constant danger to himself both from friendly and enemy forces. Technician Fifth Grade Carter's devotion to duty and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant John H. Chandler, 36384825, 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. Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Chandler, a Battalion Operations Sergeant, went forward with the

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assault companies on the initial attack, under enemy artillery and mortar fire, in search of a suitable location for the battalion observation post. After being pinned down for forty five minutes by enemy mortar fire, he made his way to a hill where he selected a position from which the battalion commander could direct the attack. From April 11 to April 15 he made a daily reconnaissance of the forward areas under heavy enemy fire to procure information relative to the position of units of his battalion and of the enemy. By his thorough knowledge of the changing situation, he kept the tactical maps of the battalion up to date, thus aiding immeasurably in the movement of troops and in establishing lines of defense. His courageous and untiring efforts in performing his duties reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John Chernak, 36845155, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of men were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Private First Class Chernak and seven other men organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the fire, and by using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded down the steep, muddy slope. During the entire time he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Private First Class Chernak's loyalty to his comrades and the intrepidity required in completing his self-assigned mission reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Howard J. Chiasson, 38313108, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of men were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Private First Class Chiasson and seven other men organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the fire, and by using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded down the steep, muddy slope. During the entire time, he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Private First Class Chiasson's loyalty to his comrades and the intrepidity required in completing his self-assigned mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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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 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 Alvin D. Cosby, 34546041, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu ridge on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Cosby, member of a mortar section was firing on a heavily fortified enemy ridge when several of his comrades were wounded by a 150mm shell. With great courage Private First Class Cosby assisted the wounded, carrying two of them back through a field which was under heavy enemy artillery fire. His heroic action and great courage were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 404, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 June 1945.

Private First Class Howard B. Davis, 35703051, Medical Department, U. S. Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 19 June 1945. When four members of the company to which he was attached were wounded by enemy machine gun fire during an attack on a hill in their zone of action, Private First Class Davis, medical aid man, left his place of cover and gave aid to them under the intense fire. Seeing that the advance and the escape of a group as large as a litter team was impossible without resulting casualties, he directed a nearby tank into position so as to protect them from the fire although he himself was constantly exposed to it. His devotion to his fellow men without regard to his own personal safety allowed the litter teams to evacuate the wounded men safely and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 563 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 August 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Melvin H. Douthitt, 30310943, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. Upon hearing an urgent call from an adjacent unit for a medical aid man, Technician Fourth Grade Douthitt immediately volunteered to go to the aid of the casualty. Showing great courage, he ran approximately one hundred yards over open terrain that was under constant enemy mortar and artillery fire to reach the other unit, after administering medical aid to the casualty, Technician Fourth Grade Douthitt returned to his own platoon over the same hazardous route and continued his duties. His resourcefulness and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 249, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Morris H. Levine, 01106908, 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. First Lieutenant Levine conducted a volunteer squad from his platoon and stalled infantry and tank forces to clear an enemy minefield of many high explosive anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. The minefield was swept by all types of enemy fire and had seriously delayed the advance of our forces in that sector. The intensity of the fire necessitated that First Lieutenant Levine and his men crawl into the mined area and probe the field from a prone position. In the midst of the probing an

enemy machine gun opened up on the working party with extremely accurate fire wounding several of the party and halting the work of the others. Realizing the precariousness of their position, First Lieutenant Levine, without thought of his own safety, left his place of comparative security and ran forty yards across open terrain to a disabled tank. Although he was the center of heavy enemy fire, First Lieutenant Levine reached the tank in safety and was able to direct fire on the enemy machine gun emplacement. The timely decision made by First Lieutenant Levine and the secure position of his tank was instrumental in the saving of many men of his company and the ultimate destruction of an enemy position which was impeding the advance of our forces. The undeviating devotion to duty exhibited by First Lieutenant Levine in the face of heavy enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 174, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Dennis L. Walley, 3027375, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. Technical Sergeant Walley was leading his platoon across open ground when an enemy machine gun, taking advantage of good observation, fired on them and pinned down the platoon. Acting coolly Technical Sergeant Walley ordered his men to begin withdrawing, at the same time exposing himself to fire of the enemy gun. After his platoon was fully under cover he withdrew, and found another route by which he could reach his objective. Technical Sergeant Walley's heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 552, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945.

Technical Sergeant Walter J. Plant, 3024515, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the enemy began a concentrated shelling of our positions near Kuniku, in the middle of the barrage, without hesitation and at great personal risk, Technical Sergeant Plant rushed from his foxhole to go to the aid of three men who had been covered by debris thrown by the explosion of one of the shells. Digging with his hands for ten minutes he helped extricate the casualties, and then, while the shelling continued unabated, he assisted them to a nearby cave. He did not return to his foxhole until the last of the wounded men was safe. Technical Sergeant Plant's voluntary and courageous actions saved the lives of three men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 143, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 April 1945.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

CR 1. So much of General Orders 531, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 June 1945 as pertains to Private First Class Harry J. Clifton, 35224578, Medical Department, is rescinded.

OK 2. So much of General Orders 541, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 August 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Jack Lemer, 3607177, Corps of Engineers, is rescinded.

OK 3. So much of General Orders 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Harry Jenson, 37286810, Infantry, is rescinded.

4. General Orders 1, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 March 1945, awarding The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the 3240th Quartermaster Service Company, is hereby rescinded.

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 600-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Jack McCurry, 371173, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomoi, Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. Sergeant McCurry volunteered with two other men to escort into enemy held territory a bullock 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, Sergeant McCurry, without regard for his personal safety, successfully assaulted the position killing six Japanese soldiers and wounding an estimated twenty more in a fortified cave. The accomplishment of Sergeant McCurry 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 Sergeant McCurry in accomplishing an extremely hazardous mission reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Miron G. Bailey, 37518552, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. After Staff Sergeant Bailey had led his squad in the successful capture of its objective, an enemy counterattack by seventy five soldiers imperiled the position and threatened his squad's

withdrawal from it. Even though faced with such terrific odds, Staff Sergeant Bailey, through his excellent direction and maneuvering of his squad, caused it to hold its ground and stave off the enemy assault with hand grenades and rifle fire until his company was able to reinforce the position. His valorous and daring deed caused the eventual failure of the enemy attack and brought credit to himself, his men and the military service.

SECTION III

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

Private First Class Harry F. Jensen, 52293913, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 460, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

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

Staff Sergeant Jack Lamar, 36407477, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomui, Okinawa Island on 17 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 sealing an estimated twenty more in a carbide 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 undaunted 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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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Lester K. Chrisman, 36365530, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. In the midst of fierce fighting, when it was vital to the success of the action that radio communications be maintained between the battalion staff and the men of the company, Private First Class Chrisman stood by in an exposed position, close to the fighting, and continued his efficient and vital work of operating a radio. His position was spotted by the enemy and knee mortar shells dropped within a few feet of him. Although seriously wounded by a shell fragment, he continued to operate the radio until a replacement could be found for him. His devotion to his assigned work stands as an example of selfless action and as such was an inspiration to all men who fought with him.

First Lieutenant Dudley J. Clapp, Jr., 01321398, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 June 1945. First Lieutenant Clapp with fearless disregard for the danger of enemy action and the nearness and intensity of friendly small arms fire and bursting grenades, directed at an enemy strongpoint from which fire had come, unhesitatingly ran to an officer wounded in the action, picked him up and carried him forty yards to a position of safety. The heroic action of First Lieutenant Clapp, called forth under fire and near darkness, exemplify the highest standards of military conduct.

Private First Class Seymour Confer, 32853193, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Confer, with one other man, volunteered to go forward of our infantry and tank forces to reconnoiter a bridge of strategic importance. In the face of direct enemy artillery fire Private First Class Confer advanced and conducted his reconnaissance and returned to our lines. The information obtained facilitated the successful planning of needed repairs for the damaged bridge which was a vital link in the only supply route in that sector. The intrepidity of Private First Class Confer's action and the coolness with which he acted was of material aid to his organization and resulted in the expeditious repair of the badly damaged bridge when the sector was ultimately secured. The courage and steadfastness of purpose demonstrated by Private First Class Confer was inspiring to all who witnessed his work and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Emerson G. Crawford, 34890359, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonbaru, Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. During an assault on an enemy held position, one of the front line Infantry Companies sustained heavy casualties from enemy mortar and machine gun fire.

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Private First Class Crawford, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of cover, and moving from casualty to casualty gave treatment to the wounded men and supervised their evacuation. During the action, Private First Class Crawford was himself seriously wounded but remained at his post until all casualties had been evacuated. Private First Class Crawford's courageous actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant James V. Crosswell, 3379103, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. When four members of his own platoon were seriously wounded by an enemy artillery shell, Sergeant Crosswell left the security of his foxhole in the middle of the barrage to give them assistance. After rendering first aid, he picked up a man with a serious leg wound and carried him one hundred yards to the shelter of a cave where he made the casualty as comfortable as possible and then returned to assist in removing the rest of the wounded. He worked during this period under constant enemy artillery fire.

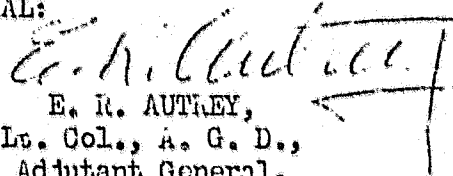
Private First Class Paul D. Curry, 38538163, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Curry aided in the evacuation of wounded men although himself suffering from shock. As Private First Class Curry was moving through Omaza Village with his mortar section, the enemy opened fire in the vicinity of 150mm field pieces. Approximately fifteen rounds fell in the village and during this time Private First Class Curry's pistol on his right hip and canteen on his left hip were shot away by shrapnel and he was badly shocked. Despite this he assisted in the evacuation of the wounded and returned to duty, refusing medical aid. His heroic action and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all the members of his unit.

Second Lieutenant Earl J. Davenport, 02012495, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As platoon leader of a heavy machine gun platoon, Second Lieutenant Davenport was largely responsible for the success of an attack on a fortified position, the repulsion of three heavy enemy counterattacks, the holding of strategic terrain, and the saving of many lives. Through his initiative, courage, outstanding leadership and heroism under fire, with complete disregard for his own safety while under almost constant enemy artillery, mortar, and rifle fire, Second Lieutenant Davenport was an inspiration to the men of his unit which bore the brunt of all the counterattacks. As a result, the enemy suffered heavy casualties and the company's strategic position was saved.

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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 15, 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, 28 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Otto W. Dimond, 36429218, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When the forward companies of the battalion exhausted their supply of ammunition, Private First Class Dimond, an M-29 driver with utter disregard for his own personal safety, took his vehicle with the vital ammunition forward over difficult terrain and while exposed to observed enemy fire which necessitated his leaving the vehicle and seeking cover several times. After courageously completing his dangerous mission, he returned bearing a wounded comrade. Private First Class Dimond's heroic efforts enabled the rifle companies to hold their position that night and speeded the recovery of the wounded comrade reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Basil W. Ditmars, 38571637, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 May 1945. Although seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Ditmars, a platoon radio operator, refused evacuation and remained under heavy fire performing his duty until the day's attack in which his company was participating was successfully finished. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Ditmars was an inspiring factor to all who witnessed his actions and his performance of duty under difficult conditions was highly instrumental in the successful attack on the enemy by his company.

Sergeant Torrence W. Dohl, 13116155, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Sergeant Dohl left the security of his foxhole in the middle of an enemy artillery barrage to rush to the aid of three men buried under dirt thrown by a large shell. At great personal risk he dug with his hands for ten minutes to free the casualties, and then assisted them to a place of safety. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Louis P. Douglass, 38309285, 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 grenade supply and Private First Class Douglass, 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 while exposed to heavy enemy fire. He then assisted in the evacuation of three casualties to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Douglass' heroic action enabled the rifle companies to maintain their position that night and undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

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Private First Class Harry K. Downing, 36205098, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the front line rifle squad of which Private First Class Downing was a member was surrounded by the enemy, who were throwing hand grenades into its entrenched positions, Private First Class Downing crawled out of his position and by continuous firing of his weapon caused the remaining enemy to withdraw outside of the company defense. This heroic act saved many lives and made the entire company defense secure.

Private First Class Jesse M. Dumas, 38287697, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Dumas, a member of a four-man litter team, volunteered to advance beyond the front line troops to evacuate wounded men from two tanks which had been knocked out. During their movement to and from the tanks they were continually under enemy observation and were forced to take cover many times from heavy enemy machine gun fire. The initiative and daring displayed by Private First Class Dumas, and the fact that he voluntarily risked his life under heavy enemy fire to evacuate a wounded comrade, was an inspiration to the other men about him, a credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

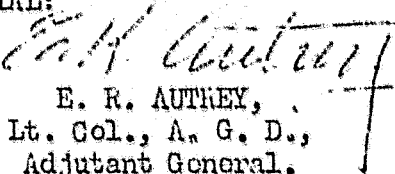
Private First Class Wilson B. Dyer, 38560951, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When his battalion was entrenched on a key position one thousand yards east of Shuri, intense enemy infiltrations exhausted the forward companies grenades supply and Private First Class Dyer, 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 undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

Staff Sergeant Kermit H. Ellis, 38213501, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Ellis at the risk of his own life exposed himself to enemy fire so he could direct mortar fire on enemy machine gun positions which had his company pinned down. Although wounded he directed this fire until the guns were silenced. This act of bravery played no small part in the ultimate securing of the ridge and the preventing of further casualties.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Sergeant Charles C. Engels, 37318713, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Sergeant Engels, with one other man, volunteered to go forward of our Infantry and tank forces to reconnoiter a bridge of strategic importance. In the face of direct enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Engels advanced and conducted his reconnaissance and returned to our lines. The information obtained facilitated the successful planning of needed repairs for the damaged bridge which was a vital link in the only supply route in that sector. The intrepidity of Sergeant Engels' action and the coolness with which he acted was of material aid to his organization and resulted in the expeditious repair of the badly damaged bridge when the sector was ultimately secured. The courage and steadfastness of purpose demonstrated by Sergeant Engels was inspiring to all who witnessed his work and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert V. Felton, 35908696, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When his squad leader was wounded during an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Felton left his foxhole and gave him medical care under the heavy enemy fire. He then singlehandedly carried the wounded man from the area a distance of two hundred yards to the battalion aid station, still exposed to the enemy fire which made this evacuation extremely hazardous to both him and the casualty. Upon his return, he took command of his squad and directed it so efficiently that the attack near and around the area of his squad soon became disorganized and was repulsed. Private First Class Felton's initiative and bravery displayed in the aforementioned instances reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George C. Filleman Jr., 38582242, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When the scout of his platoon was seriously wounded by enemy action, Private First Class Filleman with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of cover, and proceeded to advance forward toward the wounded man. His route of advance was over difficult rocky terrain, and moving forward in full view of the enemy he was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Upon reaching the casualty, Private First Class Filleman helped to administer first aid and carry the wounded man back over the difficult terrain to where evacuation could be effected. The action of Private Filleman undoubtedly aided in saving the wounded man's life and is keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant Isaac B. Fox, 02012428, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Lieutenant Fox assuming command of a rifle company when

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the other officers became casualties, reorganized the company and by his personal courage and calmness under fire inspired the men in driving the enemy back. Under cover of darkness and exposed to enemy rifle and mortar fire, Second Lieutenant Fox advanced to a position forward of his lines to better direct the fire of his mortars and remained at his exposed position during the entire night, being responsible in breaking up several enemy counterattacks. The action of Second Lieutenant Fox was an inspiration to the men of his company and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles E. Francis, 34887449, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. During an attack on an enemy held position, Private First Class Francis, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, and in the face of enemy sniper, mortar, and artillery fire, treated and evacuated approximately twenty casualties of the company to which he was attached. Private First Class Francis' steadfast devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and was a credit both to himself and the military service.

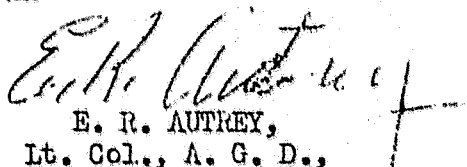
Private First Class Mark Frankel, 15320546, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When fire from an enemy mortar on the left flank pinned his company down, Private First Class Frankel crawled thirty yards into an exposed position and knocked the enemy weapon out and killed its operator with an intense volume of fire from his BAR. The initiative and courage as displayed by Private First Class Frankel on this occasion allowed his company to continue its advance and brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Walter C. Frick, 37439523, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While his company was advancing under heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Frick left a place of comparative safety, at the risk of his own life, moved to the rear phone of a tank and personally directed the fire of the tank, knocking out two enemy machine guns. When the tank received fire from an enemy 47mm anti-tank gun, wounding Staff Sergeant Frick, although wounded, he stayed at his post directing the fire of the tank until the enemy gun was knocked out. Staff Sergeant Frick's heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of his unit.

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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. 5, 12 December 1944, and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Descriptions), 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 Horace R. Gregory, 34525174, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. Sergeant Gregory and three other men of his company were wounded by enemy artillery but despite his wounds, Sergeant Gregory volunteered to assist in the removal of his companions to the shelter of a cave one hundred yards away. He aided two of the casualties, twice making the trip to the cave under heavy enemy artillery shelling. The courageous action and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Gregory while working under great mental and physical strain reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Third Grade Duane J. Grover, 35544065, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 13 April 1945. While in charge of the litter squads in the advanced aid station immediately behind the front lines, Technician Third Grade Grover discovered the presence of four seriously wounded men on a forward slope of Kakazu Ridge. Although this area was being constantly swept with deadly enemy mortar and sniper fire, Technician Third Grade Grover, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved down the forward slope, dragged the casualties into a nearby cave, administered first aid, and eventually succeeded in evacuating these casualties under covering fire from units of his battalion. Had it not been for this immediate medical aid two of these casualties would have died.

Sergeant Francis Guidry, 18170882, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Zuba Hill near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Sergeant Guidry was given the mission to construct a culvert in a road of great strategic importance. Under direct heavy enemy artillery fire, Sergeant Guidry, without regard of his personal safety reconnoitered the area of the proposed culvert and then deployed his men and equipment in such a manner as to construct the project in a minimum of time and without casualties. Although the intensity of the enemy artillery fire forced Sergeant Guidry and his men to take cover on several occasions, he advanced upon the road always in an exposed position. His action and leadership inspired his men to leave cover and continue the work despite the heavy enemy fire. The intrepidity of action, cool leadership and steadfastness of purpose displayed by Sergeant Guidry was of inestimable value in the opening of a vital supply route leading to the advanced forces. Sergeant Guidry's action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant John J. Haugen, 37318450, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. As acting Anti-tank platoon leader, Technical Sergeant Haugen repeatedly exposed himself to enemy machine gun fire in order to lead his men in placing an anti-tank gun into position. Under a hail of enemy fire, he succeeded in putting the gun into action and knocked out two enemy machine

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gun positions and one enemy mortar observation post. The devotion to duty displayed by Technical Sergeant Heugen reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Richard Heller, 35060933, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ieniku, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. During an attack on an enemy position, the platoon to which Private First Class Heller was attached was pinned down by intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire and suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class Heller, disregarding his own personal safety, left his position of cover to give aid to the wounded. After treating several of the wounded men, Private First Class Heller noticed one soldier in an exposed position from which he should be removed for his safety. In an effort to remove this soldier to a place of cover until he could be evacuated for further treatment, Private First Class Heller himself was wounded. Private First Class Heller's courageous actions and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

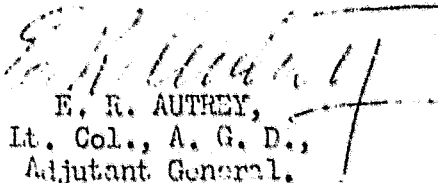
Private First Class Marvin F. Helvey, 39345255, Infantry, United States Army, For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by the fire of an enemy knee mortar in its attempt to capture an important hill in its zone of action, Private First Class Helvey crawled forward fifty yards under the intense barrage to the top of the hill where he located the enemy weapon in action. Although still exposed to the fire, he unhesitatingly opened fire with his Browning Automatic Rifle and destroyed the enemy mortar and killed its crew of four. The initiative and bravery displayed by Private First Class Helvey which allowed his platoon to continue its advance, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Frank J. Hoog, 36431919, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Corporal Hoog, a gunner on an 81mm mortar, was firing from an exposed position on enemy targets including an enemy 70mm gun. The enemy was able to pick up his mortar position due to the clear weather and the result was a fifteen minute mortar and artillery barrage. Disregarding his own safety, Corporal Hoog continued to operate his mortar which resulted in knocking out the enemy 70mm gun. His heroic action is worthy of the highest traditions of the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Section 11, 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to a Departmental Order (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 Samuel I. Gall, 37231001, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When his unit received an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Gall moved his machine gun from his prepared position and pre-flanking fire on the enemy who were advancing. All of this was done under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire and without regard for his personal safety. His action was a large factor in breaking up the enemy counterattack. His heroic action was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Vincent J. Giacinto, 32973621, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu, Okinawa Island on 12, 13 and 14 April 1945. On 12 April 1945, Private First Class Giacinto, while his company was withdrawn for a rest, unhesitatingly volunteered as an assistant driver to aid another company that had sustained heavy losses in personnel from their ambulance platoon. On each consecutive night from 12 to 14 April, Private First Class Giacinto, fully realizing the hazards involved, volunteered and at constant risk to his life, helped evacuate numerous casualties from the battalion aid station, over roads, which during this period due to terrific enemy artillery and mortar fire, were closed at night to all traffic except vehicles evacuating seriously wounded men. Private First Class Giacinto's outstanding courage and unflinching devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Edward Glueck, Jr., 36657620, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Glueck, unhesitatingly volunteered as an assistant wheel driver to aid in the evacuation of twelve seriously wounded men from a battalion aid station, an area in which, due to terrific enemy mortar fire, no vehicles were allowed to remain during the night. After driving through mud and rain over a road continually harassed by enemy artillery fire and the last four hundred yards under heavy enemy mortar and intermittent sniper fire, Private First Class Glueck and driver arrived safely at the aid station. Immediately and with complete disregard for their own safety, they started evacuating casualties back four hundred yards to a weapons carrier for further evacuation to the collecting company. This perilous operation continued for three and one half hours until all casualties were evacuated. Private First Class Glueck's devotion to duty, outstanding courage and bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

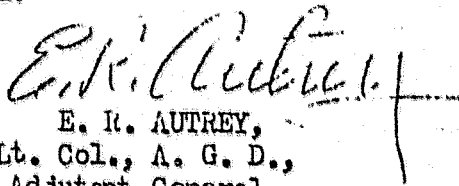
Sergeant Robert Grant, 33306534, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. Sergeant Grant was a radio operator in a forward observ. section observing in the sector of an Infantry Regiment and fighting on and around a hill in the vicinity of Urasue-Mura. When he observed a concentration of enemy troops trying to conceal themselves on the reverse side of the slope, Sergeant Grant, fully exposed to the view of the enemy, set up his radio under a volley of enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and transmitted successful artillery fire miss. on that concentration. Later, when the slope fell into our hands, it was discove that Sergeant Grant's successful artillery adjustments had accounted for approx- imately forty enemy dead. Sergeant Grant's accurate handling of his job under hazardous circumstances, and his personal loyalty reflect great credit upon him- self and the military service.

Private First Class Willie T. Green, 34879264, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 1 July 1945. On 8 April 1945, Private First Class Green, assisted by one other man, voluntarily and at great risk of his life, evacuated a body from an area covered by enemy small arms fire, in spite of the fact that he was not required to enter the area. On 9 April 1945, he again went to the battalion areas and evacuated deceased personnel while under enemy fire. Private First Class Green assisted in the difficult task of removing a body from a deep fox hole. The body was badly mangled and difficult to handle. On 12 April 1945, he aided a party in a search for two missing bodies and when the were finally found, he prepared them for evacuation under artillery and sniper fir. From 25 April 1945 to 28 April 1945, he assisted in the difficult task of removing over one hundred bodies from Kakazu ridge. The bodies were badly mangled and de- composed, making their evacuation difficult and exceedingly unpleasant. On 21 May 1945, Private First Class Green searched an area and disclosed the remains of one our men in a brick receptacle. The body was badly decomposed and had to be re- covered with shovels and buckets. He succeeded in this difficult task and care- fully prepared the body for evacuation to our cemetery. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Green while under enemy fire and at great risk to his life, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Theo M Johnson, 38227735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When Private First Class Johnson's platoon was momentarily halted by enemy sniper and machine gun fire from a cave in their rear, he worked his way through intense fire and assaulted the cave position knocking out a light machine gun and killing six of the enemy, thus allowing his platoon to continue its mission.

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16 August 1945

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PRINCIPAL 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:

Staff Sergeant Harold B. Hoffenbacher, 36535956, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When his unit was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage during which numerous casualties were suffered, despite the many enemy missiles dropping dangerously close to his position, Staff Sergeant Hoffenbacher, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved up the hill from his position of cover to a group of wounded men about seventy-five yards away. Four times he made the perilous trip up the steep incline to aid in the evacuation of litter cases to the battalion aid station. His undying courage, devotion to duty and unselfishness was instrumental in the saving of several lives and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Matthew A. Ingemi, 32066707, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ozato, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When, due to local enemy counterattacks, heavy casualties had been sustained by our troops holding a ridge outside of a village, Private First Class Ingemi and other member of a litter squad, moved forward to remove the casualties, many of whom were forward of the front line positions at the time. Disregarding the heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Ingemi and the men working with him, made repeated trips into an exposed position to remove the wounded men. The action eventually became so intense that it was necessary to cover the evacuation with supporting tanks, but Private First Class Ingemi and his squad continued in their efforts until the last of approximately twenty-five casualties were removed to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Ingemi's courageous actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Roland D. Irish, 31412488, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. During the defense of Dick Hill, several men were seriously wounded from heavy mortar fire. Private First Class Irish volunteered to go through intense sniper and mortar fire to bring a seriously wounded man out of the heavily shelled area. With utter disregard for his own safety, he dragged and carried the wounded man back to a covered position where medical aid could be administered. Private First Class Irish's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jacob Jackson, 32694710, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When a force of the enemy staged a night counter-attack against positions on Torbstone Ridge, our troops, effectively using hand grenades, met the attack and stopped it. When, after half an hour of fighting, the grenades were almost exhausted, Private First Class Jackson volunteered to crawl to the nearest supply point and bring up more grenades. Despite enemy mortar, small arms and artillery fire, he succeeded in his task and, upon his return to the position, realizing that the grenades he had were not sufficient, without hesitation or regard for his personal safety, he made his way back to the supply point for more. He made this hazardous trip five times during the counterattack. His courageous action was directly responsible for repelling the enemy counter-attack.

Staff Sergeant Jesse L. Johnson, 20712490, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When the enemy launched a desperate counterattack against his company on Hacksaw Ridge, Staff Sergeant Johnson moved his mortar ahead of the front elements of the company where he could fire direct fire against the enemy. Although exposed to all types of enemy fire and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he poured his deadly fire into the enemy with such effect that the attack was broken up, thus allowing the company to hold the ground they had gained.

Private Alan L. Kadetsky, 15359876, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from a cave on the top of a ridge, which the platoon was attacking, Private Kadetsky, without regard to his personal safety, went back across the direct path of the enemy fire and after contacting a tank, led it forward into a position in spite of the rugged terrain and in the face of the constant enemy fire. He then directed fire from the tank on the emplacement until it was knocked out. His brave and courageous act allowed his platoon to continue its advance and brought great credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Aubrey King, 38582054, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. While the second platoon of his company was caught in intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class King, who was acting in the capacity of communications corporal, upon observing two men seriously wounded and in imminent danger of being killed, crawled from his comparatively safe position, and, while fully exposed to enemy fire, succeeded in evacuating the two casualties to safety, thereby saving their lives. This heroic action on the part of Private First Class King 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 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, 27 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Third Grade Virgil E. King, 3744306, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kaniha, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When a heavy enemy mortar barrage fell in the battalion area causing many casualties, Technician Third Grade King, realizing that many of the wounded could not receive immediate attention, moved forward from his position in the Battalion Aid Station and administered immediate first aid to casualties while the area was still under fire. By his coolness and devotion to duty, many casualties were given immediate treatment which would have otherwise been impossible. His exemplary courage reflects credit upon both himself and the military service and aided materially in the success of the operation.

Private First Class William W. King, 39474314, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. While his platoon was fighting for Yuza-Dake ridge, strong enemy resistance was encountered from several entrenched machine gun positions. Because of the intense enemy fire, one of the wounded men could not be reached without extreme risk. However, leaving his place of concealment and with complete disregard for his own life, Private First Class King a company aid man, crawled to his wounded comrade and pulled him to safety behind several rocks. All of this time the Jap machine guns were firing at him in an attempt to prevent the rescue. Private First Class King's aggressive and courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert A. Kobosky, 33925979, 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 the company's advance over the top of an important hill, Private First Class Kobosky 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 and their positions were flanked and destroyed by the rest of the company. Private First Class Kobosky, seeing that his two comrades had been wounded, immediately began aiding in their treatment and evacuation. Private First Class Kobosky's heroic deed in aiding his fellow men after a rigorous engagement under enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Frank J. Kolasa, 37312596, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. During an attack on heavily fortified enemy positions, Private First Class Kolasa's mortar squad, while firing in support of the Battalion, came under heavy enemy artillery fire and one shell wounded the squad leader and several members of the squad. Despite the fact that the men were ordered to cover, Private First Class Kolasa continued supplying his gun with

Ammunition as the hail of enemy fire continued all about him and with the support of the heavy weapons, the advance continued, and the objective was gained. Private First Class Kolasa's profound devotion to duty and calm courage were highly instrumental in the taking of the objective, and his exemplary actions were an inspiration to all the members of the unit. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant George T. Komen, 36380025, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. During the initial assault on Dick Hill, Staff Sergeant Komen lay for hours in a prone position on top of a hill covered by enemy anti-tank, sniper and mortar fire in order to direct our supporting fire. From his hazardous position he directed the fire of his guns on several enemy pillboxes and mortar gun holes, clearing these obstacles from the path of our advancing rifle companies. Staff Sergeant Komen's determination to obtain the maximum value from his mortars, regardless of the personal danger to himself was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Wilbur E. Kraft, 36384261, 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 surrounded on a key position one thousand yards east of Shuri, intense enemy illumination exhausted the forward company grenade supply and Private First Class Kraft, 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 while exposed to heavy enemy fire. He then assisted in the evacuation of three casualties to the battalion aid station. This heroic action enabled the rifle companies to maintain their position that night and undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

Technician Fifth Grade Barney A. Krolikowski, 36384218, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12, 13, and 14 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Krolikowski, while his organization was withdrawn for a rest, volunteered, fully realizing the hazards involved, to aid another collecting company, as ambulance jeep driver, in the evacuation of casualties from the battalion aid stations. During the nights of 12 to 14 April, Technician Fifth Grade Krolikowski, volunteered and despite constant threats to his own safety, made several trips, over a perilous route which, due to severe enemy artillery and mortar fire, was banned to all traffic at night except vehicles which were needed in emergency to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. His heroic actions were directly responsible for saving many lives. Technician Fifth Grade Krolikowski's courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Jer L. Kyselka, 36685234, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of his comrades were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Private First Class Kyselka and seven other men organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the fire, and by using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded men down the steep, muddy slope. During the entire time he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Private First Class Kyselka's loyalty to his comrades and his courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Verlund H. Larson, 37318851, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. When his company was receiving heavy machine gun fire from an enemy position, Sergeant Larson, a member of the mortar section, advanced out in front of the front line elements so as to direct mortar fire on this position. Although under constant fire, Sergeant Larson quickly bracketed in the mortars and knocked out the enemy gun thus allowing the company to move forward.

Private First Class Bruce G. Lattin, 29346557, 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 platoons of Private First Class Lattin's company were isolated from the Battalion supply point by a heavy enemy mortar barrage and sniper fire, volunteers were asked for to carry hand grenades to them. Private First Class Lattin unhesitatingly volunteered for the mission and carried an ammunition bag full of grenades over the hazardous route, exposing himself to the danger of enemy mortars 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 Lattin's unhesitating courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Walter P. Laubar, 36429964, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Corporal Laubar, a member of a four man litter team, volunteered to advance beyond the front line troops to evacuate wounded men from two tanks which had been knocked out. During their movement to and from the tanks they were continually under observation and were forced to take cover many times from heavy enemy machine gun fire. The initiative and daring displayed by Corporal Laubar, and the fact that he voluntarily risked his life under heavy enemy fire to evacuate a wounded comrade, was an inspiration to the other men about him, a credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Sergeant Albert Lave, 39621742, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of his comrades were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Sergeant Lave and several other soldiers organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the fire, and using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded down the steep, muddy slope. During the entire time, he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Sergeant Lave's loyalty to his comrades and his heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Leonard W. Lazarick, 13175942, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Sergeant Lazarick, with other members of his company was exposed to heavy enemy fire from the flanks and smoke was needed to maneuver to a more favorable position. Supporting weapons laid down a smoke screen in front of the company and a small element of the company flanked the enemy and drew their fire. When Sergeant Lazarick emerged through the smoke, he carried a wounded man with him. Returning to his platoon, volunteers were called, and he volunteered to go back down the hill after two more wounded men. Again he went down the fire swept hill and assisted in getting the two badly wounded men out. His actions were an inspiration to all the men of his company. Sergeant Lazarick's utter disregard for personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

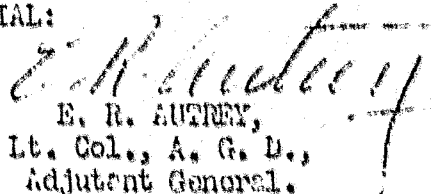
Sergeant William G. Leber, 36333649, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Sergeant Leber, a squad leader in his company's mortar section, voluntarily left a sheltered position and moved to an exposed point of observation when the company was momentarily held up by fire from an enemy machine gun. Although under heavy enemy fire, Sergeant Leber bracketed in his mortars and knocked out the enemy position, thus allowing the company to successfully complete its mission.

Sergeant Dolores O. Medina, 37345646, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. In the vicinity of Tombstone Ridge, Sergeant Dolores O. Medina observed seven of the enemy walking down the road leading to our positions. On his own initiative and armed with a Browning automatic rifle, Sergeant Medina went forward of our lines, exposed himself to enemy fire, took up a firing position, delivered fire upon the enemy, killing all seven. His heroic action was an example to his fellow men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Anthony Madonna, 33494027, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his battalion was in such a position that the only supply route was through a recently taken village, Private First Class Madonna, without thought of his personal safety made many trips along this route forward to the Battalion; he even continued after members of the carrying party were wounded and one killed by the heavy artillery and mortar fire in the surrounding area. Later that evening, after an already hard day, Private First Class Madonna volunteered to carry barbed wire to the forward elements, this barbed wire was sorely needed to set up a strong defense for the ensuing night. He also made several trips carrying ammunition which was extremely hazardous at night as he was exposed to both friendly and enemy fire. His bravery and relentless fortitude reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George W. Lutz, 37312462, 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 Lutz volunteered, at the risk of his life, to carry food and water to a forward line company which was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and to aid in the evacuation of the wounded. Private First Class Lutz had to cross six hundred yards of open field which was covered by enemy machine gun fire and was subjected to heavy mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Lutz's devotion to duty, initiative and exemplary conduct under such hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade William B. Lyells, 37706452, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Lyells ran into an open area into which an enemy machine gun was firing and dragged two wounded men to a nearby shell hole where he administered first aid. Later, while still under heavy fire, carried one of the casualties one hundred and fifty yards on his back to the Battalion aid station, and then returned to assist in moving the other man on a litter. His quick and courageous actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Albert K. Marks, 35418105, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Marks volunteered to go forward and assist in the establishing of an advance aid station immediately behind the front lines on Kakazu Ridge. During the night when the enemy laid down a deadly mortar and artillery barrage in preparation for a counter attack, numerous casualties were incurred and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade Marks and three litter bearers under observation of the enemy as a result of numerous flares, evacuated the five litter patients under intense artillery and mortar fire.

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Staff Sergeant William E. Marks, 36381620, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 31 May 1945. When his company was on the crest of Hen Hill and the enemy was on the reverse side and fierce grenade battles were going on, his company was running short of grenades while the enemy continued to throw them. When it got dark, Staff Sergeant Marks volunteered to lead some men to the battalion ammunition dump to get grenades. With complete disregard for his own personal safe Staff Sergeant Marks led the men to and from the battalion ammunition dump and brought back the grenades to the company. During all this time, he and his men were subjected to both enemy and friendly fire. This action enabled the company to advance the following day and undoubtedly saved many lives. Staff Sergeant Marks' heroic action was an inspiration to those serving with him and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald F. Matthews, 32484356, 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 Matthews, a rifleman, on his own initiative, ran twenty-five yards through heavy machine gun and mortar fire to carry a seriously injured man to safety where he was given first aid and evacuated. Private First Class Matthews' act of courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James D. McDonald, 38319576, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Volunteering at night to go forward to the battalion aid station, to evacuate seriously wounded casualties, through mud and driving rain and over a road which had been under heavy barrages of enemy artillery fire since early morning, Private First Class McDonald, with complete disregard for his personal safety, drove his ambulance weasel forward to the aid station, crossing the last four hundred yards over a route which was under concentrated enemy mortar and sniper fire. Despite constant threat to his safety, Private First Class McDonald and his assistant brought casualties back over the same route and transferred them to a weapons carrier. He continued this hazardous operation for three and one half hours until all casualties were evacuated. Private First Class McDonald's heroic action and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving several lives and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jessie G. Meshell, 38516488, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his light machine gun, for which he was the assistant gunner, was hit by enemy mortar fire, the gunner was killed, a box of ammunition was destroyed and Private First Class Meshell was lightly wounded, he quickly got another box of ammunition, took over the gun and courageously continued to fire, feeding the ammunition himself while other enemy mortar rounds and sniper fire covered the area. He continued to operate the gun by himself until assistance arrived.

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Private First Class Marvin C. Lehde, 6292496, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When the rifle platoons of Private First Class Lehde's company were isolated from the Battalion supply point by a heavy enemy mortar barrage and sniper fire, volunteers were asked for to carry hand grenades to them. Private First Class Lehde unhesitatingly volunteered for the mission and carried an ammunition bag full of grenades over the hazardous route to the riflemen, exposing himself to the danger of enemy mortars 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 Lehde's unhesitating courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Garth C. McGary, 39926001, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June, 1945. When the scout of his platoon was seriously wounded by enemy action, Private First Class McGary unhesitatingly volunteered with three other men, to go to his aid. Private First Class McGary with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of cover, and proceeded to advance forward toward the wounded man. His route of advance was over difficult rocky terrain, and moving forward in full view of the enemy, he was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Upon reaching the casualty, Private First Class McGary helped to administer first aid and carry him back over the difficult terrain to where evacuation could be effected. The action of Private First Class McGary undoubtedly aided in saving the wounded man's life, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John A. McMockin, 39470494, 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 McMockin, 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 undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

Second Lieutenant Elmer R. Mook, 0532790, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. When enemy fire pinned down and wounded several men, Second Lieutenant Mook moved to the side of one of them through intense fire and removed him to a safe place in defilade where first aid could be administered. Second Lieutenant Mook's courageous act added to the fighting spirit of his men by showing them his concern for the wounded and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Frank J. Moore, 01329273, 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 grenade supply and, Second Lieutenant Moore, in command of ten ammunition bearers and a squad leader, 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 while exposed to heavy enemy fire. His heroic action enabled the rifle companies to maintain their position that night and undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

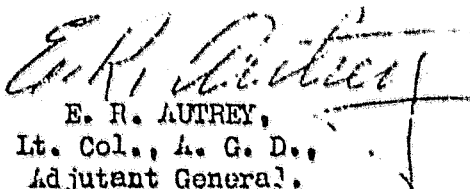
Private First Class Dempsey Morris, 38292442, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When his battalion was entrenched on a key position, one thousand yards east of Shuri, intense enemy infiltration exhausted the forward companies grenade supply and, Private First Class Morris, 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 undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men.

Private First Class Vernyl D. Pederson, 37775184, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Onago, Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When the front line Infantry troops advanced into a draw covered by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, and were temporarily forced to withdraw, leaving a wounded man behind, Private First Class Pederson, together with members of a litter squad, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward for about three hundred yards through the exposed area under fire and recovered the casualty and evacuated him safely to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Pederson's courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Major Lee Morris, 01294178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. While in his forward Observation Post, although wounded by fragments from an enemy knee mortar, Major Morris refused to leave his Post and to receive medical aid. Instead he advanced to the lines companies Observation Post and spent the day there, personally directing an advance to secure his battalions' right flank. He also directed mortar fire on an enemy Observation Post which resulted in its destruction and spotted targets for artillery fire. Major Morris' heroic acts reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Third Grade Gerald E. Nelson, 37313591, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy spigot mortar shell buried several men in a battalion aid station area, Technician Third Grade Nelson left his place of cover and was assisting in removing these men from the debris when a call came from one of the Infantry line companies that several men had been seriously wounded and needed more extensive treatment than the aid men could give. With a company guide to show them the way Technician Third Grade Nelson and another man volunteered to make the hazardous journey five hundred yards through an area in which enemy artillery and mortar fire were falling and enemy patrols were known to be active. When they reached the company Command Post, it was found that one of the casualties was seriously wounded and was in a position which afforded cover only to himself. Technician Third Grade and the other man were required to stay above ground in order to administer plasma and apply splints even though enemy artillery was still falling. They administered plasma and gave first-aid treatment to three seriously wounded casualties and were instrumental in saving their lives. Technician Third Grade Nelson's steadfast devotion to duty and courageous actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

S. Sergeant Earl M. Neu, 37681219, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. When enemy machine gun and sniper fire had pinned down and wounded several men, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Neu, moved to the side of one seriously wounded man, exposing himself to the deadly fire of the enemy and assisted in removing him to a safe place in defilade. This courageous and unselfish action enabled the wounded man to receive adequate first aid and added to the fighting spirit by again showing the fellow soldier's concern for the wounded even under trying conditions.

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Private First Class Glenn R. Nicholaysen, 39934608, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of his comrades were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Private First Class Nicholaysen and seven other men organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the heavy fire and by using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded men down the steep, muddy slope. During the entire time he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Private First Class Nicholaysen's loyalty to his comrades and his courage reflect great upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Hugh Nielson, 39912341, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cactus Ridge, Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. Corporal Nielson, a 300 radio operator, was maintaining contact, under heavy enemy fire, between the mortars and the line companies in order that fire might be directed against the enemy positions on top of Cactus Ridge. Enemy mortar fire wounded Corporal Nielson but despite his wound, he maintained contact until he could be relieved. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

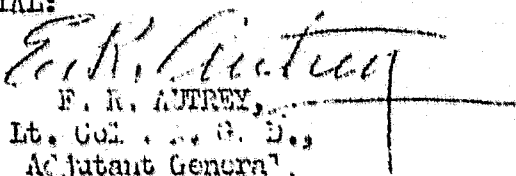
Technical Sergeant Gerald O'Donnell, 36203569, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technical Sergeant O'Donnell rushed out of his foxhole in the middle of an enemy artillery barrage to assist two men who had been wounded by one of the shells and still under heavy enemy fire, he dragged the casualties to a place of safety where he rendered first aid and made the men as comfortable as possible. His heroic action demonstrated infinite concern for the welfare of his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alvin R. Parker, 39935802, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of his comrades were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Private First Class Parker and seven other men organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the fire, and using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded down the steep, muddy slope. During the entire action he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Private First Class Parker's loyalty to his comrades and courage under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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✓ First Lieutenant Constantino Fassaro, 01107025, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ozato, Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. First Lieutenant Fassaro advanced alone beyond our lines to clear an enemy minefield, of undetermined part of many high explosive anti-tank and anti-personnel mines and numerous booby traps. The field was continually swept by observed enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire but despite those added hazards, First Lieutenant Fassaro methodically probed the field. His removing of many mines ultimately resulted in the opening of a road over which our tank and Infantry forces could advance and attack fortified positions. The intrepidity of Lieutenant Fassaro's action and the courage he exhibited in accomplishing a mission of great strategic value while under intense fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private Melvin C. Pearson, 37633176, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When his platoon sergeant was seriously injured by enemy machine gun fire raking the ridge line on which the platoon was digging in, Private Pearson stood up in full view of the enemy gunner and ran to the left flank to attract his fire. Under cover, he crept back to the exposed position of the wounded man and carried him from danger of the machine gun. Then under extremely dangerous sniper fire, Private Pearson put the wounded man on his back and carried him five hundred yards to the aid station, moving the entire distance without protection. Private Pearson's quick thinking, loyalty and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Staff Sergeant John F. Fenoli, 39130294, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. When his platoon was assigned the mission of clearing a gap in which two enemy machine guns and several snipers were holding up the advance Staff Sergeant Fenoli, acting on his own initiative, scaled the face of a cliff in front of the enemy position, knowing that this would place him in full view of the snipers infesting the brush on the small ridge at the base of the cliff. From this position, Staff Sergeant Fenoli observed an enemy machine gun at the base of the cliff which was firing at the company pinned down on his flank. He killed the enemy machine gunner by directing the fire of an automatic rifleman in his platoon. Staff Sergeant Fenoli's courageous action was directly responsible for the capture of the enemy machine gun position without casualties to his platoon. The courage and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Fenoli are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

✓ Private First Class Paul L. Pittsley, 36272938, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Pittsley was a member of a team leading tanks over a mined road. When enemy machine gun and sniper fire wounded four of his comrades, he displayed outstanding courage and quick thinking by seizing a phone on the back of a tank and directing the tank to a position between the wounded men and the enemy fire. By so doing, he allowed the wounded to be evacuated to a position of safety and added materially to saving their lives. Private First Class Pittsley's outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Corporal Jack P. Podbevsek, 37304273, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Corporal Podbevsek volunteered to make up part of an artillery patrol to search an area near his emplacement. The patrol moved approximately four hundred yards across an open field nearby and was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Corporal Podbevsek was on higher ground than the rest of his group and could observe the position from which the enemy fire was coming. Courageously, he ran farther across the field and pointed out the location to the other members of the patrol. Immediately, they set up a firing position and were able to take the enemy location. Corporal Podbevsek's bravery and heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Private First Class Louis A. Pompeo, 39202687, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When the machine gun of which he was assistant gunner, was knocked out and the gunner wounded during an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Pompeo, under intense rifle fire, ran several hundred yards to his weapons carrier and obtained a new gun which he alone carried back to the scene of the attack. Quickly placing the gun in operation, he was greatly responsible in repulsing the enemy counterattack. The courage and quick thinking displayed by Private First Class Pompeo was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Corporal Earl D. Torrey, 16091066, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When Corporal Torrey received an order to lay mortar fire on an enemy position and was unable to set up his gun in a defiladed or concealed position, he elected to remain at his post in an open area, disregarding all warning to take cover. He successfully delivered the requested fire through the deadly hail of flying shrapnel from enemy artillery shells. His conduct set a perfect example to those in his approximate vicinity and, as in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Ray P. Parker, 36910394, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When a number of his comrades were seriously wounded by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, and were unable to move from their dangerous location, Private First Class Parker and seven other men organized a patrol to get them out. Voluntarily he entered the area covered by the heavy fire, and by using ponchos as litters, carried the wounded men down the steep muddy slope. During the entire action he was exposed to the same machine gun, mortar and sniper fire which had caused the casualties. Private First Class Parker's loyalty to his comrades and his courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Albert F. Pongracz, 39728884, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 10 May 1945 in the vicinity of Kaniku, Okinawa Island. During an assault on an enemy position, many casualties were inflicted in one of the front line Infantry companies due to enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Pongracz, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his place of cover to give treatment to the wounded. Private First Class Pongracz was himself wounded early in the action but continued to give first aid and supervise the evacuation until all the casualties in that area had been removed to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Pongracz's courageous actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Edwin I. Porter, 39728185, 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 Porter, as a member of a litter squad volunteered to go to a front line Infantry company to evacuate a seriously wounded man. There being no moon on this particular night, Private First Class Porter 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 Porter 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 Porter completed his mission with complete disregard for his own personal safety. His actions were a credit to himself and the military service and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them.

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Private First Class Roland J. Proulx, 37565457, Infantry, United States Army For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Proulx exhibited extreme courage and devotion to duty when, despite enemy mortar fire, he continued to fire on enemy targets including a 70mm gun. The enemy picked up Private First Class Proulx's mortar position and a knee mortar barrage of fifteen minutes duration followed. During this barrage he continued to fire his mission with disregard for his own safety, the result was the silencing of the 70mm enemy gun. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

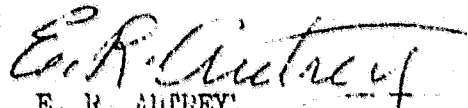
Private First Class Ray J. Ramsey, 34723394, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Ramsey voluntarily drove his jeep ambulance approximately five hundred yards forward of his Battalion Aid Station over a road which had not been cleared of mines and which was under continuous mortar fire to reach casualties in an assault company. His aggressive and courageous actions were responsible for the rapid and successful evacuation of two seriously wounded men. Private First Class Ramsey's actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Frank E. Ratkowski, 36532237, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his company was pinned down during an advance against Nishibaru Ridge, Sergeant Ratkowski, leading his squad for the first time, moved them forward to positions from which they could place fire on the enemy. Although the heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire forced the battalion on his right to withdraw, Sergeant Ratkowski held his squad in position for over six hours until the dead and wounded could be evacuated. Sergeant Ratkowski then ordered his men to withdraw, covering them himself with fire from his rifle. Sergeant Ratkowski's courage and leadership were key factors in his squad's ability to hold fast and enabled the company to evacuate their wounded and dead.

Staff Sergeant Hubert L. Schermer, 36054847, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While serving as Forward Observer for an Infantry unit at the time of the attack on Kakazu Ridge, Staff Sergeant Schermer braved heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to occupy a position within view of the enemy forces so that precise adjustments of artillery fire could be maintained to support the attacking unit of Infantry. He remained at this exposed position exposed to heavy fire observing artillery fire until the situation was relieved and the Infantry unit could move forward to take the ridge. Staff Sergeant Schermer's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 11, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations, 22 September 1945, 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 Philip E. Reville, 4276196 Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Private First Class Reville, as a wireman servicing line, witnessed a tree burst of enemy artillery which critically wounded a member of his liaison section. With no medical aid available in the vicinity, Private First Class Reville twice crossed an open field under artillery attack to secure a stretcher and assisted in the evacuation of the casualty to the battalion aid station. His disregard for his own personal safety undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Reville reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald R. Ridder, 39728293, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. When his company was pinned down by fire from an enemy machine gun in a cave on the top of a hill, Private First Class Ridder, without regard for his own personal safety, left his covered position and crawled forward under deadly fire, fifty yards, with a demolition charge, to a position on top of the cave and dropped it into a rear entrance to the enemy position, thereby demolishing the cave and killing its occupants. Private First Class Ridder's heroic actions in the face of extreme danger allowed his company to continue its attack and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alton B. Roberts, Jr., 14201019, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 3 November 1944. During the battle for Bloody Ridge, Private First Class Roberts commuted several times between the front lines and the Battalion Command Post, crossing an arroyo deep in mud and covered by enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire in order to bring ammunition to the guns and to evacuate casualties. He carried boxes of machine gun ammunition forward and his return trips assisted in carrying out wounded men on litters improvised from rifles and ponchos. Working steadily for several hours under these hazardous conditions, he kept a steady flow of ammunition to the guns and brought seven men to the aid station. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Lloyd R. Roberts, 37620349, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade Roberts), in addition to his assigned duties as Jodge Clerk in a battalion headquarters company, performed other tasks under fire in a most efficient and courageous manner. He crossed exposed and artillery shelled

terrain, under enemy observation and exposed himself to enemy machine gun and sniper fire to deliver messages to units on the front. On the night of 13 April when it was reported that the enemy had made a break through the line, he volunteered to man a machine gun on the forward slope of a hill occupied by the Battalion Command Post. Although his position was heavily shelled by enemy artillery during the night, he reined his gun with a courage and determination that reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Warren E. Roberts, 18162291, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When he and three of his fellow squad members were wounded by enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Roberts, heedless of his own wounds and of the continued falling artillery, administered first aid to his comrades and assisted in their evacuation before he would allow himself to be treated. The courage and self-sacrifice displayed by Private First Class Roberts was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jeremiah L. Robinson, Jr., 33851727, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. While assisting in the servicing of lines of communication a nearby tree burst of enemy artillery seriously wounded a member of his Liaison Section. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Robinson rendered first aid and upon receipt of a stretcher, assisted in evacuation of the wounded man across open terrain which was under heavy enemy artillery fire. The heroism and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Robinson saved the life of the wounded man and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edgar B. Redfern, 37484589, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ozato, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. With his tank unit and the Infantry Battalion which they were supporting, were forced to withdraw for reorganization after a fierce attack on a heavily fortified enemy held ridge. Private First Class Redfern, a tank cannoneer, voluntarily remained in the forward area to assist in the evacuation of Infantrymen who were wounded in the action. Despite the heavy concentration of enemy mortar and the withering machine gun fire, Private First Class Redfern, with two other members of his tank crew, dismounted to the open ground and assisted three of the wounded men into the tank. With the additional men crowded into the vehicles, they then withdrew. Private First Class Redfern's thorough disregard for his own personal safety was a paramount factor in saving the lives of the three casualties, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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18 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. 1, 22 October 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Frank D. Rocchino, 36906759, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. During an attack on the enemy held town of Aragachi, Private First Class Rocchino, a lead scout of his platoon, unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, openly exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire to divert the attention of the enemy from his platoon. Private First Class Rocchino led the attack forward, and during the advance accounted for eight of the enemy. When his advance was stopped due to enemy machine gun fire on his right flank, with courage and determination, Private First Class Rocchino took up the advance, and in the face of strong enemy resistance spurred his platoon on to the routing of the remaining enemy troops from their positions. The exemplary courage and coolness displayed by Private First Class Rocchino and his determination to destroy the enemy reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond R. Roder, 37313579, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While his company was held up by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, his squad was ordered to place fire on the enemy positions. During the action the enemy mortar fire became so intense that it was necessary for everyone to take cover but Private First Class Roder stayed at his mortar and continued to fire. His continuous and effective fire caused the enemy fire to lessen enough so that his company was able to take up the fight again. The courage and coolness displayed by Private First Class Roder was a deciding factor in allowing his company to continue the advance against the enemy.

Private First Class Frank G. Rodrigues, 39226153, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ozato, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When, due to local enemy counterattacks, heavy casualties had been sustained by our troops who were holding a ridge outside of a village, Private First Class Rodrigues and other members of a litter squad, moved forward to remove the casualties, many of whom were forward of the front line positions at the time. Disregarding extremely heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Rodrigues and the men working with him, made repeated trips into an exposed position to remove the wounded men. The action eventually became so intense that it was necessary to cover the evacuation with supporting tanks, but Private First Class Rodrigues and his squad continued in their efforts until the last of approximately twenty five casualties were removed to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Rodrigues' courageous actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Ralph C. Rodriguez, 397308294, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ozato, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When due to local enemy counterattacks, heavy casualties had been sustained by our troops holding a ridge outside of a village, Private First Class Rodriguez and other members of a litter squad, moved forward to remove the casualties, many of whom were forward of the front line positions at the time. Disregarding extremely heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Rodriguez and the men working with him, made repeated trips into an exposed position to remove the wounded men. The action eventually became so intense that it was necessary to cover the evacuation with supporting tanks, but Private First Class Rodriguez and his squad continued in their efforts until the last of approximately twenty five casualties were removed to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Rodriguez's courageous actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Luther A. Rogers, 38732763, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. During an attack on the enemy-held town of Aragachi, Private First Class Rogers, a lead scout of his platoon, unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, openly exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire to divert the attention of the enemy from his platoon, and when his advance was stopped due to withering enemy machine gun fire on his right flank, with courage and determination, he took up the advance, and in the face of strong enemy resistance spurred his platoon on to the routing of the remaining enemy troops from their positions. The exemplary courage and coolness displayed by Private First Class Rogers and his determination to destroy the enemy is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class William A. Sandberg, 37774135, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ozato, Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. When one of the front line infantry companies was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, numerous casualties resulted from the action. Private First Class Sandberg, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved from casualty to casualty giving treatment to each as he progressed. During the operation, Private First Class Sandberg was himself wounded, but continued treatment and remained with the casualties until supporting tanks could be brought forward and evacuation completed. The courageous and untiring efforts of Private First Class Sandberg were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and were instrumental 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. 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 Russell K. Schickedanz, 36472728, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When a call came to the battalion aid station for litter bearers to go forward to a front line Infantry company to evacuate a casualty, Private First Class Schickedanz volunteered to lead his squad forward. Enemy snipers and patrols were known to be active in the area through which the squad had to traverse to reach the wounded man, making the task quite hazardous, not only because of possible enemy action, but also because of the likelihood of drawing friendly fire. Private First Class Schickedanz led his squad three hundred yards through the hazardous terrain and safely evacuated the casualty to the battalion aid station. His courageous actions and untiring devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Anthony Schifano, 32644642, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When his SCR 536 radio was struck by enemy bullets and communication between his platoon and the company Command Post was cut off, Private First Class Schifano volunteered to carry a message on foot to the company Command Post giving the situation of his platoon which was under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, and also to direct the fire of mortars in placing smoke so that the platoon could displace. Unhesitatingly, Private First Class Schifano set out across an open field covered by intense enemy fire to carry out his orders. The target of all enemy snipers and machine guns, his radio, pack and clothes were hit by enemy fire but he continued his dash to the Command Post. Using every device of the Infantryman, finding cover where none seemed available, dodging, creeping and sprinting, he covered two hundred yards under enemy fire to accomplish his mission. There he directed the mortars to fire their smoke and made a signal which contributed to the success of his platoon's advance. Private First Class Schifano's courage and devotion to duty under the most hazardous conditions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Carl F. Schoen, 01315733, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. During an attack on a heavily fortified enemy held ridge, First Lieutenant Schoen, upon seeing a man of his platoon hit by enemy machine gun fire, unhesitatingly and at the risk of his own life, left the cover spot where his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire, and proceeded to crawl four hundred yards under constant enemy observation and fire to the aid of the wounded man. Although under withering fire from the enemy, First Lieutenant Schoen succeeded in reaching the wounded man, and after first aid was administered, successfully moved the wounded man to a place of safety where evacuation

could be effected. First Lieutenant Schoen's courageous actions, with utter disregard of danger to himself, were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class William J. Schuster, 39730597, 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 Schuster, as a member of a litter squad, volunteered to go to a front line Infantry company to evacuate a seriously wounded man. There being no moon on this particular night, Private First Class Schuster 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 Schuster 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 Schuster completed his mission with complete disregard for his own personal safety. His actions were a credit to himself and the military service and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them.

Private First Class Clifford R. Sease, 35941795, 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 Sease, as a member of a litter squad volunteered to go to a front line Infantry company to evacuate a seriously wounded man. There being no moon on this particular night, Private First Class Sease 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 Sease 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 Sease completed his mission with complete disregard for his own personal safety. His actions were a credit to himself and the military service and were an inspiration to all who witnessed them.

Staff Sergeant Tony Zerites, 36617340, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When an enemy shell hit the Battalion Message Center installations, collapsing the cave in which it was located and seriously wounding several of the occupants, Staff Sergeant Zerites raced across forty yards of open terrain exposed to heavy artillery fire and dug the trapped and wounded men out with his bare hands. Still exposed to enemy fire, he carried the wounded men seventy-five yards to the Battalion Aid Station. Staff Sergeant Zerites' indomitable courage and devotion to his wounded comrades reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AF 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 Edward R. Sellers, 36615977, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When Staff Sergeant Sellers, acting as forward observer for his mortar section, noticed a company on his left drawing heavy grenade and knee mortar fire from above a sheer ten-foot cliff, he realized it would have extreme difficulty unless the enemy were removed. Moving forward to the area being shelled, he disregarded his own safety and selected a point from which he could observe the cliff. As he adjusted fire on the cliff, one enemy mortar shell landed within inches of his hole but he remained in position. The company requested even closer support after confirmation and he adjusted his fire to within five yards of the forward troops. Only because of his devotion to duty and his highly skillful use of professional knowledge was the adjoining company able to move forward without heavy casualties. Staff Sergeant Sellers' heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Andrew Saavedra, 39591760, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When the scout of his platoon was seriously wounded by enemy action, Private First Class Saavedra unhesitatingly volunteered, with three other men, to go to his aid. Private First Class Saavedra, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of cover, and proceeded to advance toward the wounded man. His route of advance was over difficult rocky terrain, and moving forward in full view of the enemy, he was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Upon reaching the casualty, Private First Class Saavedra helped to administer first aid and carry him back over the difficult terrain to where evacuation could be effected. The action of Private First Class Saavedra undoubtedly aided in saving the wounded man's life, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Ruford B. Settles, 39900309, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 1 July 1945. On 8 April, Private First Class Settles, assisted by one other man, voluntarily and at the risk of his life, evacuated a body from an area covered by enemy small arms fire, in spite of the fact that he was not required to enter the area. On 9 April, he again went to the battalion area and evacuated deceased personnel while under enemy fire. Private First Class Settles assisted in the difficult task of removing a body from a deep foxhole. The body was badly mangled and difficult to handle. On another occasion, he aided a party in a search for two missing bodies and when they were found, he prepared them for evacuation under artillery and sniper fire. From 2 April 1945 to 28 April 1945, he assisted in the difficult task of removing over one hundred bodies from Hakazu Ridge. The bodies were badly mangled and decomposed, making their evacuation difficult and exceedingly unpleasant.

On 21 May, Private First Class Settles searched an area and disclosed the remains of one of our men in a brick receptacle. The body was badly decomposed and had to be recovered with shovels and buckets. He succeeded in this difficult task and carefully prepared the body for evacuation to the cemetery. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Settles while under enemy fire and at great risk of his life reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Matthew L. Shuster, 38009121, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Orango, Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When the front line Infantry troops advanced into a draw covered by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, and were temporarily forced to withdraw leaving a wounded man behind, Private First Class Shuster, together with members of a litter squad, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward for about three hundred yards through the exposed area under fire and recovered the casualty and evacuated him safely to the Battalion Aid Station. Private First Class Shuster's courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant LeRoy J. Skutecki, 36540532, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Sergeant Skutecki, upon seeing enemy troops six hundred yards to his right front immediately placed his light machine gun in position on the forward slope of a hill in an exposed position and placed withering fire on the enemy until enemy artillery fire knocked out his machine gun. In this action Sergeant Skutecki killed fifteen of the enemy and kept thirty five more pinned down so an adjacent unit could move in and destroy them.

Private First Class John I. Smit, 37775275, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When the front line Infantry troops advanced into a draw covered by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire and were temporarily forced to withdraw, leaving a wounded man behind, Private First Class Smit together with members of a litter squad, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward under fire for about three hundred yards through the exposed area and recovered the casualty and evacuated him safely to the Battalion Aid Station. Private First Class Smit's courageous actions were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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INITIAL 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 Sterling R. Smith, 39938757, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Private First Class Smith volunteered, at the risk of his own life, to carry food and water forward and to evacuate wounded when a forward company was pinned down by heavy enemy fire. It was necessary to cross six hundred yards over an open field which was completely covered by enemy sniper, machine gun and artillery fire. The initiative, devotion to duty and exemplary conduct of Private First Class Smith under extremely hazardous conditions, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Earl J. Sollers, 17175731, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ozato, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. When his tank unit which was supporting the advance of an Infantry Battalion was forced to withdraw for reorganization after a fierce assault on a heavily fortified enemy held ridge, Technician Fifth Grade Sollers, a tank driver, on his own initiative elected to remain in the forward area to evacuate Infantrymen who were wounded in the action. With complete disregard for his own safety, he, with two other members of his tank crew, dismounted to the open ground, and, exposed to the intense concentration of enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, assisted three of the wounded men into the tank. With the additional men in the vehicle, he then withdrew. The outstanding courage and heroism displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Sollers was instrumental in saving the lives of the three casualties and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John A. Speeg, 38913123, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Private First Class Speeg and two others received orders to move eight hundred yards behind the front line to supply water to two Infantry Regiments and a Medical unit. Upon arrival, the unit was set up so that only short hauls by the units involved would be necessary. The enemy realizing the importance of the unit began heavy infiltration attacks during hours of darkness. During the night 16 June and 17 June 1945, the three men withstood two attacks by the enemy who were armed with rifles, satchel charges, grenades and bayonets and accounted for fourteen of them. Despite the danger of night infiltrations the unit kept a continuous supply of water flowing to the regiments which it was supporting. The steadfastness of purpose and the devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Speeg reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant James L. Spalding, 35105073, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. First Sergeant Spalding rushed out of his fox-hole and ran one hundred and fifty yards through an enemy barrage to render assistance to four wounded men and, still under enemy artillery fire, he worked for fifteen minutes and succeeded in evacuating them to safety in a cave one hundred yards away. His courage and initiative and concern for the welfare of his men were of great credit to himself and an inspiration to the entire company.

Private First Class Gerald Stanfield, 38541375, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Hanika, Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. During an assault of an enemy position by one of our battalions, Private First Class Stanfield 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 Stanfield advanced on this hazardous route, removed the casualty, and returned over the same route. His complete disregard for his own personal safety and his devotion to duty were a credit to himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant John M. Stevens, 01319675, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When one of the men in the company to which his platoon was attached became a casualty as a result of enemy machine gun fire, First Lieutenant Stevens crawled forward forty yards under the intense enemy fire and gave aid to the wounded man. After completing this difficult task, First Lieutenant Stevens dragged the man from the area back to a covered position while still under the constant fire of the enemy guns. First Lieutenant Stevens' courageous deed saved the man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Robert Young, 38227453, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an attack on Iakasu Ridge, Sergeant Young seeing a wounded man lying on the ground approximately thirty yards away and exposed to intense enemy automatic weapons fire, left his position of cover and, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to the wounded man, dragging him to safety. During this action, Sergeant Young was wounded. His courage, leadership and coolness under fire was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Captain Joast J. Andresen, 01297474, 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 23 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Glenn H. Andersen, 39088434, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 28 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Corporal Kenneth H. Barnes, 36054206, 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 23 June 1945.

Private First Class Thomas J. Bartkoski, 27233013, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Lee O. Bland, 38328395, 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.

Private First Class William H. Boedeker, 35549813, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Robert H. Bond, 36539921, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert J. Boucher, 31323929, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Captain Clodith W. Bourdeau, 01297831, Infantry, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Richard L. Brodeman, 37227740, 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 25 June 1945.

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Technician Fifth Grade Elmer F. Butler, 17133135, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Lee T. Brooks, 38254816, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Private First Class Henry L. Callihan, 38418177, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Sergeant Carlton W. Callison, 37392388, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 April 1945.

Private First Class Joseph V. Canganelly, 31324642, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Sergeant Alan E. Cero, 37343220, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade James J. Carroll, 33472003, 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.

Staff Sergeant Philip J. Cassorly, 36700281, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 1 November 1944 to 19 June 1945.

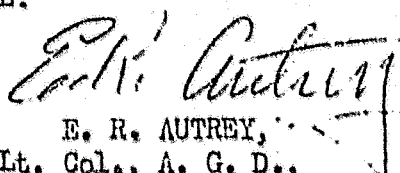
Private First Class Bernie M. Castilleja, 37233023, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Captain Stephen Cross, 0544979, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 June 1945.

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20 August 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 person or persons:

Technical Sergeant Michael G. Chickota, 6559115, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 17 October 1944 to 31 December 1944.

First Lieutenant Michael J. Chulyak, 01307943, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from ~~20 October 1945~~ to 1 April 1945. to 18 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Roy W. Clemmons, 37228450, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 5 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Melvin W. Conder, 31372706, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 22 November 1944 to 25 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant Gerald L. Copeland, 02012511, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant John J. Cornet, 36617030, 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 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Robert E. Corrigan, 39211322, 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 21 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Earl D. Cornett, 34728614, 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 Vincent J. Coviello, 0540563, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Private First Class Charles M. Davidson, 37386298, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 May 1945.

Captain Burnett T. Davidson, 01304869, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. Davis, Jr., 36594130, Medical Department, 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 Fifth Grade Joseph J. Daszek, 36640354, Medical Department, 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 Charles R. Dean, 36534650, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 14 June 1945.

Private First Class Donald O. Dencker, 37570375, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Carl N. Dillehay, 34738520, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 12 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Sergeant William C. Dowdy, 19192768, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 9 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

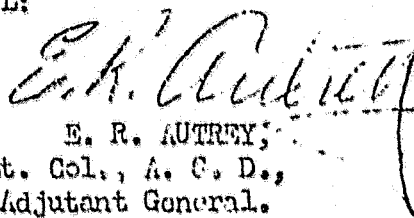
Staff Sergeant Ernest G. Drager, 37318293, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant Verno Duhan, 02012426, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 28 October 1944 to 2 January 1945.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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21 August 1945

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BOARD 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), 28 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. Dunn, 37390550, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant James E. Dyor, 36611002, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Adolph Engen, 37312705, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant Lewis T. Evans, 38319942, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 14 June 1945.

Private First Class Charles R. Eay, 37579386, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Dean A. Farnham, 02048618, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 13 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Charles A. Ferguson, 01297702, 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 10 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph C. Figlioli, 35700110, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Robert D. Frazier, 15106882, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

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Corporal Howard E. Gatenby, 36321035, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Eliodoro O. Garcia, 38114094, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 18 June 1945.

Private First Class Robert H. Ghormley, 38227625, 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 1 June 1945.

Corporal Alvin L. Gibson, 33242999, 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 2 June 1945.

Sergeant Beldar B. Gilliland, 35635976, 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 Lawrence A. Goddard, 36534100, Medical Department, 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 W. Goins, 38324226, 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 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph W. Graham, 36383173, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade Errol B. Greenman, 36554194, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

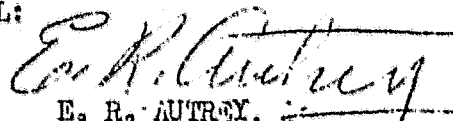
Technical Sergeant Frank C. Gulll, 36304161, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 12 June 1945.

First Sergeant Robert R. Haberman, 37012572, 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 30 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 29 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 Daniel B. Hart, 34446054, 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.

First Sergeant Loren D. Hawkins, 6286827, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 2 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Albert T. Henderson, 33550032, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Jack Higgs, 36293711, 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.

Private First Class Leonard V. Hillier, 157 1299, Medical Department, 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.

Sergeant William Hoffinger, 32694359, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Master Sergeant William H. Hood, 39235539, 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 21 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Hilburn L. Horton, 37391109, 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.

Staff Sergeant Don J. Huber, 36874397, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Merlin W. Horton, 36908950, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 8 May 1945 to 10 June 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Harold D. Hughes, 37229146, Infantry, 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.

Second Lieutenant Clifford C. Hunter, 02012507, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 2 May 1945.

Private First Class Ervin J. Kranicka, 36828001, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry H. Isom, 36384373, 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.

Private First Class Thaddeus E. Jablonski, 33622400, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 15 November 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Eugene R. Johnson, 39859266, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 6 June 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Clarence B. Johnson, 37318387, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Corporal Louis W. Jones, 38469120, 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.

Private First Class Gene Jordan, 37586293, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945.

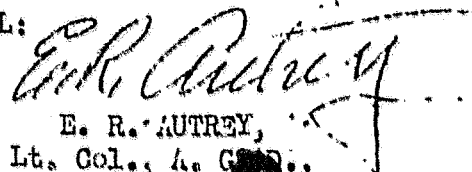
Staff Sergeant Paul R. Juluri, 36539052, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Andrew G. Kahl, 17071039, 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 28 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 1, 28 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 95th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Second Lieutenant Clifford P. Keener, 00019514, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Private First Class Jack F. Kern, 37267577, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 5 April 1945.

Private First Class Robert F. King, 37748934, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 8 May 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Clifford E. Klatt, 37112878, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 July 1945.

Private First Class Robert P. Kloockner, 36383957, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Al Wright, 36260437, 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.

First Sergeant Lambert C. Koepke, 37090864, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 1 August 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Joseph J. Kowalowski, 36700626, 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.

Private First Class Ed Kruul, 37461548, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 24 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Martin J. Kus, 36536059, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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Private First Class Walter S. Lebus, 3661261, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Cebu Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Corporal Edward J. Lopa, 36687237, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Royer F. Larsen, 32405864, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Cebu Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Captain George T. Leary, 01300632, 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 Witley F. LeFlare, 38260299, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 22 December 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Howard W. Lewis, 38259018, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Captain Robert N. Lindsay, 01307985, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Herman C. Littrell, 38271471, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Floyd H. Looney, 38292365, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Third Grade Albert P. Lough, 31309054, Medical Department, 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.

Sergeant Robert J. Lynskey, 36307766, 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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21 August 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
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1. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9439, 4 February 1944 (Statute at Large, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Regulations), 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 military personnel:

Technical Sergeant William S. Moser, 36431223, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 4 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Philip A. Broome, 01291520, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Martino, 39312323, 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 14 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Paul S. Marshall, 0527324, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade William F. Mason, 36429807, Medical Department, 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 Roland C. McClurg, 36373310, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class John D. McDonald, 36594309, Medical Department, 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.

Sergeant Glen W. McDuff, 36434246, 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.

Private First Class Peter C. McFadden, 36576024, Medical Department, 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.

Technical Sergeant Clifford F. McIntosh, 36431638, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 9 June 1945.

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Sergeant Gus Marshall, 36292721, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Vern A. Kontarsick, 17113053, 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 20 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant John R. Taylor, 37513730, 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.

First Sergeant William V. Murphy, 39005272, 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 21 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph S. Nasal, 36864157, Field Artillery, 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 Wendell E. Newland, 39220753, Hospital 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.

Private First Class Lewis G. Nickle, 36256877, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Sheldon W. Nichols, 38220292, 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.

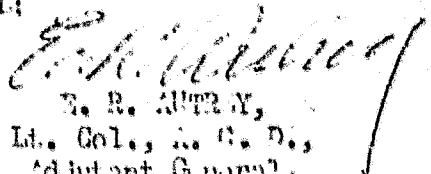
Private First Class Roger E. F. Johnson, 34590224, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Captain Franklin W. Nicholson, 01286692, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 June 1945.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Sigurd N. Akst Rowicz	36344168	Inf	11 June 1945
Pfc	Andrew A. Augusta	35927394	Inf	21 July 1945
Pfc	Fred W. Bagley	32251368	Inf	21 July 1945
Tec 4	Fred Q. Barnett	35113737	MD	12 April 1945
Pfc	Jesus L. H. Barron	38559858	Inf	8 June 1945
Sgt	Raymond Walling Bates	33094232	Inf	10 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Robert L. Bolton	36271694	MD	20 May 1945
Sgt	Harold F. Brown	20605026	Inf	23 Apr. 1945
Tec 4	William G. Bryson	35423529	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	John S. Budd	12202338	Inf	2 June 1945
Pfc	James K. Butler Jr.	44012910	Inf	15 June 1945
Sgt	John W. Caton	39550148	Inf	14 Apr 1945
Pfc	John V. Chamberlain	13197247	Inf	17 June 1945
Sgt	Elven F. Cheatham	38290615	Inf	9 Apr. 1945
Tec 5	Constantine Sandovul	20607132	MD	16 June 1945
Pfc	Thomas Cotrone	37620177	Inf	22 July 1945
S Sgt	Ralph E. Crow	35050038	Inf	2 Apr. 1945
Pfc	John Cutter	3946676	Inf	20 June 1945
Tec 5	William N. Dehan	31200085	MD	12 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Homer L. Deane	36255144	Inf	9 Apr. 1945
Sgt	Alvin L. Egan	38312605	Inf	7 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Harry E. Ellis	33594900	Inf	27 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Sanford Feingold	12225623	Inf	20 May 1945
Pfc	John T. Foster	31174003	Inf	21 June 1945
Capt	Carl A. Freeman	0433607	Inf	21 July 1945
Pfc	Lee Goering	37757570	Inf	27 Apr. 1945
Tec 4	Harold E. Halter	37432625	MD	1 Apr. 1945
Tec 5	Glen L. Harris Sr.	6473253	Inf	7 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Jack H. Hunsberger	35243532	Inf	24 Apr. 1945
Tec 3	Leotel G. Harvey	37392623	MD	12 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Kenneth A. Hoopes	39931370	MD	5 June 1945
Pvt	James Hull Jr	37735469	Inf	26 Apr. 1945
T Sgt	Martin F. Jackubowski	38261217	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Huobert M. Jerde	37593297	Inf	10 Apr. 1945
Tec 5	Carl E. Jeanigan	24314932	PA	19 Apr. 1945
Sgt	Kenneth W. Johnson	39205071	GE	6 Apr. 1945
Sgt	Eric E. Koll	36540825	Inf	15 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Russell E. Linnard	38557129	Inf	20 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Soloman J. Luther	33543788	MD	20 Apr. 1945
S Sgt	Leonard A. Martin	37429534	Inf	5 Apr. 1945

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Pfc	Richard J. McCarthy	39745744	Inf	24 May 1945
Pfc	Harold G. Merrill	39480561	Inf	21 June 1945
2d Lt	Robert C. Muehrcke	01331757	Inf	11 May 1945
Sgt	Franklin D. Mueller	35549474	Inf	16 June 1945
1st Lt	Clifford L. Myers	01331759	Inf	9 May 1945
Pfc	Lloyd N. Myers	35832628	MD	30 July 1945
Pfc	Salvador J. Obeso	39728320	Inf	21 June 1945
Tec 5	Sabbate Perna	32071557	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	William J. Pelsin	36802375	MD	16 June 1945
Cpl	Edward J. Poylaskie	33014050	Inf	26 June 1945
Pfc	Charles E. Fryor	39724835	Inf	29 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Carl W. Reed	36430836	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Daniel E. Rustemeyer	39524137	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Wallace A. Sebast	3701486	MD	16 May 1945
1 Sgt	Hilton Shopsky	36383496	Inf	9 Apr. 1945
S Sgt	Robert F. Slight	36240365	(Inf Armored)	6 Apr. 1945
Sgt	Ray D. Stackhouse	36706231	Inf	20 June 1945
Sgt	Lawrence D. Stephens	34033608	Inf	26 June 1945
T Sgt	L. T. Stinnett	33290735	Inf	11 Apr. 1945
Pfc	Harold E. Stryker	42099582	Inf	27 June 1945
2d Lt	Frank E. Switzer	01331783	Inf	15 May 1945
Tec 5	Edward G. Van Dusen	37313663	Inf	21 July 1945
Pfc	Benjamin H. Webster	39592921	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Donald S. Weller	32936707	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	Wilbur E. Wicksbrook	36616559	Inf	28 Apr. 1945
Pvt	Jack Willoughby	35237971	Inf	12 Apr. 1945
Pfc	James A. Wilson	39470395	Inf	20 June 1945
Pfc	Richard S. Winans	32826760	MD	20 Apr. 1945

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technical Sergeant Harlan E. Stretch, 3640000, 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 Anulfo Valdez, 38338193, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 211, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE MEDICAL BADGE

Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Officers and Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 12 November 1944.

Capt	John W. Hilliard	01705408	MC
Capt	Paul W. Montgomery	0509619	MC
Capt	Fayette A. Sims	0422536	MC
1st Lt	Horace W. Lee	02047722	MAC
1st Sgt	Francis A. Ihns	39002270	MD
T Sgt	Lawrence J. Sjogren	36700140	MD
S/Sgt	Floyd J. Austin	39227352	MD
S/Sgt	Ralph D. Juarez	37017632	MD
S/Sgt	Leonard A. Kanske	36540531	MD
S/Sgt	Whitney LaCroix	38328614	MD
S/Sgt	Howard L. Kowen	7032041	MD
Tec 3	Kenneth F. Boeldt	36703377	MD
Tec 3	Richard Handschin	36432589	MD
Sgt	Clyde W. Little	38284604	MD
Sgt	Hancol E. Moore	37335877	MD
Sgt	Thomas A. Pallen	36703772	MD
Sgt	Robert J. Raleigh	36271726	MD
Sgt	Wilton R. Wortman	36407410	MD
Tec 4	Lowell W. Butler	35540225	MI
Tec 4	Joseph R. Jadrnak	36382530	MD
Tec 4	Edward J. Raica	36461017	MD
Tec 4	Virgil Tenney	35380093	ID
Tec 4	Stephan F. Tomshak	36700178	ID
Cpl	Richard D. Callahan	20254240	MD
Cpl	Sonua J. Meaux	34078934	MD
Tec 5	Wayne L. Boatman	37461825	ID
Tec 5	Edwin H. Dornseif Jr.	33469891	ID
Tec 5	Floyd A. Drewery	38294136	ID
Tec 5	Anton J. Galasinski	36700067	MD
Tec 5	Robert H. Ground	36383084	MD
Tec 5	Walter Hamilton	36539537	MD
Tec 5	Emil Hegr	37457080	MD
Tec 5	Raymond F. Kimble	32974249	MD
Tec 5	Elmer L. Nelson	37461318	MD
Pfc	Benjamin F. Adams	38328761	MD
Pfc	Herbert L. Allen	38150821	MD
Pfc	Sylvester M. Altendorf	37316391	MD
Pfc	William H. Apgar Jr.	36705352	MD
Pfc	Edward A. Bajor	36533747	MD
Pfc	Paul H. Beckham	34651135	MD
Pfc	Walter O. Bortsch	37316267	MD
Pfc	Glen W. Branscum	38290763	MD

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Pfc	William J. Browning	39330716	MD
Pfc	Willie W. Clark	34629795	MD
Pfc	Kenneth P. Clelland	35380059	MD
Pfc	William J. Cobb	16145366	MD
Pfc	Onan L. Coker	37235799	MD
Pfc	Joseph A. Crook	37391174	MD
Pfc	Jack A. Diamond	38243525	MD
Pfc	Kenneth Dobler	36615597	MD
Pfc	Paul F. Dorland	37232822	MD
Pfc	Donald E. Dorman	38344245	MD
Pfc	Harley L. Donoho	36615886	MD
Pfc	Harold J. Dutro	39227417	MD
Pfc	William A. Eckler	36404068	MD
Pfc	Wilson B. Ensor	38230149	MD
Pfc	Eugene Friedman	33729684	MD
Pfc	Anthony Gatus	3908523	MD
Pfc	Edward Gluock Jr.	36657623	MD
Pfc	Alfred E. Green	13144774	MD
Pfc	Dexter K Greenwood	38271784	MD
Pfc	Frank L. Griffin	37232996	MD
Pfc	John A. Hall	4189611	MD
Pfc	Spencer P. Howe	34074100	MD
Pfc	John C Harris	36657547	MD
Pfc	Larion Jey	37239169	MD
Pfc	Arthur T Karas	35049715	MD
Pfc	Henry E. Lavergne	39260598	MD
Pfc	Hollis O. Lee	36230161	MD
Pfc	Stuart A. Lindman	17114672	MD
Pfc	James D. McDonald	38319576	MD
Pfc	Raymond O. Nelson	36641172	MD
Pfc	James H. Oldham	36431478	MD
Pfc	Abner L. Pederson	37259765	MD
Pfc	John T. Fetko	33830130	MD
Pfc	Donald L. Pooler	16123501	MD
Pfc	William H. Postlowait	36584431	MD
Pfc	Charles W. Reirart	6947025	MD
Pfc	Otha J. Rushing	34631769	MD
Pfc	Lester J. Sundage	38290471	MD
Pfc	Henry T. Shempert	34630143	MD
Pfc	James N. Shoults	37390863	MD
Pfc	Charley Soprano	38260388	MD
Pfc	Cuy L. Taylor	36130394	MD
Pfc	Daniel E. Wilson	35603623	MD
Pvt	George W. Lowe	38292400	MD

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Technical Sergeant Thaddeus A. Nijakowski, 36378996, 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.

Private First Class Guerino J. Ninotti, 36533693, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Hilmer O. Oakland, 39383875, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade Ara Otabachian, 36523812, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 2 May 1945.

Private First Class James W. O'Leary, 36625433, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade James M. Paul, 38329601, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 21 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Joseph A. Faur, 36491836, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Edward G. Potrykowski, 36540495, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 22 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Captain William G. Procknow, 01304946, 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.

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Private First Class William B. Prokop, 39076451, Medical Department, 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.

Technical Sergeant Robert T. Rachal, 38328782, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 May 1945.

Corporal Bernard J. Rago, 16142235, 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.

Captain Russell Y. Ratcliff, 0446470, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 May 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Private First Class Milton F. Rowe, 38254887, 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.

Technical Sergeant Delbert E. Reed, 37266066, 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 17 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade James M. Reid, Jr., 35048906, Medical Department, 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.

Master Sergeant James W. Reid, 18029242, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade William J. Reilly, 36429860, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Leon W. Ricks, 38312544, 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.

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AWARD OF THE MEDICAL BADGE

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named military personnel are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 12 December 1944.

1st Sgt	Robert S. Marks	13073300	MD
Pfc	William K. Archibald	39710612	MD

2. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Officers and Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Combat Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 8 April 1945.

Capt	George H. Taft	0414543	MD
2d Lt	Robert G. Drom	2012326	MAC
2d Lt	Thomas M. L. Lenke	02048991	MAC
Pfc	Joseph Verstraete	36333621	MD

3. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named military personnel is hereby awarded the Combat Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 10 May 1945.

Pfc	Evan L. Fendig	33772223	MD
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4. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named military personnel are hereby awarded the Combat Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 14 May 1945.

Sgt	Malcolm G. Lawrence	20219091	MD
Tro S	Carl L. Moyers	37439368	MD
Pfc	Anthony J. Bucciero	36661001	MD
Pfc	Lowell Bullock	35739507	MD
Pfc	Stanley D. Gavel	31776675	MD
Pfc	Joseph G. Hallock	42112264	MD
Pfc	Forest E. Halvorsen	36217499	MD

5. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named military personnel are hereby awarded the Combat Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 29 May 1945.

Cpl	Thomas L. Davis	36311193	MD
Pfc	John J. Kelley	38397674	MD

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6. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Officers and Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 12 November 1944.

Capt	Eugene F. Odom	0449125	MC
Capt	Milton J. Pearl	0419010	MC
Capt	James A. Shand	0426743	MC
Capt	Robert D. Shepard	0355798	MC
Capt	Charles H. Harris II	0528361	MC
1st Lt	Bernard A. Hart	02047640	MC
1st Lt	James A. Miller	01541147	MC
2d Lt	Daniel S. Baleson (then 1st Sgt)	02012509	MC
1st Sgt	Frank A. Loeffler	39152368	MD
3 Sgt	James J. Dickson	39250472	MD
3 Sgt	Eugene F. Habowski	39533472	MD
3 Sgt	Oscar E. McInnis	39229948	MD
3 Sgt	Nelson Moorehead	6945358	MD
3 Sgt	Ray A. Nelson	39229830	MD
3 Sgt	Abrey Watson	39329163	MD
Tec 3	James A. Cheikowski	39341792	MD
Tec 3	Edward E. Davis	3527794	MD
Sgt	Chas F. Chitwood	6996351	MD
Sgt	Arthur A. Creason	6933376	MD
Sgt	Orville G. Garboy	39321531	MD
Sgt	Lee H. Geras	3732982	MD
Sgt	Raymond A. Stewart	36429172	MD
Tec 4	Norman Armstrong	39300660	MD
Tec 4	Paul L. McElhanev	39220796	MD
Tec 4	William H. Mason	36429807	MD
Tec 4	Walter A. Quinn	39291145	MD
Jpl	Henry A. Adelmeier	36617382	MD
Cpl	Lawrence A. Gaudard	36531100	MD
Cpl	Robert I. Robinson	36527386	MD
Tec 5	Ellie S. Anderson	33309251	MD
Tec 5	Chester E. Baker	35700117	MD
Tec 5	Walter J. Bernardini	36344202	MD
Tec 5	Walter F. Best	36273331	MD
Tec 5	James J. Boland	36610911	MD
Tec 5	George J. Davis Jr.,	36924130	MD
Tec 5	Randall D. Harrison	34294230	MD
Tec 5	Clifford G. Kerpe	30172433	MD
Tec 5	Harney A. Krolikowski	36344214	MD
Tec 5	John A. Powell Jr	3923692	MD

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First Lieutenant William J. Rienzi 02047797, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Adolph F. Rios, 36384557, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade James M. Rochford, 36700235, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Hilary J. Rogers, Jr., 36733921, Medical Department, 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.

First Lieutenant Charles G. Runick, 02153063, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 May 1945.

Private First Class James J. Ryan, 32916808, Medical Department, 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.

First Lieutenant Edwin J. Sarah, 01317824, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 16 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant William J. Schmeissing, 36616474, 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.

Technician Third Grade Harvey E. Schoensee, 36540207, 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.

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First Lieutenant Paul N. Shaler, 0524427, 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.

Private First Class Adrian J. Shea, 20615041, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 May 1945 to 13 June 1945.

Private First Class Jerry H. Sheller, 39200527, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Cletus E. Sherman, 35423817, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

First Lieutenant William W. Snead, 01325336, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Karl R. Sonnenberg, 36215524, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Paul A. Sopko, 36535853, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Lloyd A. Spargo, 36483730, 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 25 June 1945.

Major John D. Stiff, 01284419, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Private First Class Donald K. Sturbs, 36373827, 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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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 Fourth Grade Edwin C. Strykowski, 36744053, Field Artillery, 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.

Technician Third Grade George G. Suchy, 16149117, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Joseph C. Sullivan, 36535877, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Eugene H. Sundin, 37316355, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 2 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Corporal Henry J. Supac, 33351129, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Lyle F. Swartz, 36404063, 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 20 June 1945.

Sergeant William J. Sweeney, 34535788, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Julius G. Tack, 36532180, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Alex Taylor, 38260168, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 5 April 1945 to 1 July 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade James E. Taylor, 36536199, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Floyd F. Terranova, 38312756, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 June 1945.

Sergeant Marcellus Theisen, 37317468, Infantry, 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.

Staff Sergeant James A. Thompson, 37570419, 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 6 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Leon P. Toal, 32041074, 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 21 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Harlow W. Tonheim, 37320596, 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.

Private First Class Rowyn T. Triplott, 32444070, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald E. Trebaugh, 36430343, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 20 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 18 June 1945.

Private First Class Elven H. Tucker, 36431858, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Tom W. Turner, 01323366, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade Earl R. Tyler, 36058248, 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.

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AWARD OF THE MEDICAL BADGE

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 12 November 1944:

Tec 5	James M. Reid Jr	35048906	MD
Tec 5	Guillaume A. Turbe	32829001	MD
Pfc	Rene R. Abert	31346823	MD
Pfc	Odell Ballard	34185326	MD
Pfc	Ervine S. Bell	31340138	MD
Pfc	Paul Cardinale	33493227	MD
Pfc	Gerald J Cawley	16150275	MD
Pfc	Nazaret Cherkezian	32905584	MD
Pfc	Lester S. Clifton	38300242	MD
Pfc	Michael F. Cuomo	32570110	MD
Pfc	Lester J. Danne	37471505	MD
Pfc	Charles J. DePaul	36384817	MD
Pfc	Peter M. Fumusa	36819581	MD
Pfc	Vincent J. Giaquinto	32973691	MD
Pfc	John B. Gilliam	6852681	MD
Pfc	Wilbur L. Gray	38290911	MD
Pfc	Harold Gorfien	32808296	MD
Pfc	Bernard V. Hillyer	36700299	MD
Pfc	Keith A. Holt	33271890	MD
Pfc	Granvil S. Jameson	38290784	MD
Pfc	George A. Jones	38329740	MD
Pfc	Paul H. Johnson	33436370	MD
Pfc	Edward Kadlec	37286288	MD
Pfc	Paul R. Kempf	32920865	MD
Pfc	William I. Kimbro	34723360	MD
Pfc	Harold H. Kokemuller	37439487	MD
Pfc	Robert L. Krouse	36431684	MD
Pfc	Ralph Lucanio	6995200	MD
Pfc	John D. McDonald	36594309	MD
Pfc	Peter C. McDurmon	36539804	MD
Pfc	Michael F. McKeever	33308930	MD
Pfc	Robert D. Marshall	37266261	MD
Pfc	Coidee Mills	38328644	MD
Pfc	Charles Mitzel	37312681	MD
Pfc	Artelle W. Morton	38323596	MD
Pfc	Casimir B. Nowak	36383961	MD
Pfc	Arthur C. Oesterle	36383262	MD
Pfc	Eugene Folk	14034194	MD
Pfc	Albert L. Potter	38282791	MD
Pfc	William B. Prokop	39076451	MD
Pfc	Clifford V. Rex	39261303	MD
Pfc	Burdette A. Ritter	16148171	MD
Pfc	Robert E. Rouse	38319903	MD

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Pfc	David W. Ruggles	34730383	MD
Pfc	James J. Ryan	32916808	MD
Pfc	Garland Schnake	36615655	MD
Pfc	George M. Sherwin	33568451	MD
Pfc	Howard J. Singley	39022791	MD
Pfc	Fernando K. Sinning	37461637	MD
Pfc	Archibald H. Skarvold	37315578	MD
Pfc	Richard M. Steinway	36808145	MD
Pfc	Clyde W. Stewart	35798228	MD
Pfc	Robert M. Taylor	37522461	MD
Pfc	Thomas J. Thompson	37522461	MD
Pfc	James S. Whitmer	35798216	MD

2. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66 War Department, 1945, Capt Morris Springer, 01639822, MD, is hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 12 June 1945.

3. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 16 May 1945:

Sgt	Aaron Newman	37104607	MD
Pfc	James W. Nelson	32678135	MD

4. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, Technician Fifth Grade Lowell B. Moser, 37461823, MD, is hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 5 February 1945.

5. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 1 June 1945:

Pfc	Nicholas Adolph	38312587	MD
Pfc	Herschel E. Cash	38292421	MD

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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, 22 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Hato Ueno, 38912603, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 1 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Milton D. Vallery, 39076453, 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 1 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Bruce W. Viereck, 38409419, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Elmer N. Volness, 37579393, 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.

First Sergeant Riley W. Walling, 36215700, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 2 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Euster Warren, 38319817, Signal 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 1 June 1945.

Sergeant James R. Wata, 37439476, 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.

Staff Sergeant Carl C. Weaver, 39077816, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert D. Weaver, 37289287, Field Artillery, 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.

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Private First Class Robert E. Wedlake, 32833787, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Corporal Richard Worling, 35167173, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Gladstone Mosley, 35261665, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Hacksaw Ridge, Okinawa Island, on 21 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Edward S. Mesneski, 01325046, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 November 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Captain William E. Westcott, 0485566, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Private First Class James S. Whitner, 35798216, Medical Department, 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.

Sergeant Edward A. Whittington, 38281745, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Courtney Williams, 36820676, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Captain John D. Wilson, 01307906, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 19 November 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 17 June 1945.

Private First Class Clarence D York, 36807133, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 5 April 1945.

Sergeant Ernest W. Zimmer, 35548138, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

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23 August 1945.

AWARD OF THE MEDICAL BADGE

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Officers and Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 12 November 1944.

Capt	Glenn E. Kingsley	01593496	MC
Capt	Leo J. Sklar	0108079	MC
1st Lt	William J. Ilenzi	02047737	MAC
1st Lt	Cecil Williams	01542032	MC
1st Sgt	Albert Busby	6939025	MD
S/Sgt	Dean A. Davis	36430791	MD
S/Sgt	William E. Dial	6915271	MD
S/Sgt	Alvis F. Farrell	36610650	MD
S/Sgt	Albert K. Newell	39152403	MD
S/Sgt	Melvin D Reitz	39076490	MD
S/Sgt	Milton D. Vallery	39076453	MD
T/5	Lawrence C. Johnson	36383595	MD
T/5	Walter R. Abbott	6070764	MD
Sgt	Travis P. Brown	38300808	MD
Sgt	William C. Lanier	38282409	MD
Sgt	Elmer B. Scanlan	36431249	MD
Sgt	William A Tague	36383051	MD
Sgt	Asa C. Winchester	38291284	MD
T/4	Bernard W. Good	36609893	MD
T/4	Oddie B. Kerr	38282028	MD
T/4	Anton J. Mach	37266357	MD
T/4	Paul R. Vial Sr.	38050875	MD
T/4	James A. Yarborough	34074274	MD
Cpl	John R. Burns	15307170	MD
Cpl	Donald S. Johansen	36610687	MD
Cpl	Ralph M. Kuykendall	38294058	MD
Cpl	Paul D. Shadvoll	36700408	MD
T/5	Bill C. Algeo	33309224	MD
T/5	Norman Berman	36384373	MD
T/5	Daniel D. Bordelon	38151038	MD
T/5	Estie J. Crabtree	38291204	MD
T/5	Theodral J. Cooper	39310856	MD
T/5	Jessie C. Darrick	34014618	MD
T/5	Herbert C. Eidt	16148393	MD
T/5	Galen V. Gardner	36615663	MD
T/5	Adolph Lavin Jr.	38313670	MD
T/5	Hubert G. Huff	37266255	MD
T/5	Allen E. Parrish	36703149	MD
T/5	Henry R. Thoele	36700404	MD
T/5	Jack T. West	38010137	MD

Pfc	Robert A. Allen	35048622	MD
Pfc	George D. Blacklock	38293591	MD
Pfc	Charles D. Brogan	37229119	MD
Pfc	Richard W. Brunotte	36611055	MD
Pfc	Jack Buckner	38319713	MD
Pfc	Jack I. Budnick	32527744	MD
Pfc	Adelbert J. Burnett	34318301	MD
Pfc	Armando B. Cardenas	18200456	MD
Pfc	Walter T. Cartwright	36539757	MD
Pfc	Travis J. Causcy	38312837	MD
Pfc	George W. Connor	6028578	MD
Pfc	Harold W. Cunningham	36530234	MD
Pfc	Bryant Darnaby	37009075	MD
Pfc	Charles W. Dock	35544020	MD
Pfc	Jim F. Dollery	38453346	MD
Pfc	Ernest Ermann	32089620	MD
Pfc	Edward J. Fisher	36536181	MD
Pfc	Nicandro Fiocca	36657487	MD
Pfc	Henry Gandy	34000604	MD
Pfc	Francis R. Girth	37291004	MD
Pfc	Alton G. Hardy	38403285	MD
Pfc	Leroy M. Harmon	36432423	MD
Pfc	Roy M. Harvell	38253810	MD
Pfc	Howard H. Hays	37234338	MD
Pfc	Thomas H. Hindle III	42001640	MD
Pfc	Lindsay L. Jackson	38272270	MD
Pfc	Ernest E. Janssen	36431676	MD
Pfc	Kenneth E. Jones	36615797	MD
Pfc	Angelo Julio	36544624	MD
Pfc	John N. King	35798224	MD
Pfc	John J. Koza Jr.	36544006	MD
Pfc	Joseph A. Lesisk	36700712	MD
Pfc	Harold Levatter	35535306	MD
Pfc	Eugene S. Maloney	32937128	MD
Pfc	Elliott Maricham	32760232	MD
Pfc	William E. Mayne	3291285	MD
Pfc	Charles B. McDonald	34081727	MD
Pfc	Roger W. McDonald	16093257	MD
Pfc	Etienne F. Monson	38321419	MD
Pfc	Orio H. Otte	36776391	MD
Pfc	Robert F. Paulsen	37457095	MD
Pfc	Edgar Pleasant	38290697	MD
Pfc	Vincent E. Pilsbury	32807508	MD
Pfc	Ray J. Ramsey	34723394	MD
Pfc	Vincent S. Riccobuono	32978603	MD
Pfc	Jimmie A. Simon	37233431	MD
Pfc	Wallace Smith	35798170	MD
Pfc	William H. Smith Jr.	38293651	MD
Pfc	Phillip J. Staves	37315033	MD
Pfc	David Turk	32691110	MD
Pfc	Harold E. Tyler	38291071	MD
Pfc	Louis E. Visi	35557604	MD
Pfc	Karl H. Waltz	36540362	MD
Pfc	Gordon Weyer	38282682	MD
Pfc	Frederick J. Zito Jr.	32980804	MD

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2. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 5 December 1944.

P/Sgt	Joe E. Westbrook	6353031	MD
Pfc	Charles M. Clark	38521398	MD
Pfc	Robert R. Grossenoyce	35767631	MD
Pfc	Gordon D. Henderson	36390641	MD
Pfc	Robert D. Jacobs	35613135	MD
Pfc	William M. Lundy	39005565	MD
Pfc	Harry C. Ostrander	36950227	MD
Pfc	Leon Higgloman	36873180	MD
Pfc	Paul E. Smith	36404100	MD
Pvt	Ott L. Dillon	38660241	MD

3. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 8 April 1945.

Pfc	Eli A. Gary	39764726	MD
Pfc	Robert S. Cochrum	38321641	MD

4. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 20 May 1945.

Pfc	Gilbert Clabeo	38350076	MD
Pfc	Waymond E. Nielson	37266511	MD
Pfc	Earl A. Reynolds	39472683	MD

5. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, Pfc James H. Corley, 38300946, MD, is hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 6 June 1945.

6. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, Pfc Edward E. Kotko, 36842020, MD, is hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 10 June 1945.

7. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 16 June 1945.

Pfc	Vernon E. French	37402031	MD
Pfc	Leo H. Burwell	20539924	MD

8. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named Enlisted Men, Medical Department, are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 20 May 1945.

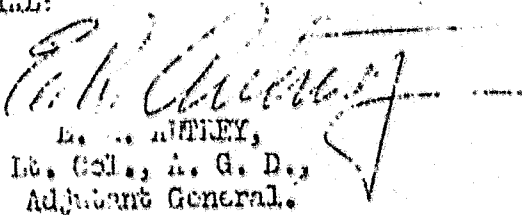
Pfc	G. Sandoval	20607132
Pfc	Charles B. Clay	35776704
Pfc	Peter Brinko	32917954
Pfc	F. E. McClellan	34808622

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Edwin N. Haiar, 37439477, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 5 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Viola H. Haiar, Wife, Box 207, Bellevue, Iowa.

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:

Staff Sergeant Joe Jindra, 37457096, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Under extremely heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Joe Jindra, unassisted and exposed to heavy enemy fire, directed 81mm mortar fire against a heavily fortified hill position. His companion observer was killed by his side at the forward Observation Post. Staff Sergeant Jindra calmly controlled the mortar fire, heedless of the danger, and directed heavy concentrations upon the enemy, neutralizing many positions. Due to the effectiveness of this mortar fire, the enemy-held hill was soon assaulted and held by our own troops. His bravery and calm conduct under fire while engaged against the enemy has been an inspiration to his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant William N. Stevens, 37229293, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When the scout of his platoon was seriously wounded by enemy action, Sergeant Stevens, unhesitatingly volunteered, with three other men, to go to his aid. Sergeant Stevens, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of cover and proceeded to advance forward toward the

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wounded man. His route of advance was over difficult rocky terrain, and moving forward in full view of the enemy, he was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Upon reaching the casualty, Sergeant Stevens helped to administer first aid and carry the wounded man back over the difficult terrain to where evacuation could be effected. The action of Sergeant Stevens undoubtedly aided in saving the wounded man's life and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles R. Stuit, 38312472, Infantry, United States Army For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Stuit and two other men in the foxhole with him were wounded. Private First Class Stuit left his foxhole and exposed himself to the heavy fire in order to summon help and then refused evacuation himself until the other men had been taken care of. Private First Class Stuit's act reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Staff Sergeant Arthur R. Carpenter, 39303141, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 222, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 May 1945.

Corporal Elwyn Hollonbeck, 36540292, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 338, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 June 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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23 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. 1, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Dominick J. Summa, 32973301, Medical Department, United States Army. "For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Without regard for personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) Summa, a company aid man, moved across an open area of approximately fifty yards which was swept by enemy machine gun fire in order to give aid to a wounded man. After rendering what assistance he could to the wounded man, Technician Fourth Grade Summa pulled the man to a position from which he could be evacuated. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Summa was an inspiring factor to all who witnessed his actions. His performance of duty under difficult conditions and his complete disregard for personal safety was highly instrumental in the successful operation of his company.

Private First Class Thomas H. Swanchak, 33609326, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. "For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gato, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. When his tank unit, which was supporting the advance of an Infantry Battalion, was forced to withdraw for reorganization after a fierce attack on a heavily fortified enemy-held ridge, Private First Class Swanchak, an assistant tank driver and bow gunner, elected to remain in the midst of the bitter opposition to help evacuate the Infantrymen wounded in the action. Although the entire area was subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class Swanchak and two other members of his tank crew voluntarily dismounted and aided three of the wounded men to climb into his tank. With the additional personnel crowded into the vehicle he then withdrew. Private First Class Swanchak's courage and coolness under fire, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Elmer Sweater, 37461615, Infantry, United States Army. "For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Sweater voluntarily led a litter squad into a draw, exposed to intense enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, where several men, wounded in an assault, were stranded. Six times, Staff Sergeant Sweater, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, went into the draw to aid in the evacuation of wounded men. When it was determined that four men were still missing, Sergeant Sweater again went into the draw but was unable to locate them. His outstanding leadership, devotion to duty, courage and coolness under fire served as an inspiration to his entire company and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Stewart R. Taylor, 16153421, 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 rifle men were hit by sniper fire and were lying in an exposed position, Technician Fifth Grade Taylor, with another 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 the 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. In this attempt, Technician Fifth Grade Taylor was himself wounded by a sniper and had to be evacuated to the rear. Technician Fifth Grade Taylor's untiring efforts and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

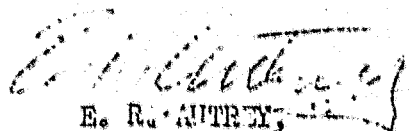
Corporal William N. Tilley, 38291756, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Corporal Tilley, acting section leader of a heavy machine gun section, received orders to withdraw his men at a time when they were pinned down by enemy sniper fire. Remaining in the danger zone, Corporal Tilley sent his men one at a time to safety. As Corporal Tilley himself was being sniped, he stopped while still in the fire zone and pulled a wounded comrade to safety. His coolness and utter disregard for his own safety in coming to the aid of his comrade was an outstanding example of courage to his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade David B. Trach, 37579215, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy spigot mortar shell landed several men in a Battalion Aid Station area, Technician Fourth Grade Trach left his place of cover and was assisting in removing these men from the debris when a call came from one of the Infantry line companies that several men had been seriously wounded and needed more extensive treatment than the aid man could give. With a company guide to show them the way, Technician Fourth Grade Trach, and another man volunteered to make the hazardous journey five hundred yards through an area in which enemy artillery and mortar fire were falling and enemy patrols were known to be active. When they reached the Company Command Post, it was found that one of the casualties, very seriously wounded, was in a position which offered cover only to himself. Technician Fourth Grade Trach, with the other man, were required to stay above ground in order to administer plasma and apply splints even though enemy artillery was still falling. They administered plasma and gave first aid treatment to three seriously wounded casualties and were instrumental in saving their lives. Technician Fourth Grade Trach's steadfast devotion to duty and courageous actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 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:

Technical Sergeant Irving H. Trainer, 3729994, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. While his Battalion was moving out of Kaniku, several members of Technical Sergeant Trainer's machine gun platoon were buried under debris from the explosion of a buzz bomb. Without hesitation and at great personal risk, Sergeant Trainer exposed himself to enemy sniper and mortar fire to dig them out. After rejoining the Battalion, when he discovered that one of his machine gunners was missing, he immediately retraced his steps to the deserted village and after a long search, made under heavy enemy sniper fire, he found him, badly wounded, in the ruins of an old stone cottage. In spite of continued fire from the enemy, he succeeded, by alternately carrying and then supporting the wounded man as he walked, in getting him back to the Battalion Aid Station. Technical Sergeant Trainer's heroic actions, which saved the lives of several men, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal Joseph P. Tumback, 35095731, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. In order to hold a strategically important ridge against strong enemy counterattacks, the Battalion anti-tank platoon in which Corporal (then Private First Class) Tumback served as a gunner, was thrown into a gap between two of the rifle companies. As they were digging in, a concealed enemy machine gun opened fire, killing two of the men instantly and wounding a third. Corporal Tumback unhesitatingly left his position of comparative safety and, in spite of the heavy mortar and machine gun fire, dragged the wounded man to a covered position, where he administered first aid until the arrival of the medical corpsman. Corporal Tumback's fearless loyalty to his comrades reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Richard F. Uhde, 37616258, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Uhde, a member of a four man litter team, volunteered to advance beyond the front line troops to evacuate wounded men from two tanks which had been knocked out. During their movement to and from the tanks they were continually under enemy observation and were forced to take cover many times from heavy enemy machine gun fire. The initiative and daring displayed by Private First Class Uhde, and the fact that he voluntarily risked his life under heavy enemy fire to evacuate a wounded comrade, was an inspiration to the other men about him, a credit to himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal William E. Vaughan, 20632154, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When the Forward Observer Section to which he was attached was forced to withdraw from its position on Crawley Hill because of intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire from the adjoining hill, Corporal (then Private First Class) Vaughan, at the risk of his own life, remained to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man who was lying in a shallow shell hole and pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the seriousness of the wounded man's injury and the extreme danger of remaining in this vulnerable position, Corporal Vaughan immediately adjusted the man on his back and carried him thirty yards through a hail of enemy small arms fire to a comparatively safe area in the rear where further medical aid was given. In the accomplishment of this courageous act, the wounded man's life was saved. Corporal Vaughan's courage and coolness under fire and his high degree of devotion to his fellow men reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

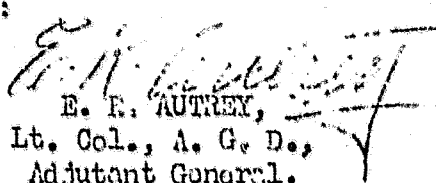
Private First Class Ralph W. Wehrenberg, 36154351, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chan, Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Private First Class Wehrenberg, in addition to his duties at the Battalion Command Post, volunteered to hand carry ammunition to the two forward companies which were in great need of ammunition because of heavy fighting. Troops were advancing so rapidly during this period of the campaign that the ammunition trail was now and long and crossed mine infested fields and by-passed caves. Eight Japs with a machine gun were killed the next morning in a cave only a few yards from where the ammunition trail had passed the night before. Twenty enemy rounds of 150mm artillery exploded in the ammunition dump area before the carrying party left and thereafter they encountered sporadic artillery, knee mortar and sniper fire. Several of the men were seriously wounded but the sorely needed supplies were delivered and the companies' positions insured. Private First Class Wehrenberg's heroic action and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clarence L. Wimberly, 34576489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Wimberly, knowing that it was imperative that the important material he carried reach the forward elements that night since a large scale attack was ordered for the next morning, volunteered to do so even though darkness had fallen. Private First Class Wimberly, showing complete disregard for his own safety, and realizing the importance of his mission, went forward under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and succeeded in delivering the information to the proper action. His complete devotion to duty and fortitude was instrumental in the success of the attack and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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ORIGINAL ORDER - SECTION

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

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 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 Don C. Williams, 38272357, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Williams and his two assistants received orders to move eight hundred yards behind the front lines to supply water to two Infantry Regiments and a Medical unit. Upon arrival, the unit was set up so that only short hauls by the units involved would be necessary. The enemy realizing the importance of the unit began heavy infiltration attacks during hours of darkness. During the nights 16 June and 17 June 1945, the three men withstood two attacks by the enemy who were armed with rifles, satchel charges, grenades and bayonets and accounted for fourteen of them. Despite the danger of night infiltrations, the unit kept a continuous supply of water flowing to the regiments which it was supporting. The steadfastness of purpose and the devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Williams reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant John R. Willis, 33528041 Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Willis, realizing that his company's ammunition supply was running dangerously low, during an enemy counterattack, led several volunteers across the fire swept terrain to the Battalion's ammunition dump. After two trips for ammunition, Staff Sergeant Willis returned his platoon to find it without command. He immediately took command of the platoon and directed the fire in such a manner that the counterattack was broken up. His example of courage and display of initiative was an inspiration to the men of his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Willard H. Wyoth, 31374489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. When a front line rifle platoon had been pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire from the front and right and left flanks, Private First Class Wyoth voluntarily made his way five hundred yards back through intense enemy machine gun fire to inform the company commander of the grave situation thus enabling him to take immediate effective measures to relieve the situation.

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Private First Class Joseph J. Zygmunt, 36381548, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Zygmunt, a member of a four man litter team, volunteered to advance beyond the front line troops to evacuate wounded men from two tanks which had been knocked out. During their movement to and from the tanks they were continually under enemy observation and were forced to take cover many times from heavy enemy machine gun fire. The initiative and daring displayed by Private First Class Zygmunt, and the fact that he voluntarily risked his life under heavy enemy fire to evacuate a wounded comrade, was an inspiration to the other men about him, a credit upon himself, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

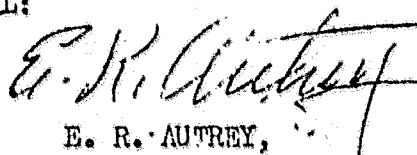
Private First Class Ward L. Johnson, 36829211, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. While advancing in support of an attacking platoon, Private First Class Johnson's platoon was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. One burst of enemy fire destroyed his light machine gun and he immediately crawled back forty yards to get a second gun. With utter disregard for his own safety, he returned to his exposed position from which he delivered fire on the enemy, enabling the attacking platoon to withdraw to a covered position. As a result of his deed, the whole platoon was able to get to safety and evacuate the two casualties. Previous award per General Orders No. 288, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Billy S. Parham, 0527848, Infantry, 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. Previous award per General Orders No. 221, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division

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21 AUGUST 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART SECTION I
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Florian B. Bartos	38243686	Inf	20 October 1944
Tec 5	Victor L. Glenn	38319110	Inf	20 October 1944
Sgt	Norman J. Smith	36585373	Inf	25 November 1944

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Fifth Grade Walter B. Ballard, 38291341, Infantry United States Army, wounded 11 December 1944 near Buri, Leyte, Philippines Islands. Previous award per General Orders No. 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 12 July 1945.

Private First Class Florian B. Bartos, 38243686, Infantry United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 640 Section I, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 25 August 1945.

Sergeant Orville S. Beard, 18117166, Infantry United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Alvin L. Becker, 38381116, Infantry United States Army, wounded 30 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 137, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 29 April 1945.

Private First Class Tom M. Bensussen, 39217091, Infantry United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 10, 51 General Hospital 28 November 1944.

Private First Class Harry W. Bosworth, 31436279, Infantry United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 30 June 1945.

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Sergeant Ward Cloud, 38328268, Infantry United States Army, wounded 25 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 13 November 1944.

Second Lieutenant Salvatore DiNuzzo, 01325316, Infantry United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Sunabe, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 8 January 1945.

First Lieutenant Morris Feldman, 01058239, Infantry United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 137, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 9 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Ralph E. Janoe, 38272273, Infantry United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kokazu ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 50, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 3 December 1944.

Captain Clarence R. Lutten, 01286517, Infantry United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 118, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 22 April 1945.

Private First Class Hyman Marcus, 32874670, Infantry United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Yaeju Dake, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 255, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 26 May 1945.

Corporal Robert V. Petersen, 35567983, Infantry United States Army, wounded 14 July 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 585, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 9 August 1945.

Private First Class Wallace L. Quimby, 42030637, Infantry United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 30 June 1945.

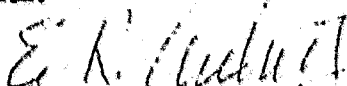
Private First Class Andrew J. Rea Jr., 36616523, Infantry United States Army, wounded 26 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 160, Headquarters CIBC 11 December 1944.

Private First Class James R. Richmond, 3774908, Infantry United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 30 June 1945.

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SECTION

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	George D. Colbert	36704188	Inf	24 November 1944
S Sgt	John K. Harkins	37317829	Inf	10 November 1944
Pfc	Ray E. House	35879677	Inf	20 October 1944
Pfc	Edward H. Jankowski	36536104	Inf	25 October 1944

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 at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

S Sgt	George C Bohlig	37556462	Inf	26 Apr 45
Pfc	Albert Bolhuis Jr	36749395	Cav	27 Jul 45
Tec 5	Stanley W Cutrell	35139376	SigC	11 Apr 45
Pfc	Vernice E. Davis	36902755	Inf	14 Apr 45
T Sgt	James W. Dixon	36430475	Inf	17 May 45
Cpl	Ross M Foley	36533834	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Andrew E. Jacobson	37774433	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	James J. Kaufman	36916660	CWS	7 Jun 45
S Sgt	Ray T. Lacey	36540316	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Leon Bernard	32963296	Inf	8 Apr 45
Cpl	Stanley J Lotowicz	36552979	Inf	7 Apr 45
Pfc	Leo S. Martinez	37708932	Inf	30 Jul 45
Pfc	Richard N. Matches	32839705	Inf	21 May 45
Tec 5	Gerald A. Sebota	36405251	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Lawrence P Thies	35243249	Inf	14 Apr 45
Cpl	Donald S Welborn	39462156	Inf	23 Jun 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Sergeant Saverio A. Amalfitano, 32400813, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 182, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945.

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Private First Class Terrill C. Barnett, 38549799, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 511, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945.

Private First Class George D. Colbert, 36704138, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 May 1945 near Cuiki, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 641, Section I, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 Aug. 1945.

Private First Class Ray E. House, 35879677, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 641, Section I, 24 August 1945.

Private First Class John L. Vaska, 6825312, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945, near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 508, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945.

Private First Class Carl O. Vaudrin, 37586625, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 231, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 May 1945.

Second Lieutenant Samuel B. Watkins, 01331687, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Iza-Dake, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 572, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

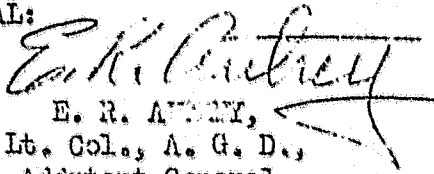
Sergeant Marshal W. Weaver, 38298567, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 484, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

Captain George M. Wilcox, 01286747, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945, near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 257, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 May 1945.

Private First Class Virgil F. Williams, 39147229, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award General Orders 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to 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 Dove Belman, 01297480, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kakana Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 121, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 April 1945,

Private First Class Ivan L. Bowlin, 37647102, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

Private First Class Murray W. Daniels, 17006299, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 255, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 May 1945.

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

Private First Class Ralph F. Abbott, 37752930, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 410, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

Private First Class Robert K. Bolen, 35635984, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

First Lieutenant John F. Casey, 0495574, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 13 November 1944.

Sergeant Elmer C. Corl, 36534116, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 129, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class Frank W. Culyer, Jr., 36915342, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 333, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Murray W. Daniels, 17006299, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 255, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 May 1945.

Private First Class Robert L. Everett, 44035288, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 May 1945 near Koochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

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Private First Class Carlton E. Gustafson, 37735420, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant Loren J. Heaton, 35513023, 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 Ray E. House, 35379577, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Tambaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 641, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant Clyde R. Harless, 38292175, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 6 November 1944 near Dagari, Leyte, Philippine Islands. Previous award per General Orders No. 75, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 December 1944.

Private First Class John D. Murray, 38567072, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945 near Tambaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 126, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class John A. Pope, 12225706, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 193, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

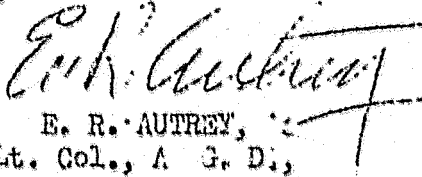
Private First Class John P. Stauffer, 33483844, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945.

Staff Sergeant George G. Randall, 13149073, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 June 1945 near Konakaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

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TO: Mr. George G. Randall
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1. So much of General Orders 642, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 24 August 1945, as pertains to the award of an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Staff Sergeant George G. Randall, 16 148 075, for wounds received in action on 1 June 1945, is withdrawn.

2. This is a duplication of General Orders 586, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 10 August 1945, as amended by Department of the Army Letter Orders, dated 5 March 1951, which awarded an Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart for wounds received in action on 19 May 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. C. Peary
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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 96

24 August 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 643

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 James K. Butler, Jr., 44012910, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 626, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945.

Private First Class Gerald W. Cavener, 38572261, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 423, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade William W. Clendenin, Jr., 34435313, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 79, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 December 1944.

Private First Class Bernard F. Divens, 33926070, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 346, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

Private First Class William M. Gibson, 39595047, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 484, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

Private First Class Jesus E. Hernandez, 39585580, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant James B. Johnson, 01331738, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

Private First Class Vernon L. Larson, 36273287, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 160, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

Sergeant Preston C. Loomis, 38227565, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Tarara Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 131, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class Daniel J. McDermott, Jr., 32751314, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 160, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

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✓ Lieutenant Colonel Glen A. Nelson, O301979, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 32, Headquarters Army Troops, APO 726, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Washington.

✓ Staff Sergeant Joseph Palocz, 36535787, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 June 1945 near Chan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Melvin G. Pearson, 37633176, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 160, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

✓ Private First Class Paul E. Seltzer, 42165422, 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.

✓ Sergeant James L. Simpson, 36431789, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 376, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945.

✓ Private First Class Umberto D. Sineo, 32991146, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 132, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

✓ Private First Class Con C. Smith, 36915618, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Tarara, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order No. 511, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

✓ First Lieutenant Hugh D. Stetler, O1286729, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

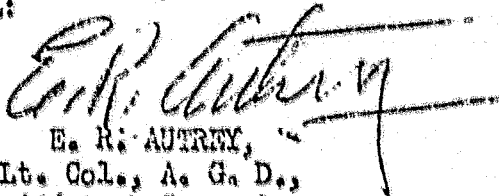
✓ Private First Class Vernon W. Vanderpan, 36615962, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 572, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945.

✓ Private Scott E. Vator, 39473886, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Koehi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 195, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 10 May 1945.

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MILITARY ORDER

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders No. 465, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 July 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Roy E. Archer, Jr., 14147152, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
2. So much of General Orders No. 449, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 July 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Clyde V. Bruco, 36950034, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
3. So much of General Orders No. 780, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945, as pertains to Private First Class John R. Curns, 36950079, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
4. So much of General Orders No. 558, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 August 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Charles E. Fletcher, 01286627, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
5. So much of General Orders No. 538, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 August 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Paul G. Maldorman, 39340452, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
6. So much of General Orders No. 555, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945 as reads "Capt Phillip A. Allicott, 01234806, Inf, 16 April 1945" is amended to read "Capt Phillip A. Allison, 01234806, Inf, 12 April 1945".
7. So much of General Orders No. 400, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 June 1945, as pertains to Pfc Vito A. Venerosa, 32746162, Inf (Armd) is hereby rescinded.
8. So much of General Orders No. 361, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, as reads "Pfc Elmer W. Koestner" is amended to read "Pfc Elmer W. Koester".
9. So much of General Orders No. 363, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, as reads "Private First Class Elmer W. Koester" is amended to read "Private First Class Elmer W. Koestner".
10. So much of General Orders No. 580, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Albert E. Sieg, 39595301, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
11. So much of General Orders No. 154, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 May 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Sharon W. Rodgers, 38229917, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
12. So much of General Orders No. 97, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 April 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Joseph Losky, 38313750, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.
13. So much of General Orders No. 621, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 August 1945 as pertains to First Lieutenant Michael J. Gulyak as reads "on Okinawa Island from 1 October 1945 to 1 April 1945" is amended to read "on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 May 1945".

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4. So much of General Orders No. 483, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 July 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Charles F. Moltash, 31495669, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

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MILITARY ORDERS

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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 601-45 (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 Clyde V. Bruce, 3829253, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 22 April 1945. Private First Class Bruce made repeated trips from the supply point to the front line companies, a distance of some seven hundred yards, over trails made slippery by heavy rainfall and covered by heavy enemy sniper fire and intense mortar and artillery fire. On the forward trips, water, rations, and ammunition were carried and casualties were carried back to the aid station on the return trip. Private First Class Bruce's brave and diligent work in the supply and care of front line troops reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Oscar Bruce, Father, Route #3, Benton, Arkansas.

Private First Class Paul J. Haldorman, 39340452, 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 Haldorman, 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 Haldorman 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 counterattacks, not hesitating to expose himself in order to effectively use his carbine and hand grenades. The heroic actions of Private First Class Haldorman were an inspiration to all and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army. Next of Kin: Ellen Haldorman, Wife, 314 West 26th Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

Sergeant Albert E. Slog, 39595381, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. Next of Kin: Dorothy B. Slog, Wife, 625 West 42d Place, Los Angeles, California.

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

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

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. Previous award per General Order No. 290, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Charles S. 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. Previous award per General Order No. 382, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 June 1945.

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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 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 dated indicated:

Private First Class Joseph Lesky, 33313750, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kamiyama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

Private First Class Sharon W. Rodgers, 38229917, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Kanika, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 6, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 January 1945.

Private First Class Vito A. Venerosa, 32746162, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 145, Headquarters 7th Infantry Division, 1 August 1945.

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I. 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:

First Lieutenant Charles S. Hymers, 01304902, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 20 May 1945.

Sergeant Robert D. Liochti, 36356776, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 20 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Jerome H. Holmicki, 01183085, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 5 April 1945.

II. AWARD 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Jerome H. Holmicki, 01183085, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

III. AWARD 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Jerome H. Holmicki, 01183085, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 12 April 1945.

IV. 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant John E. Ordillo, Jr., O1176459, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 5 May 1945.

V. AWARD OF FIFTH 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant John E. Ordillo, Jr., O1176459, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 9 May 1945 to 20 May 1945.

VI. AWARD OF SIXTH 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following Officer:

First Lieutenant John E. Ordillo, Jr., O1176459, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 7 June 1945.

VII. AWARD OF SEVENTH BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE AIR MEDAL

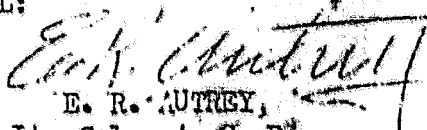
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and six Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a seventh Bronze Oak Leaf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

First Lieutenant John E. Ordillo, Jr., O1176459, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 8 June 1945 to 21 June 1945.

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ORIGINAL ORDER

SECTION

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

SECTION I

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

S Sgt	Louis A. Bosca	32769513	Inf	28 October 1944
Pfc	Michael L. DeBretto	32397144	Inf	29 October 1944
Capt	John A. Kenagy	0109671	FA	28 October 1944
Pfc	Joseph B. Swanson	37336559	Inf	23 October 1944
Pfc	William D. West	32841996	Inf	28 October 1944

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 at Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, on dates indicated:

Pfc	Ray Alston	38538123	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	Pasquale R. Arace	32747452	CF	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Paul G. Berwanger	16137228	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Richard J. Bowes	16200553	Inf	21 Jun 45
Pfc	Glen Carter	39596103	Inf	13 Jun 45
S Sgt	Kenneth L. Edgett	39336592	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Carl A. Erickson	33243069	Inf	20 Apr 45
1st Lt	Maurice J. Fried	01325982	Inf	4 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert J. Gross	30761959	Inf	15 Jun 45
Pfc	Thomas S. Hale	19118111	FA	19 Jun 45
Pvt	Archie R. Henry	38632204	Inf	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard F. Howard	39576768	Inf	15 Jun 45
Tec 5	Roynold C. Huffman	37707497	Inf	30 Jul 45
1st Lt	John S. Janiszewski	01331735	Inf	14 Jun 45
Sgt	Morton W. Leavitt	36597268	Inf	22 Apr 45
1st Lt	Robert I. Marshall	01293237	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Lewis E. Miller	33616606	CF	21 Jun 45
Tec 4	Louis J. Milone	32694494	MD	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Adolph R. Moretti	36381500	Inf	11 Apr 45
Cpl	John C. Pearson	20905095	Inf	1 Apr 45
Sgt	Morris W. Pratt	35095059	Inf	11 Apr 45
Pfc	James C. Quiro	35696055	Inf	19 May 45
Pfc	Fred H. Rowland	36429806	Inf	23 Jun 45
1st Lt	Carl E. Schoen	01215733	Inf	23 Apr 45
S Sgt	Tyson L. Shelton	38573591	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Sergio Sien	36615303	Inf	22 May 45
1st Lt	John H. Turbevillo	01215733	ADG	19 Jun 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Second Lieutenant William C. Bonifay, OI 55641, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Paeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 485, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

Private First Class James W. Burroughs, 38711137, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 460, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Sergeant Warren E. Daniels, 37620469, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 460, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945.

Sergeant Juan Contreras, Jr., 39226607, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Tobaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 11, Landing Force, APO 726, 6 June 1943.

Private First Class Kenneth A. Hutchins, 36578469, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 149, Headquarters Island Command, APO 709, 24 November 1944.

First Lieutenant Arnold E. Kuester, OI307980, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Iraguchi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 159, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 May 1945.

Sergeant LeRoy F. Meyer, 35713908, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 130, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant Robert C. Huebcke, OI331747, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 near Goja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 626, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945.

First Lieutenant Thomas E. Sweeney, Jr., OI319235, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 7, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

Staff Sergeant William C. Wilhite, 38313922, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 October 1944 near Tabontabon, Leyte, Philippine Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 529, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 August 1945.

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

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Order No. 639, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 August 1945 as pertains to Staff Sergeant John R. Willis, 33528041, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

2. So much of General Order No. 626, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945 as pertains to Sergeant Kenneth W. Johnson 39205071, OE, is hereby rescinded.

3. So much of General Order No. 633, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945 as pertains to Captain John E. Wilson, 01307906, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

4. So much of General Order No. 633, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945 as pertains to Private First Class Clarence D. York, 36807133, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

5. So much of General Order No. 630, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945 as pertains to First Lieutenant Charles C. Runkel, 01315368, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

6. So much of General Order No. 499, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945 as pertains to Corporal Francis L. Bible, 37316763, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

7. So much of General Order No. 549, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945 as pertains to Staff Sergeant Harold T. Connolly, 37439411, Infantry, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Captain John E. Wilson, 01307906, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 19 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 17 June 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Eleanor D. Wilson, 2732 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Private First Class Clarence D. York, 34807133, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 5 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Mildred York, Mother, 1245 South 49th Street, West Milwaukee, Wisconsin

SECTION III

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 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.

First Lieutenant Charles C. Runick, 61315318, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 May 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 223, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 May 1945.

Corporal Francis L. Bello, 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. Previous award per General Orders No. 72, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant John R. Willis, 33523041, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Willis, realizing that his company's ammunition supply was running dangerously low, during an enemy counter-attack, led several volunteers across the fire swept terrain to the Battalion ammunition dump. After two trips for ammunition, Staff Sergeant Willis returned to his platoon to find it without command. He immediately took command of the platoon and directed the fire in such a manner that the counterattack was broken up. His example of courage and display of initiative was an inspiration to the men of his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 72, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 March 1945.

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

Staff Sergeant Harold T. Connolly, 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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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Captain John C. Van Vulpen, O1286741, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When the assault companies of his battalion were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire during an advance against heavily fortified enemy positions, Captain Van Vulpen led his company, the battalion reserve, to their support. It was necessary to move across terrain under intense enemy mortar and machine gun cross-fires. Reaching the forward companies, he found all their officers were casualties. Immediately, displaying tremendous energy and utter disregard for his own personal safety, he reorganized the shattered companies, assumed command of all three and led on the assault. They were stopped by increasing enemy opposition after driving to within two hundred yards of the enemy positions. Counter-attacks by the enemy were developing; with no available reserve troops to draw upon, it was necessary to withdraw. The withdrawal was effected successfully; the companies able to set up positions which repulsed the wild enemy counter-attacks. During the assault, three weapons were shot from his hands by enemy fire. Through his gallant actions, aggressive leadership, devotion to duty and coolness under fire, his actions served to inspire a depleted battalion and will continue to be an inspiration to his men. Next of Kin: Mrs. S. C. Van Vulpen, Mother, Box 223, Whitehaven, Tennessee.

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 Officer:

Major Edward A. Martell, O24666, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 1 July 1945.

III. 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Frank Artigas, 01181715, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

IV. AWARD OF FIFTH 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and four Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a fifth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Frank Artigas, 01181715, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 30 April 1945 to 16 May 1945.

V. AWARD OF SIXTH 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and five Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a sixth Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Frank Artigas, 01181715, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 17 May 1945 to 6 June 1945.

VI. AWARD OF SEVENTH 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 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD; 1942), and having been awarded the Air Medal and six Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters, a seventh Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

First Lieutenant Frank Artigas, 01181715, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flights on Okinawa Island from 7 June 1945 to 19 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II

I AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

no action taken
1. So much of General Orders 80, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 April 1945, as pertains to Private Paul W. Bartell, 33578773, is rescinded. *Previously desc by Co 667- Sept 5, 45*

2. So much of General Orders 611, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 11 August 1945, as pertains to Technician Third Grade Gerald E. Nelson, 37313594, is rescinded. *OK*

3. So much of General Orders 629, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945, as reads "Staff Sergeant Roy J. Nelson 38229830," is amended to read "Staff Sergeant Roy J. Sanders, 38229830."

4. So much of General Orders 632, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945, as reads "Private First Class George A. Jones, 38329740, is amended to read, "Private First Class George A. Johns, 38329740." *OK*

5. So much of General Orders 618, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 August 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Robert Young, 38227453, is rescinded.

II AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Third Grade Gerald E. Nelson, 37313594, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy spigot mortar shell buried several men in a battalion aid station area, Technician Third Grade Nelson left his place of cover and was assisting in removing these men from the debris when a call came from one of the Infantry line companies that several men had been seriously wounded and needed more extensive treatment than the aid men could give. With a company guide to show them the way Technician Third Grade Nelson and another man volunteered to make the hazardous journey five hundred yards through an area in which enemy artillery and mortar fire were falling and enemy patrols were known to be active. When they reached the company Command Post, it was found that one of the casualties was seriously wounded and was in a position which afforded cover only to himself. Technician Third Grade and the other man were required to stay above ground in order to administer plasma and apply splints even though enemy artillery was still falling. They administered plasma and gave first-aid treatment to three seriously wounded casualties and were instrumental in saving their lives. Technician Third Grade Nelson's steadfast devotion to duty and courageous actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 408, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

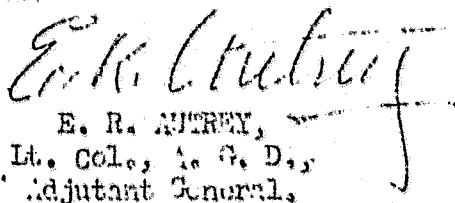
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Staff Sergeant Robert Young, 38227453, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During an attack on Kakazu Ridge, Staff Sergeant Young, seeing a wounded man lying on the ground approximately thirty yards away and exposed to intense enemy automatic weapons fire, left his position of cover and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to the wounded man, dragging him to safety. During this action Staff Sergeant Young was wounded. His courage, leadership and coolness under fire was in accordance with the high traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 270, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Lieutenant Colonel Rodney F. Hanes, O310341, Ordnance 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 30 June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Laverne A. Parks, O213781, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 22 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew D. Stephenson, O13201, 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 30 June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard S. Weisfield, O32133, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 22 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Frank L. Windish, 33625937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During an assault on a heavily fortified enemy position, the company was nearing the day's objective, when the supply of mortar ammunition ran dangerously low. The terrain over which the company had just passed was extremely difficult and covered by enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Windish, a messenger, volunteered for the task, despite the fact that he was in a state of near exhaustion. By running and crawling from one spot to another, he was able to elude the bursts of enemy machine gun fire that were aimed at him. With great courage and determination, he finally reached the ammunition and although fully realizing that each added shell would mean a greater handicap, he overloaded his bag and began his return. At one point during his return, enemy fire became so intense that he sought cover and was warned against going further. His company's need over shadowed his personal safety, however, and he was up and on his feet again in a few minutes and a short while thereafter, delivered the ammunition to the waiting mortars. The fact that the company was able to move forward and take its objective that day was due in large part to the courageous efforts of Private First Class Windish. His determined effort and disregard for his own safety led to greater cooperation and will among the men in subsequent engagements. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLACUET

Under the provisions of Circular 345, War Department, 22 August 1944, Service Battery 921st Field Artillery Battalion, 96th Infantry Division, is hereby awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty of exceptionally difficult tasks over the unit from 1 April 1945 to 1 July 1945 during the Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands campaign.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL H. B. ...

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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 35, 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 Quentin L. Buck, 39148330, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. Private First Class Buck, an ammunition loader in an Infantry Cannon Section, after having received a compound fracture of the right hand, continued to perform his duties in the face of enemy artillery and mortar and small arms fire. Refusing to be evacuated, Private First Class Buck remained at his post and performed his duties until all targets of opportunity were destroyed. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Walter A. Fredericks, 39405717, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. When a heavy enemy artillery concentration was laid on a Cannon Company Observation Post where he was assisting his platoon leader in adjustment of fire and the first shell severely wounded one of the men, despite heavy sniper and machine gun fire and the continuing artillery barrage which drove the remainder of the Observation Post group to cover, Corporal Fredericks remained and administered first aid to the wounded man in the exposed place and directed and assisted in his evacuation. Corporal Fredericks, in completely jeopardizing his own safety to save the life of a seriously wounded man, was an inspiration to all.

Sergeant Donald R. Kenedle, 36283094, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. After three attempts to reach casualties and administer first aid and evacuation had been unsuccessful and had resulted in further casualties, no one would make another attempt due to the heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire and the exposed position in which the casualties were lying. Sergeant Kenedle asked permission to try to make the evacuation. He accomplished this mission successfully with great danger to himself, resulting in saving at least two of the five casualties he evacuated. The courageous actions of Sergeant Kenedle reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade George M. Kline, 35536113, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the enemy directed a night counterattack against his unit's positions, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) Kline, a company aid man, set up an emergency aid station in the courtyard of a burial tomb, as evacuation of casualties to the battalion aid station was impossible at that time. Despite the intense enemy mortar barrage

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he went calmly about his work with no regard for his own safety. When a group of fifteen of the enemy attacked this position with hand grenades and small arms, he faced their fire unhesitatingly to bring the casualties inside the tomb. Throughout the remainder of the night, he diligently and faithfully performed his duties. His calm manner and cheerful admonitions under the most adverse conditions were an inspiration to all about him. When conditions permitted, he supervised the evacuation of the casualties to the Battalion Aid Station. In the course of the night, he attended to fifteen seriously wounded men saving the lives of six of the most seriously wounded, besides attending to the many minor and superficial wounds. His heroism and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

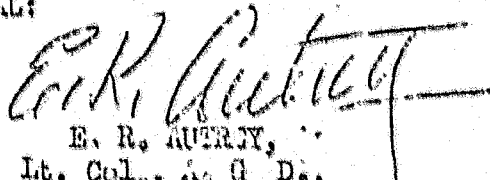
Technician Third Grade Frederick C. Lunde, 36404897, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies of an attacking Infantry Battalion suffered several casualties as 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, Technician Third Grade Lunde and the other men of the squad crossed the area under extremely heavy enemy machine gun fire, and gave the casualties immediate first aid, and, under the cover of a smoke screen laid down by the line company, succeeded in evacuating the men back across the open terrain and hence to the Aid Station. Technician Third Grade Lunde's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Solomon J. Luther, 38543788, Medical Department, 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 Luther, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy rifle, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate serious wounded men. On one occasion, he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge under intense mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Luther's tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all men of his battalion.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Captain Edwin B. Ellison, 01286623, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Captain Ellison as Regimental Operations and Training Officer voluntarily accompanied the leading riflemen of an attacking rifle company in order to better ascertain the situation and retain close control of it for the regimental commander. When a group of about thirty Japanese charged from a cave directly at the small group of riflemen of which Captain Ellison was a member, he, in a gallant display of courage and aggressiveness, seized a rifle and opened fire, killing at least two of the enemy. Inspired by the actions of Captain Ellison who would normally have been in a much less advanced position, the riflemen with him brought fire to bear on the Japanese and steadfastly stood their ground although several of their members were killed by the heavy volume of enemy fire. Captain Ellison's bravery in operating in an advanced and exposed position and his aggressive reaction to the Japanese charge were outstanding factors in the successful completion of the unit's attack and are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Edwin B. Ellison (Wife), Box 38, Wayside, Georgia.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Captain Phillip D. Newell, 01297927, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. After previous attempts to take the Yasa-Dake escarpment had been repulsed, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Newell, a rifle company commander, succeeded in getting a meager toe-hold on the escarpment with two of his rifle platoons. The remainder of his company was pinned down in the flat, open rice paddies to his rear by intense and accurate enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire. In order to consolidate and hold the costly line, Captain Newell took over command of one platoon of another rifle company that had reached the escarpment and had likewise been cut off from the rest of its company, and personally went back across the fire swept terrain three times to guide up the rest of his company and an additional rifle platoon from another company. Under intense small arms and mortar fire, and without regard for his personal safety Captain Newell personally placed each platoon and squad in position on the escarpment, constantly exposing himself in so doing and in moving to an

exposed observation post forward of his line to direct artillery and supporting mortar fire. His bravery was an inspiration to his men who held the position until reinforcements arrived and in spite of enemy attempts to dislodge them resulted in the fall of the last strong defensive posture remaining in enemy hands.

First Lieutenant Thomas E. Sweeney, 01319235, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 June 1945. When First Lieutenant Sweeney, a rifle platoon leader, was leading his men across open rice paddies in order to reach Yabu-Dake Escarpment, the last enemy stronghold and they were half way across the open ground, the enemy opened fire on them with machine guns, artillery and mortars which halted the platoon's advance. First Lieutenant Sweeney, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved ahead of the platoon, crawling through the rice paddies until he reached the edge of the sheer rock wall. He then located a small path leading to the crest of the escarpment and proceeded to crawl to the top, where he observed two snipers, and one machine gun which was firing on the platoon. From his position, First Lieutenant Sweeney killed one sniper and one machine gunner, and wounded the second sniper, thus enabling his platoon to advance and gain their objective. It was through First Lieutenant Sweeney's heroic and brave disregard for his own personal safety that his company was able to attain their objective and maintain a wedge in the last enemy stronghold. The following morning, after cover of darkness, another company, joined the platoon and enlarged the foothold, finally causing the whole line to surge forward and thus bring about an end to the campaign.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act 600-46 (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 Officer:

Second Lieutenant Henry S. Matthews III, 0304 012, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. When his battalion had launched an attack against the fiercely defended Yabu-Dake Escarpment, and sustained casualties in their attempts to gain the summit, although reaching the heights ahead, Second Lieutenant Matthews personally led litter squads to the injured men, and although he was a target for sniper and machine gun fire, he, at great personal risk, administered the necessary medical treatment so that the casualties could be successfully evacuated. He repeated this procedure three times although the hostile fire had greatly increased in intensity and effect. Not until every wounded man had been evacuated did Second Lieutenant Matthews return to a position of safety.

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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 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 Juan R. Gonzales, 39229600, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 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, Staff Sergeant Gonzales and the other men of the squad crossed the area under extremely heavy enemy fire, and gave the casualties immediate first aid, and under the cover of smoke laid down by the line company, they succeeded in recrossing the open terrain and carrying the casualties back to the aid station. Previous award per General Orders No. 562, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 August 1945.

Corporal William P. Grinstead, 17132470, Medical Department, 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. Corporal Grinstead, an assistant section leader and surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar fire. Corporal Grinstead's consistently excellent work as an assistant section leader and technician and his devotion to duty was an inspiration to all of the men of his battalion, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 32, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 February 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade John T. McCarty, 36569464, Medical Department, 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. Technician Fifth Grade McCarty, a surgical technician, whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies while under intense enemy rifle, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion, he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense mortar and artillery fire. Technician Fifth Grade McCarty's consistently excellent work as a technician, his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his battalion and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 167, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945.

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Private First Class Harold C. Microw, 36801893, Medical Department, 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 Microw, a record clerk and technician whose duties required him to remain in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies while under intense rifle, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar, and artillery fire. Private First Class Microw's consistently excellent work as a technician, and his devotion to duty was an inspiration to all the men of his battalion and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 167, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945.

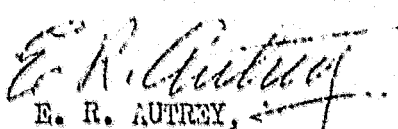
Private First Class Paul J. Leas, 37487958, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Private First Class Leas, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded men. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense mortar, and artillery fire. Private First Class Leas's consistently excellent work as a technician and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all men of his battalion, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 167, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 May 1945.

Technician Third Grade Fredoric J. Lunde, 36404897, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When some units were on the Yaoju-Dako Escarpment, they were unable to dig in and had little or no protection from enemy fire. The Aid Station was located behind an outcrop of lava rock. Just about dusk, the enemy began laying in a terrific artillery barrage and about fifty rounds fell in the immediate area. In order to protect the men in the Aid Station Technician Third Grade Lunde had them take cover behind some nearby rocks while he voluntarily remained behind, holding down a delirious casualty who had a compound fracture of his leg. Had it not been for Technician Third Grade Lunde's devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, to administer emergency medical treatment and keep this patient from moving, the soldier would have undoubtedly lost his leg. Previous award per General Orders No. 661, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 September 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 military personnel:

Private First Class Russell H. Blitz, 33086620, Medical Department, 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 Blitz, a surgical technician, whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward of the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On 27 April, he aided in the successful evacuation of ten casualties at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge and across a three hundred yard ravine while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire, a hazardous task which required much skill, perseverance, and indomitable courage. Private First Class Blitz's consistently outstanding work as a surgical technician and tireless effort and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of this battalion and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Laura Blitz, Mother, Cresco, Pennsylvania.

Technician Fifth Grade Milton M. Harris, 36383033, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Harris, a second cook, entirely on his own initiative, volunteered to go to the front lines and seal caves. Although not trained for this work, he efficiently closed the hazardous caves. While demolishing the enemy emplacements, Technician Fifth Grade Harris was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. Technician Fifth Grade Harris' heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mae LaFond, Sister, 6623 Ingleside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class Bertelyn Ross, 38582668, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. When elements of two companies were receiving intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire on the Yaoju-Dake Escarpment, numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Ross, a member of a litter squad, discovered the presence of a casualty on the front lines. In order to reach the wounded man, the litter team had to cross an area covered by machine gun fire. Without regard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Ross and the three other litter bearers made a run to where the casualty was located and tried to drag him behind a nearby large lava rock. Upon doing so, Private First Class Ross was

mortally wounded. By his courage and devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, Private First Class Ross was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and a credit to the military service. Next of Kin: Alice D. Ross, Wife, Route #4, Levelland, Texas, c/o Mr. Frank Sanders.

Private First Class John W. Russell, 39425253, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When elements of two companies were receiving intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire on the Yaoju-Dake Escarpment, numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Russell, a member of a litter squad, discovered the presence of a casualty ten yards in advance of the front lines. Being warned that the enemy had machine guns covering this area, Private First Class Russell, nevertheless, dashed out in the area to administer first aid to the casualty and to drag him back to cover where the litter team could pick him up and evacuate him to the aid station. As he reached the casualty, a machine gun opened fire and he was mortally wounded. By his courage and devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, Private First Class Russell was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and a credit to the military service. Next of Kin: Wilma M. Russell, Wife, 606 Maine Avenue, Richmond California,

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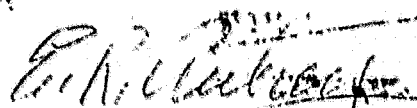
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Technician Fourth Grade William L. McCormick, 36534281, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade McCormick, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion, he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Technician Fourth Grade McCormick's consistently excellent work as a technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his battalion and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Captain William J. Alcorn, 0515556, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Captain Alcorn was attached to a battalion which was assaulting Wishikaru Ridge against heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, resulting in heavy casualties to our forces. Realizing that darkness was rapidly approaching, and would make treatment of the many wounded still not recovered impossible, Captain Alcorn scorned the murderous enemy fire and made his way to the leading elements to administer urgently needed medical attention. He worked swiftly and quickly, administering plasma, treating wounds, splinting fractured limbs, and directing the evacuation of the wounded under intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire. It was only after complete darkness had set in that Captain Alcorn returned to the aid station. Through the outstanding display of heroism and courage by Captain Alcorn, all of the many wounded were successfully evacuated, and given proper medical attention.

Technician Third Grade Vesta L. Beard, 38328599, Medical Department, 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. Technician Third Grade Beard, a Surgical Technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Technician Third Grade Beard's consistently excellent work as a Technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his battalion.

Technician Third Grade Stanley R. Braden, 37437541, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When the enemy was shelling one of his unit's areas in the vicinity of Kamiyama and three casualties were incurred, with utter disregard for the numerous shells exploding in the area and his own personal safety Technician Third Grade Braden, left his dug-in position and with the aid of two volunteers carried the three wounded men to the aid station. Assisting the Regimental Surgeon, he administered blood plasma and emergency medical treatment to the casualties. Technician Third Grade Braden loaded the litter patients on a jeep and evacuated them to a Collecting Company over a road which was still being shelled by the enemy. By his courage and devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, Technician Third Grade Braden was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and a credit to the military service.

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Private First Class Sylvester A. Brantner, 33571608, Medical Department, 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 Brantner, a surgical technician, whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Brantner's consistently excellent work as a technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his battalion.

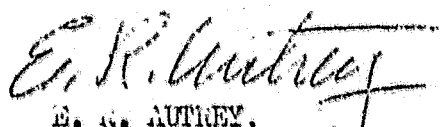
Technician Fifth Grade Allyn W. Conway, 35277544, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When one of the Infantry units was assaulting a ridge north of Nishibaru, it was subjected to intense enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. It was impossible to get tanks in the area and the only route of evacuation was over a narrow trail. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Conway although initially driven back, went up the trail which was covered by enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in administering first aid to a casualty while two grenades exploded dangerously close. Under the cover of darkness, he secured a litter team and successfully evacuated the man to the rear. Had it not been for Technician Fifth Grade Conway's heroic efforts in the face of great danger the seriously wounded man might have lost his life.

Technician Fourth Grade Harvey W. Decker, 37322652, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When the enemy was shelling one of our unit's areas in the vicinity of Fudayara, three casualties were incurred. With utter disregard for the numerous shells exploding in the area and his own personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade Decker, left his dug in position and with the aid of two volunteers carried the three wounded men to the Aid Station. Assisting the Regimental Surgeon, he administered blood plasma and emergency medical treatment to the casualties. In spite of the still constant shelling, Technician Fourth Grade Decker loaded the litter patients on a jeep and evacuated them to a collecting company over a road which was still being shelled by the enemy. By his courage and devotion to duty in the face of great danger, Technician Fourth Grade Decker was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and a credit to the military service.

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AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS
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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 642, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 August 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Ivan L. Bowlin, 37647102, is rescinded.
2. So much of General Orders 570, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Ivan L. Bowlin, 37647102, as reads "wounded 15 June 1945," is amended to read, "wounded 16 June 1945."
3. So much of General Orders 56, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 April 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Paul W. Bartoll, 33578778, is rescinded.
4. So much of General Orders 536, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 August 1945, as reads "Private First Class Arthur J. Salucki, 16149243," is amended to read "Private First Class Arthur J. Salucki, 16149243."
5. So much of General Orders 626, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Constantino Sandoval, 20607132, is rescinded.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to Technician Fifth Grade Constantino Sandoval, 20607132, Medical Department, per General Orders 417, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 July 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945.

SECTION III

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 Earnest I. Dillard, 34442011, Medical Department, 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 Dillard, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Hill while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Dillard's consistently excellent work as technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his battalion and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade Theodore Ernston, 37278826, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Ernston, although wounded in the battle for Yaeju-Dake Escarpment, heroically and without regard for his own personal safety, led several litter teams and aid men back to his platoon where many men were seriously wounded. He continued to give aid and helped in evacuating the wounded. It was while engaged in these tasks that Technician Fifth Grade Ernston fainted as a result of loss of blood. Such devotion to duty at the great personal risk to himself as displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Ernston, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

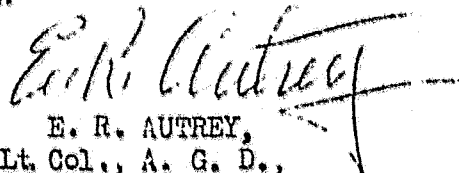
Technician Fourth Grade Harold E. Halter, 37439685, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Halter, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion, he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Technician Fourth Grade Halter's consistently excellent work as a technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty greatly inspired all the men of his battalion and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry G. Kreider, 33511450, Medical Department, 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. Technician Fifth Grade Kreider, a record clerk in charge of all the records in a Battalion Medical Section, whose duties required him to stay in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy rifle, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion, he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge under intense mortar and artillery fire. Technician Fifth Grade Kreider's consistently excellent work as a record clerk and technician, his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all men of his battalion and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AID OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Technician Fifth Grade Donald E. O'Rourke, 33612014, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. During a heavy enemy mortar barrage, an illuminating flare fell and exploded in the foxhole of two members of the Medical Detachment. With utter disregard for the numerous mortar shells falling in the area, Technician Fifth Grade O'Rourke left his foxhole and went to the aid of the injured men. He threw the burning flare out of the hole with his bare hands and, although suffering from severe burns, proceeded to drag the most seriously injured casualty to his own foxhole where he administered first aid before he would permit anyone to dress his own wound.

Private First Class Louis L. Padilla, 42033671, Medical Department, 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 Padilla, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion, he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Padilla's consistently excellent work as a technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his battalion and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Nick A. Panchula, 36102714, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When the enemy was shelling one of our unit's areas in the vicinity of Kariyama, three casualties were incurred. With utter disregard for the numerous shells exploding in the area and his own personal safety, Technical Sergeant Panchula left his dugin position and, with the aid of two volunteers, carried the three wounded men to the Aid Station. Assisting the Regimental Surgeon, he administered blood plasma and emergency medical treatment to the casualties. In spite of the still constant shelling, Technical Sergeant Panchula loaded the litter patients on a jeep and evacuated them to a collecting company over a road which was still being shelled by the enemy. By his courage and devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger, Technical Sergeant Panchula was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and a credit to the military service.

Sergeant Leslie A. Bacon, 36539850, 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.

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First Lieutenant George T. Bartlett, 0471256, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 May to 22 June 1945.

First Lieutenant John C. Cook, Medical Administrative Corps, 02048591, 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.

First Lieutenant Louis E. DeLuca, 01012357, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Bill C. Gibson, 6830019, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 15 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Herman R. Hendricks, 38227511, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 15 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

First Lieutenant James A. Owen, 01236879, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 8 April 1945.


Technician Fifth Grade Russell R. Tillman, 38228431, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 15 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Vernon A. Young, 36540278, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE MEDICAL BADGE

1. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, Private First Class William J. Albert, 31449903, Medical Department, United States Army, is hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 26 May 1945.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named enlisted men, Medical Department, are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 25 May 1945:

Tec 5 Edward J. Senka	33673111
Pvt Paul H. Terry	33804357
Pvt William Shefflin	42039313
Pvt Ralph Sutherland	19016523

3. Pursuant to authority contained in Circular No. 66, War Department, 1945, the following named enlisted men, Medical Department, are hereby awarded the Medical Badge by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, effective 5 June 1945:

S Sgt John Novitsky	6686553
Tec 3 John G. Smith	36510796
Sgt Mercier Maxwell	3066876
Sgt Paul McCormick	3004402
Sgt Evan A. Olson	3727504
Tec 4 Robert A. Kleinsmith	30200914
Tec 4 Ben Liebowitz	33723142
Cpl Elmer E. Bennett	37409968
Cpl Wayne D. Doane	32434681
Tec 5 Morris L. McElmurry	30450628
Pfc Elmer A. Hofer	37593837
Pfc Stevan Sarvedra	30506686
Pfc Leroy S. Stewart	37037426
Pfc Charles E. Walker	35517223
Pfc Willie H. Williams	37393159

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

Private First Class Ozzie Whitlow, 35900377, Medical Department, 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 Whitlow, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from

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the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Whitlow's consistently excellent work as a technician, his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all men of his battalion, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 36, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 February 1945.

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, 29 April 1944, a Bronze Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

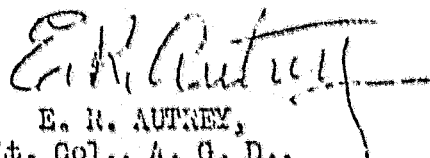
Technician Fourth Grade Charles K. Simala, 35524504, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Simala, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Technician Fourth Grade Simala's consistently excellent work as a technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of the battalion with which he worked, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Third Grade David I. Tissenbaum, 33770526, Medical Department, 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. Technician Third Grade Tissenbaum, a surgical technician whose duties required him to treat casualties in the aid station, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Sawtooth Ridge while under intense mortar and artillery fire. Technician Third Grade Tissenbaum consistently excellent work as technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his battalion and is keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Cpl	Thomas C Andonucci	32691282	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Joseph E Berry	35906794	Inf	16 June 45
Pfc	Ronald D. Bloyd	39425954	Inf	12 May 45
S Sgt	Byron B. Boals	37366171	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Phillip D. Branch	38439324	Inf	9 Apr 45
Ten 5	Eugene E. Brostrom	31223404	Inf	16 June 45
Pfc	Douglas Brown	38631670	Inf	23 Apr 45
Pfc	Lester L. Brown	35905994	Inf	4 Apr 45
Tec 4	William B. Brown	38312579	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Joseph Bruguiar	37775294	Inf	10 June 45
Pfc	Ervin L. Brune	35547875	Inf	21 June 45
Pfc	Levi Burnett	38570364	Inf	5 June 45
Pfc	William H. Casey	19212157	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	John D. Clark	35908899	Inf	28 May 45
Pfc	William R. Conklin	39595751	Inf	29 Apr 45
Capt	Claude J. Connally	01286610	Inf	21 July 45
Pfc	Francis Cooper	39933199	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Jose A. Coronado	38679926	Inf	30 May 45
T Sgt	George F. Cowan	36429732	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert O. Cox	39345531	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Cecil D. Dickey	38609593	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Peter R. Dix	37586604	Inf	9 Apr 45
Sgt	John R. Edwards	35603521	Inf	14 Jun 45
Pfc	Norval O. Eggar	37586350	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Glenn D. Ely	39595285	Inf	29 May 45
Cpl	Adrian W. Eral	37437644	Inf	23 Apr 45
Pfc	William F. Fencl	37739364	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	Herbert E. Fischer	13185721	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Willie R. Goff	35237322	Inf	9 July 45
Pfc	Edward L. Gray	39515326	Inf	17 June 45
Pfc	Calvin G. Grayson	35805702	Inf	13 June 45
Pfc	Richard B. Greene	38631652	Inf	18 May 45
Pvt	Bennie G. Griego	39590625	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert E. Gunckle	38589078	Inf	16 June 45
Pfc	Daryl W. Haerthur	38735316	Inf	13 June 45
Pvt	J. F. Hanby	38632025	Inf	25 Apr 45
Pvt	Virgil D. Hart	39470456	Inf	23 Apr 45
Pfc	Clyde M. Heath	39865902	Inf	31 May 45
Pfc	Oliver C. Heck	39475839	Inf	30 May 45
Pfc	Richard Henderson	39926014	Inf	9 Apr 45
Pfc	John M. Henley	38301012	Inf	16 June 45
Pvt	Sherman H. Hooper	39475819	Inf	24 Apr 45
1st Lt	James O. Jewell	01331736	Inf	17 June 45
Pfc	Frank Jezior	36381514	Inf	3 Apr 45
T Sgt	Clair D. Kai	37461331	Inf	4 Apr 45

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✓ Tec 5	Gordon J. Kowal	37621919	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	William T. Klabrew	13111624	CWS	24 July 45
Tec 4	George M. Kline	35331113	ID	11 Apr 45
Opl	William R. Linn	35757269	FA	3 Apr 45
S Sgt	John P. Long	33137356	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	James W. Macaulay	19147006	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	James V. Martin	34809331	Inf	30 Apr 45
Pfc	James F. Mason	35783774	Inf	16 July 45
1st Lt	John E. McHenry	01034096	CWS	4 Apr 45
Pfc	Samuel R. McTracken Jr	37734023	ID	21 Apr 45
Pfc	Patrick J. Bernick	37759960	Inf	30 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert J. Myers	35216455	FA	14 Apr 45
S Sgt	Billie W. Mawson	39243413	Inf	8 Apr 45
T Sgt	Thaddeus A. Rajkowski	36374996	Inf	12 June 45
Pfc	Donald W. Oberlander	36911291	Inf	19 May 45
Tec 4	Hubert C. Outland	36615559	FA	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Sibert J. Page	38109129	CWS	24 July 45
S Sgt	Nolan P. Paschal	35329177	Inf	8 Apr 45
Tec 5	Henry I. Pallas Jr.	16044831	Inf	8 Apr 45
1st Lt	Francis W. Perry	01314463	Inf	17 June 45
Pfc	Paul E. Price	35272577	Inf	23 June 45
Opl	Kenneth Quince	36403254	FA	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Donald F. Rauer	39525459	Inf	13 May 45
1st Sgt	William T. Record	31152274	CWS	4 Aug 45
Pfc	Lloyd J. Reiniger	37679765	CWS	4 Aug 45
Pvt	Albert P. Riedel	39114496	Inf	22 Apr 45
S Sgt	Isaac C. Ruckman	35374619	MD	14 Apr 45
Pfc	Gilbert F. Schreider	39729131	Inf	15 June 45
Pfc	Glen E. Schreiner	37744414	Inf	23 June 45
T Sgt	Woodroe Shouits	37390973	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Claude J. Simon	37537231	Inf	8 July 45
S Sgt	Norris T. Stotke	36273351	Inf	15 June 45
Pfc	Oscar F. Swanson	37536490	Inf	16 June 45
Pfc	Dorman W. Thomas	38633830	Inf	18 Apr 45
Pfc	Leland J. Thompson	37536206	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Clyde H. Traits	36275230	Inf	22 Apr 45
Pfc	Alfonso H. Vigil	39536491	Inf	16 Apr 45
Sgt	Louis C. Vogel	35601230	Inf	7 Apr 45
Pfc	Donald L. White	39470663	Inf	29 Apr 45
S Sgt	Tony Zorices	36617340	Inf	11 June 45

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SECTION I

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:

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* S Sgt	James L. Albert	38272451	Inf	28 Nov
* Sgt	Donald E. Arvidson	38865345	Inf	24 Oct
* Pfc	Paul W. Bortell	33578778	Inf	21 Oct
* Pfc	John B. Erson	96748558	Inf	13 Nov
* Pfc	Saul Karasyk	32906503	Inf	26 Oct
* Pfc	Conrad A. Steinweg	36278496	Inf	29 Nov

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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:

Sergeant Donald E. Arvidson, 36865345, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 671, Section I, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

Sergeant Joe Bassett, 39478987, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 187, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private Paul J. Bortell, 33578778, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Kue, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 671, Section I, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

Private First Class Roscoe L. Bulls, 38680824, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 near Conical Hill, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Captain William F. Collins, Jr., 01172417, Field Artillery, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945 near Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 97, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 April 1945.

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Private First Class Bruno Dominas, 36700778, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Sergeant Arthur C. Frank 35050836, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Richard T. George, 39149465, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 near Yuza Dake, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 194, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 May 1945.

Private First Class Warren L. Gullickson, 37461852, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 near Kandyana, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Staff Sergeant Edward E. Herrick, 36383002, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Chan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 38, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 February 1945.

Major Lee Norris, 01294178, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders unknown.

Private First Class Conrad A. Steinwaig, 36278496, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per Section I, General Orders No. 671, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

Private First Class Carl E. Tinker, 39149931, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 182, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Captain William H. VanderLinden, 01286927, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Chetan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 119, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 April 1945.

Private First Class Herbert A. Wermerskirchen, 37676022, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 October 1944 near San Jose, Loyto, Philippine Islands. Previous award per General Orders No. 29, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 26 November 1944.

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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 for 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 Alfonso R. Vigil, 39596491, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 May 1945 near Conical Hill, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 670, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

Private First Class Oliver W. Venditto, 37564321, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 133, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

Private First Class Harold Todesco, 39595397, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945 near Koochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 546, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945.

Sergeant Ira L. Wiley, 38272382, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Mhatan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 225, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class Dennis M. Mullen, 34475177, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Conical Hill, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Charles Mitchell, 35260719, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 171, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 May 1945.

Private First Class James P. Mason, 35763774, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 670, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

Private First Class Eli Mandel, 37566075, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Monobaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 19, Headquarters 1102, Pacific Ocean Area Army Ground Forces, 23 July 45.

Staff Sergeant John W. Long, 33437356, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Oneta, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 670, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

Technical Sergeant Clair D. Kai, 37461931, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 670, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

Private First Class Henry P. Kramer Jr., 37566074, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 near Aragachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 546, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Gerald N. Jones, 37550619, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 near Conical Hill, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 48, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Archie R. Henry, 38632294, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Aragashi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 651, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 August 1945.

Private First Class Lawrence W. Arnold, 18190038, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 586, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant Fred A. Zucchi, 17159322, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 190, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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

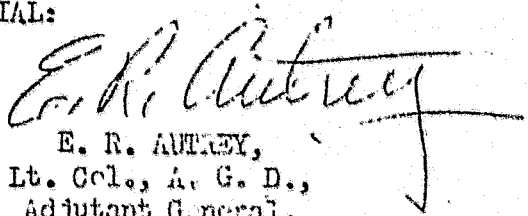
Sergeant Joe Bassett, 39478987, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Yuza Lake, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 187, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Carl E. Tinker, 39149931, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza Lake, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 189, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class James L. Wright, 38631731, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 190, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

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

Staff Sergeant Colonel O. Peltz, 37075441, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 12 November 1944. Staff Sergeant Peltz, while directing the evacuation of casualties from the front lines to the Battalion Aid Station on MacInagon Hill, discovered the presence of four casualties twenty five yards in advance of the front lines. Without thought of personal safety he advanced to give first aid and evacuate the casualties. For two hours, under the fire of two enemy machine guns and several snipers, he gave first aid to all four casualties and then directed their evacuation to safety. The evacuation proved successful only after Staff Sergeant Peltz advanced again to direct covering fire from Infantry elements to protect the litter bearers. Only by his able leadership, technical skill, and devotion to duty was the evacuation of the casualties made possible.

Private First Class Herwin D. Pillow, 388750669, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 12 June 1945. When elements of two companies were receiving intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire on the Yaeju-Dake escarpment, numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Pillow, a member of a litter squad, discovered the presence of three casualties twenty yards in the advance of the front lines. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he and the rest of the litter team dashed out in the area swept by enemy machine gun fire. Upon reaching the casualties, they dragged them behind a large lava rock. After being pinned down by enemy fire for about an hour, they successfully completed the evacuation under cover of smoke. Private First Class Pillow's action in the face of great physical danger to aid his comrades is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Carl J. Reimann, 39934329, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 12 June 1945. When elements of two companies were receiving intense enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire on the Yaeju-Dake Escarpment, numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Reimann, a member of a litter squad, discovered the presence of three casualties twenty yards in the advance of the front lines. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he and the rest of the litter team dashed out in the area swept by enemy machine gun fire. Upon reaching the casualties, they dragged them behind a large lava rock. After being pinned down by fire for about an hour, they successfully completed the evacuation under cover of smoke. Private First Class Reimann's courageous action in the face of great physical danger to aid his comrades is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Floyd J. Robertson, 39933499, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 12 June 1945. When elements of two companies were receiving intense enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire on the Yacju-Dake Escarpment, numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Robertson, a member of a litter squad, discovered the presence of three casualties twenty yards in the advance of the front lines. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he and the rest of the litter team dashed out in the area swept by enemy machine gun fire. Upon reaching the casualties, they dragged them behind a large lava rock. After being pinned down by fire for about an hour, they successfully completed the evacuation under cover of smoke. Private First Class Robertson's courageous action in the face of great physical danger to aid his comrades is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

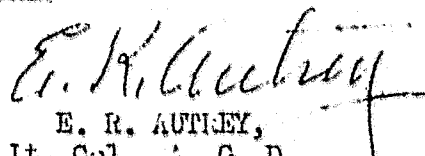
Private First Class Glenn C. L. Rodenmayer, 39729027, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 12 June 1945. When elements of two companies were receiving intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire on the Yacju-Dake Escarpment, numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Rodenmayer, a member of a litter squad, discovered the presence of three casualties twenty yards in the advance of the front lines. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he and the rest of the litter team dashed out in the area swept by enemy machine gun fire. Upon reaching the casualties, they dragged them behind a lava rock and administered first aid. After being pinned down by fire for about an hour, they successfully completed the evacuation under cover of smoke. Private First Class Rodenmayer's courageous action in the face of great danger to aid his comrades is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Isaac C. Ruckman, 35379619, 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. Staff Sergeant Ruckman, Section Leader of a Battalion Medical Section, repeatedly went forward beyond the assault companies under intense enemy sniper, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire to evacuate seriously wounded casualties. On one occasion he helped evacuate three litter patients at night from the peak of Maeda Escarpment while under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Staff Sergeant Ruckman's consistently superior work as section leader and surgical technician and his tireless efforts and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all the men of his unit.

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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 Report at 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 1 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain Willie J. Comstock, 01181845, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. While acting as Naval Gunfire Spotter with an advance company, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Comstock, after being wounded, personally led his unit which fought as Infantrymen against a strong enemy night counterattack which penetrated the lines to the company Command Post. He personally killed three of the attacking Japanese. The courage, initiative and exemplary conduct of Captain Comstock beyond the normal duties of Naval Gunfire Spotter reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George A. Garrison, 34821242, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. While supporting the Infantry's advance near Conical Hill, Private First Class Garrison severely wounded his arm in the recoil mechanism of a 75mm gun but despite heavy loss of blood and intense pain, he continued to perform his duties as cannoneer and radio operator for three hours, knowing that if he disclosed his injury, the withdrawal of his medium tank to evacuate him would weaken the fire power of his tank company. Private First Class Garrison's steadfast devotion to duty exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Stanley H. Huelskamp, 35031905, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sunabe, Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When an enemy aircraft dropped bombs, killing and wounding several men, and setting fire to an amphibian tractor around which they were sleeping, the fire caused machine gun ammunition and hand grenades, stored on the tractor, to start to explode, further endangering the life of a wounded man who was lying on the ground near the open ramp of the tractor. Despite the fact that there was no protection from the ammunition exploding within fifteen feet of the wounded man, Technician Fourth Grade Huelskamp, without regard for his personal safety, ran to him and moved him to safety. Technician Fourth Grade Huelskamp's action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph F. Kern, 32996063, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sunabe, Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When an enemy airplane dropped bombs killing and wounding several men and setting fire to the amphibian tractor around which they were sleeping, the fire caused small arms ammunition and hand grenades stored on the tractor, to start to explode, further endangering a wounded man who was lying on the ground near the open ramp of the tractor. Without regard for his personal safety, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth

Grade) Korn ran to the wounded man who was fully exposed to the ammunition exploding a few feet away and moved him to safety. Technician Fourth Grade Korn's action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Herbert D. Lowry, 35291076, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sunabe, Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When an enemy airplane dropped bombs, killing and wounding several men and setting fire to the amphibian tractor around which they were cleaning, the fire on the small arms ammunition and hand grenades exploded, further endangering the life of a wounded man who was lying near the open ramp of the tractor. Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade) Lowry, at the risk of his life, ran to the open ramp of the tractor, fully exposed to the ammunition which was exploding only a few feet away and moved the wounded man to safety. Technician Fourth Grade Lowry's action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert B. Lyons, 01315513, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. When intense enemy artillery and mortar fire had halted the advance of the Infantry, First Lieutenant Lyons on his own initiative and without regard for his personal safety, dismounted from his tank and advanced in the face of the continuing fire to determine the enemy position. Observing what appeared to be an enemy observation post, he returned to his unit and maneuvered his own tank and a flamethrower tank into an advantageous position to destroy the observation post. Due to his aggressive action, the enemy fire practically ceased, thus allowing the Infantry to advance without casualties. First Lieutenant Lyons' display of courage and coolness under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Joe T. Martin, 34476810, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Captain Clair L. Russell, 02924481, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sunabe, Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When a Japanese plane bombed the Battalion Motor Maintenance Area setting fire to an amphibian tractor in which he was sleeping, several men who were sleeping in or around the tractor were badly wounded and were further endangered by burning gasoline and exploding ammunition. Completely ignoring his own wounds and the imminent danger of further explosions, Captain Russell remained at the scene, rescuing men from the inferno and directing the evacuation of the remainder. Captain Russell's devotion to duty and disregard for his personal safety were an inspiration to all who were present and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 11, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Orval A. Albertson, 39C42939, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. When his tank became riddled in a shell hole, Private First Class Albertson, a bow gunner, without regard for his personal safety, dismounted into the direct line of enemy machine gun fire to hook a tow cable from another tank to his own immobilized vehicle. After successfully engineering the extrication, he placed a wounded infantryman in his seat in the tank while he himself returned to the lines on foot. Private First Class Albertson's heroic and unselfish act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Charles A. Bass, 39384029, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When a tank became immobilized in a tank trap, Sergeant Bass, in his own medium tank, moved forward to assist the disabled vehicle. Encountering rugged terrain, Sergeant Bass, with total disregard for his own safety, waded, and openly exposing himself to heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, pushed his tank two hundred and fifty yards forward. Due to the intensity of the enemy fire, it was necessary to seek cover several times, but he continued despite all odds. Upon reaching the tank trap, he further exposed himself to the enemy fire as he attached a tow cable to the stuck tank and supervised its extrication, thus permitting it to continue on its mission of close support to the Infantry. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Bass is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private Peter Brinko, 33917954, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When one of the men of his platoon was seriously wounded, Private Brinko, under heavy machine gun fire, climbed a fifteen foot coral cliff to reach the wounded man and move him to cover and then administered first aid. Seeing that the man was seriously wounded, he called for three volunteers to help carry the man to a forward aid station which was three hundred yards distant, half of which distance was under enemy observation and machine gun fire. Private Brinko and his three companions succeeded in evacuating the wounded man back down the precarious route and to the aid station in the shortest possible time with complete disregard for their own safety. His devotion to duty and the exceptional initiative he displayed reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Kenneth E. Goodman, 01010149, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. During an attack, Captain Goodman, a tank company commander supporting the Infantry, voluntarily left his position of safety and

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went forward across the hundred yards of open terrain which was swept by enemy sniper and automatic fire. He accomplished the only possible route forward for his tanks, in order that they might bring fire on the enemy positions. His heroic action allowed the tanks to move up and neutralize or destroy three enemy positions and was highly instrumental in the successful occupation of the objective shortly thereafter.

Private First Class John G. Lewis, 31906327, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ochi, Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When strong enemy opposition held up the advance of Infantry troops assaulting Ogline Ridge, positions were so close that supporting fire observed from the Okinawa Air Force became dangerous to friendly troops. Realizing this, the practical mortar observer team of which Private First Class Lewis was the radio operator, volunteered to cross an unsecured valley in order to reach the assault elements as quickly as possible. On the barren, steep slope of the ridge, Private First Class Lewis set up his radio and transmitted fire adjustments even though he was often subjected to enemy small arms fire in his exposed position. Due to his courage and persistent duty, Private First Class Lewis made possible the delivery of continuous mortar fire on the reverse slope of the ridge which pinned down the enemy and aided materially in securing the objective.

Private First Class Everett S. Sallabedra, 37529178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Koshi, Okinawa Island on 6 May 1945. The unit was forced to cease operation because of damage inflicted by a heavy enemy artillery barrage, a call was made for volunteers to carry a seriously wounded soldier to the aid station. Completely disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Sallabedra volunteered his services. At great personal risk, both from enemy and friendly fire, Private First Class Sallabedra succeeded in carrying the wounded man over six hundred yards of dangerous terrain and through a highly exposed pass to the aid station, despite the intense enemy mortar and artillery fire that continued to fall in the area. Due to the courage and initiative displayed by Private First Class Sallabedra in this situation, a safe evacuation was made possible and blood plasma was administered to the casualty without delay, thus saving his life. Private First Class Sallabedra's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant James E. Green, 0577916, Cavalry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 13 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Captain Augusto F. Flay, 0100640, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 15 August 1944 to 23 June 1945.

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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 military personnel:

First Lieutenant Bernard E. Gerling, O1014015, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a man near Davao, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 March 1945. First Lieutenant Gerling, in a display of unsurpassed courage and at great risk of life, dove from an LVT into a heavy surf and rip tide to assist in the rescue of several men who were in imminent danger of drowning. After a struggle of more than ten minutes in the heavy seas, First Lieutenant Gerling in company with one other man, brought two of the exhausted swimmers alongside the LVT and succeeded in getting both men aboard and though himself worn out by his fight against the rip tide, immediately administered artificial respiration which resulted in the saving of the life of one of the rescued men. This voluntary action by First Lieutenant Gerling was at great personal risk of life due to the immediate danger presented by the whirling tracks of the LVT as well as from that of the heavy surf and riptides.

Technician Fifth Grade Herman Herman, 33178420, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a man near Davao, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 20 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Herman in a display of unsurpassed courage and at great risk of life, dove from an LVT into a heavy surf and rip tide to assist in the rescue of several men who were in imminent danger of drowning. After a struggle of more than ten minutes in the heavy seas, Technician Fifth Grade Herman in company with one other man, brought two of the exhausted swimmers alongside the LVT and succeeded in getting both men aboard and though himself worn out by his fight against the rip tide, immediately administered artificial respiration which resulted in the saving of the life of one of the rescued men. This voluntary action by Technician Fifth Grade Herman was at great personal risk of life due to the immediate danger presented by the whirling tracks of the LVT as well as from that of the heavy surf and riptides.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Maxim Sosnowsky, 19177255, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 6 May 1945. When the unit of which he was a member was forced to cease operation because of damage inflicted by a heavy enemy artillery barrage, a call was made for volunteers to carry a seriously wounded soldier to the aid station. Completely disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Sosnowsky volunteered his services. At great personal risk, both from enemy and friendly fire, Private First Class Sosnowsky assisted in carrying the wounded men over six hundred yards of dangerous terrain and through a highly exposed path to the aid station, despite the intense concentration of enemy artillery that continued to fall in the area. Due to the prompt action of Private First Class Sosnowsky and the example set by him, a swift evacuation was made possible and blood plasma was administered to the casualty without delay, thus saving his life. Private First Class Sosnowsky's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Norman L. Thomas, 38272482, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an intense enemy artillery barrage was falling in one of our units' areas located on the outskirts of Futoma, a direct hit was made on a Marine 105mm howitzer killing four men and seriously wounding five others. Headless of the explosion, shells and his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Thomas, a dental technician, secured the volunteers and carried the casualties to the aid station. Assisting the Officer in charge of the aid station, Technician Fifth Grade Thomas administered emergency medical treatment to the seriously wounded men and successfully evacuated them to a rear installation. Had it not been for the heroic and unselfish efforts of Technician Fifth Grade Thomas, one of the casualties who had his leg amputated by an artillery shell would have died immediately.

Private First Class Edward Malone, 12072694, Infantry (Amphibious Force), United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. While attacking strong enemy positions, a medium tank was hit and set afire by an enemy anti-tank gun. Private First Class Malone, who was a tank gunner in another tank, upon observing the desperate plight of this tank crew and seeing that they all suffered wounds while attempting to extricate themselves, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, dismounted from his tank with two other men and went to their aid. Although one of the men who was only slightly wounded, was able to make his own way to the rear. Working under heavy enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire, Private First Class Malone dragged the remaining four wounded men up into his tank through the escape hatch in the floor and transported them back behind the front lines for medical aid. By his exemplary courage and coolness under fire, Private First Class Malone was instrumental in saving the lives of his comrades.

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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 3944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Master Sergeant James H. Berling, 15083647, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant William J. Cassard, 39387809, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Warren H. Clark, 01183039, Field Artillery, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade Thurston L. Duhon, 38260142, 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 1 June 1945.

Technician Third Grade Fred Fukushima, 37704412, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Major Louis B. Goldstein, 0331664, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 26 May 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles E. Graham, 36695777, Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Rudy Kawahara, 30106609, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 12 May 1945.

Master Sergeant Charles A. Kline, 36383284, 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 25 May 1945.

Sergeant John E. McGrath, Jr., 35156413, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

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Captain Donald L. Mulford, 0388019, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 May 1945 to 31 August 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Akira Ohori, 30104197, Counter-Intelligence Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Benjamin Polonsky, 01013037, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 May 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Lieutenant David H. Rafferty, 01017752, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Oliver G. Reichmann, 36430172, Ordnance 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 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Emmett F. Robbins, 19070188, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Sergeant Austin J. Schafroth, 35232019, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Philip L. Schuetzo, 38361722, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with preparation for and military operations against the enemy on Oahu, Leyte, and Okinawa Islands from 20 August 1944 to 20 July 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Paul H. Schwartz, 36177767, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Jerry C. Shine, 39182552, Infantry (Armored Force), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 22 May 1945 to 30 June 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 Officer:

Major Edward J. Dougherty, 0455029, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroism displayed at Yonabaru Beach, Okinawa Island on 14 July 1945. Observing a man who was in distress while swimming in deep water approximately a hundred yards away, Major Dougherty, with unhesitating courage, and at great risk to his own life, swam to his assistance. By strenuous exertion Major Dougherty was able to keep the man and himself afloat and swim back to safety. The heroism displayed by Major Dougherty reflects great upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, 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 John L. Nigro, 37704512, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders 421, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Private Floyd J. Robertson, 39933499, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Private Robertson was the only aid man remaining in his company during an attack on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment. Because of this he was occupied constantly in administering first aid when enemy sniper fire interrupted the company's advance, and caused additional casualties. Moving constantly in the open in order to reach the wounded, Private Robertson gave medical aid to the casualties until he himself was wounded in the arm. However, he continued treating other casualties before he sought aid in the rear area. His steadfast devotion to duty and the manner in which he accomplished his duties, with absolute disregard for his own personal safety were an inspiration to all the men who witnessed his deeds and heroism. Previous award per General Orders 673, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Sergeant Thomas F. Hickey, 36610247, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. When his section was pinned down by Japanese machine gun fire, Sergeant Hickey with total disregard for his own personal safety crawled two hundred yards under withering enemy machine gun fire to the right of the enemy position. His maneuver was enacted to draw the fire and the attention of the enemy; in order that the remainder of his section could assault the machine gun emplacement. When he succeeded in confusing the enemy, and as the section began moving forward, Sergeant Hickey then fearlessly continued to advance deeper into the enemy's flank. His outstanding courage and keen initiative were instrumental in the successful assault of the gun emplacement. Sergeant Hickey's heroic action and devotion to duty reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Theodore R. Spangler, C1011849, 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 30 June 1945.

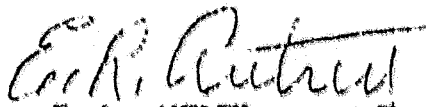
First Lieutenant Charles K. Smiley, Jr., O1011827, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 June 1945.

Sergeant Theodore Williams, 35261628, Infantry (Armored), 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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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant John G. Spielman, 37233026, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When a heavy enemy machine gun opened surprise fire on Staff Sergeant Spielman and his platoon leader, the platoon leader was seriously wounded. Although unaware of the location of the enemy gun, and knowing that he would expose himself unduly to enemy fire in any attempt to reach his platoon officer, Staff Sergeant Spielman unhesitatingly dashed from his place of cover across open terrain and administered first aid. While he was still with the wounded man, the enemy gun again opened fire on Staff Sergeant Spielman, mortally wounding him. Staff Sergeant Spielman's demonstration of bravery and loyalty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Alva Spielman, Mother, Route #2, Oskaloosa, Kansas.

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:

Sergeant Warren E. Daniels, 37620469, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During an enemy counterattack in the early hours of the morning, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Daniels exposed himself to his own men's fire as well as the enemy's fire in order to stop the advance of the enemy. In so doing, he disorganized the enemy attack in his sector and helped in the complete breaking down of the counter attack and routing the enemy. His superior devotion to duty and complete disregard for personal safety that his unit might benefit thereby, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Edward Jenkins, 37060602, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Jenkins was a rifle platoon sergeant acting as platoon leader when his company was engaged in an attack against strongly held Hisabaru Ridge. Gaining the top of the ridge, although suffering heavy casualties, Staff Sergeant Jenkins had his platoon dig in as a means of immediate occupancy. Suddenly an

enemy counterattack started. Being without any support, he issued instructions and then began firing an automatic rifle. He turned up. Then spotting an enemy machine gun, he killed the crew and the weapon on the enemy soldiers. Although wounded by mortar fire, Sergeant Jenkins refused to be evacuated but instead, kept firing until the enemy retreated. After he had consolidated his positions, they advanced once more, because of the amazing courage and extreme gallantry of Sergeant Jenkins, they were repulsed. His actions reflect great credit to the military service.

Sergeant Frank L. Young, 6572946, Infantry, United States Army, in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. When one of his platoons had fought desperately all day to reach their objective, Hill 19, and had secured the position, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack. Intense and accurate enemy mortar, machine, and rifle fire made all movement extremely hazardous, and casualties were mounting steadily. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Young, an automatic rifleman, willingly risked his life by moving across the forward slope of the hill in order to obtain an effective firing position against the enemy. Although exposed to heavy enemy fire, he maintained his position, threw hand grenades, fired his automatic rifle, and later directed both sixty millimeter and eighty one millimeter mortar fire. His unselfish devotion to duty, together with his bravery and calmness under fire accounted for twenty-seven enemy killed, the repulsing of the counterattack, the securing of the company objective and the elimination of the enemy in the town of Kanizato. The exceptional heroism and gallantry displayed by Sergeant Young was an inspiration to all the men who witnessed his actions and his demonstration of steadfast devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Troy S. Burk, 38271778, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a man from death by suffocation on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. When heavy rains caused a cave containing the Company Command Post to collapse on a radio operator, Staff Sergeant Burk, at great risk of life or serious injury, dug an air passage to the casualty and then placed his own body in a position to prevent further land sliding and directed the extrication. Staff Sergeant Burk's prompt action saved the life of the man and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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

Private First Class Cletus Adams, 38732497, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Private First Class Adams moved forward boldly and aggressively while the remainder of his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire to assault, seize, and hold with one automatic rifle a strongly held enemy position. In so performing this heroic action Private First Class Adams eliminated one machine gunner and several snipers. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Donald L. Bork, 36700636, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Bork was a squad leader in a rifle company when his company was engaged with the enemy on Hill 40 and were undergoing a strong enemy counterattack. Fearlessly and heroically, Staff Sergeant Bork led his squad out on the exposed forward slope. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Bork maneuvered his men, directed their fire, assisted in directing mortar and machine gun fire, and killed fourteen enemy himself. His devotion to duty, coolness under fire, and his disregard for personal safety, that his unit might accomplish its mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Troy E. Burk, 38271778, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa on 26 April 1945. When it was necessary to establish an Observation Post to observe mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Burk led a group of riflemen up a rocky crag in the face of enemy automatic and rifle fire. Upon reaching the top, his small group was confronted by a platoon of the enemy. Staff Sergeant Burk calmly directed his men and they were responsible for killing half of the enemy group and driving the others away. Despite harassing enemy fire, he maintained his Observation Post and effectively directed mortar fire, driving another enemy platoon from their positions, destroying three machine guns, and preparing the way for the advance that evening. His heroic actions in the face of overwhelming odds is exemplary of the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Carlos F. Candelaria, 39597788, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. As a messenger in a company headquarters, Private First Class Candelaria volunteered his services as a litter bearer and, in the face of almost certain death, helped remove the wounded and one dead from the field of battle. The route of evacuation was over nearly two hundred yards of open terrain covered by an intense concentration of enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Private First Class Candelaria's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Merle Clifton, 37712137, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. Private First Class Clifton, acting as second scout, was with an assault platoon on Madeera Ridge. Although his company was drawing intense enemy sniper fire from the front after they had taken their objective and had begun to dig in, Private First Class Clifton, with absolute disregard for his own personal safety, moved out in front of the company in order to obtain a point of vantage from which he could eliminate this heavy sniper fire. Although exposed to the enemy, he observed their positions and opened fire, killing three and dispersing the others. It was a direct consequence of his heroic act that the company was able to dig in securely for the night. Private First Class Clifton remained in position, firing at the enemy until he himself was seriously wounded. His heroism and courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

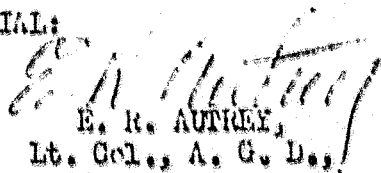
Private First Class Edgar W. Collins, 3669558, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When an enemy machine gun stopped the assault of his company on well defended Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Collins eliminated the position with the aid of two men who covered him by fire. On his own initiative, with the enemy gun firing from approximately one hundred yards on his left, he crawled and ran until within grenade range where he knocked out the position. Private First Class Collins' devotion to duty and utter disregard for his personal safety that his unit might benefit thereby reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles D. Clawson, 37752091, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Private First Class Clawson, a first scout in a predawn attack moved ahead boldly and aggressively with steadfast devotion to duty. In an engagement with an enemy force of approximately one company strength, Private First Class Clawson had a pistol duel with a Japanese officer, killing him and three others. The remaining enemy fled into the cave pursued by Private First Class Clawson, who killed two more of their number. Due to his devotion to duty and disregard for his own safety, the platoon of which he was a member, was able to secure cover and effective firing positions aimed at the entrance to the cave. It was only as a result of the heroism displayed by him that the platoon was able to secure cover, and anti-tank fire brought to bear upon the cave. Such courageousness and valor reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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NUMBER 681AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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

Technical Sergeant William S. Dentino, 36429375, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. When his platoon, supported by heavy enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire, Technical Sergeant (Sergeant) Dentino, a rifle platoon sergeant, voluntarily rearing an exposed position at the landing tank in order to direct fire on the enemy positions. When the terrain prohibited the tank from going into position to fire on another known enemy installation, Technical Sergeant Dentino, without regard for his own personal safety, led six of his men in an assault on the position and reduced it with grenades and rifle fire. His heroic actions and courageous leadership was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Paul A. Hartley, 37706145, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Sergeant Hartley was assistant leader of a rifle squad during a heavy enemy night counterattack on Kakazu Ridge. His squad ran low on ammunition and despite heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and the risk of moving above ground at night, Sergeant Hartley crawled to the company supply point for the vitally needed ammunition. Although wounded on the initial trip, he made two additional trips and refused to leave the scene of action until the counterattack had been successfully repulsed. Sergeant Hartley's heroism and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Kenneth Jeffress, 36861790, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When a company was dug in on Kaeju-Dako Escarpment the enemy's last stronghold, the mission of the company was to secure positions on this heavily fortified ridge. At the start of the advance, the company was pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Jeffress, seeing the his squad leader had been hit, took command of the squad and maneuvered it into a more advantageous position. Locating the enemy machine gun, he took a satchel charge, approached the position, and, after coming to within fifty yards of the enemy pillbox, found that he must finish his advance without cover. Rushing boldly forward, and firing as he ran, he pinned down the enemy and threw two hand grenades which killed three of the enemy machine gunners. A fourth enemy rushed from the position and was shot by Private First Class Jeffress. He then sealed the cave, destroyed the gun and returned to his squad and led them forward with the rest of the company until the ridge was taken.

Second Lieutenant James B. Johnson, 01331738, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Johnson, a weapons platoon

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leader, voluntarily took command of a rifle platoon which had lost its platoon leader, and continued the attack. During the ensuing fight, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he directed a litter team and evacuated two seriously wounded men under the cover of smoke, although under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Before he was able to evacuate a third man, he personally eliminated the machine gun position and its occupants. As a result of the heroism and courage displayed by Second Lieutenant Johnson, not only was the attack carried to a successful conclusion, but three serious casualties were able to be evacuated and subsequently saved. Second Lieutenant Johnson's actions under these hazardous conditions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Bruce O. Marshall, 30229086, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Technician Fifth Grade Marshall made as many as six to eight trips a day for a five day period carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to the front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire and several times Technician Fifth Grade Marshall was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of the personal risk involved he never failed in his mission. The result of his accomplishments were of much importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Staff Sergeant Lee E. Moore, 38272849, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Acting platoon sergeant in a rifle platoon, Staff Sergeant Moore was assigned as liaison man with a platoon of attached tanks as his platoon assaulted a hill five hundred yards south of Tarara. When two enemy heavy machine guns opened up on the tank, Staff Sergeant Moore was guiding through open terrain, he refused to leave his post and kept directing the tanks forward. One hundred yards from the objective he was hit by enemy machine gun fire. He tried to go on but unable to because of his wound. He refused to go to the rear however, and stayed in the area leading his men forward until they had taken the objective. His heroic action was an inspiration to his men and a credit to the military service.

Private First Class Guadalupe Valenzuela, 39148614, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When under heavy assault fire, preparatory to, and during a counterattack, which consisted of intense barrages of artillery and mortar and voluminous small arms fire, Private First Class Valenzuela, without benefit of a firing position, worked to set up and singlehandedly man his machine gun. He manned his gun for over four hours, returning the enemy small arms fire with continuous fire from his own gun. Private First Class Valenzuela met the attacking troops with accurate and continuous fire from his gun until it was knocked out by the enemy. He then picked up a BAR from a casualty and continued to man his position. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 11, Bulletin No. 3, War Relocation Authority) contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations) as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star is awarded to the following personnel:

Sergeant Virgil H. Staples, 38291107, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Staples was ordered to lead his patrol over and rugged terrain against an enemy machine gun which occupied the position of his unit. He moved the patrol boldly and successfully in locating the well dug in enemy position. With utter disregard for his safety, Sergeant Staples moved forward into an exposed position and threw hand grenades into the emplacement. In so doing, he was wounded by a grenade. Despite his wounds, Sergeant Staples remained in the exposed position and used several more grenades, and eliminated all enemy in the position. He then called for a satchel charge and blew the position to prevent its being reoccupied. Sergeant Staples' actions were an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Arthur J. Swanson, 01307374, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 June 1945. Captain Swanson commanded a rifle company in a battalion which had just attained the summit of Baker Hill, when the enemy launched a fierce counterattack, supported by artillery and mortar fire. He, unmindful of his own personal safety, crawled to a position from which he had observation of the attacking forces, although he personally was exposed to hostile fire. With unflinching courage he personally directed supporting artillery and mortar fire on the enemy strong points. In the face of this accurate barrage the enemy were forced to retreat, and the Hill was consequently secured. Captain Swanson's display of heroism in the face of the enemy was the instrumental factor in repulsing the enemy counter attack, and in enabling his company to secure its objective and the battalion to retain the strategic hill.

Private First Class Herbert Woodring, 39223679, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Private First Class Woodring was a platoon radio operator in a rifle company when the company was pinned down by enemy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire in their attempt to gain a foothold on Yaezu-Dako emplacement. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Woodring, moving forward killed two of the enemy and assisted in destroying the enemy machine gun position. Still exposed to the enemy, he made his way to another cave from which mortar gun fire was continuing and personally accounted for all of the enemy and the marking fire, thus enabling the company to move forward and secure its objective. Private First Class Woodring's bravery and coolness under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

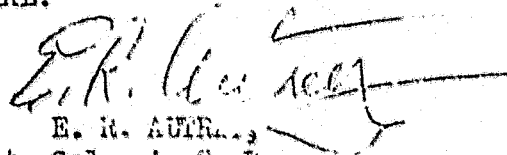
Private First Class Robert G. Bryson, 39101064, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. During a strong enemy counter-attack in the vicinity of Kaniku, Private First Class Bryson, a company aid man, singlehandedly evacuated a wounded man from the front of an occupied enemy pill-box. In doing so he was wounded by mortar fragments, and although suffering from his wounds, he continued to administer first aid to the wounded and cared for fifteen casualties during the attack, ceasing only when he himself became unconscious through loss of blood. Private First Class Bryson's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 287, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant William B. Dentino, 36429375, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When the enemy fired with devastating effect from the rear on the assault platoons, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Dentino, as platoon leader of a support platoon, without hesitation or consideration for his own personal safety, led half of a squad forward to an exposed position and destroyed two of the positions which were preventing the evacuation of casualties. When the order came for withdrawal from the position Technical Sergeant Dentino held his platoon in position until the remainder of the company cleared, although by this time, his platoon had become the target for intense knee-mortar and grenade fire. His fearless leadership, courage under fire, and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 681, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 September 1945.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Staff Sergeant William E. Reeder, 38300514, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When the squad of which Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Reeder was a member, was pinned down by enemy machine gun and knee mortar fire, he, without any regard for his personal safety, crawled to an exposed position. He located an enemy knee mortar and began throwing hand grenades, exposing himself each time he threw. Exhausting his supply, he called for more and in the next ten minutes, threw over fifty grenades, many traveling more than fifty yards. When this supply was exhausted, he picked up a BAR and opened fire on an enemy machine gun position. His daring action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class William A. Uhrich, 37573257, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When one of his comrades was struck down while attempting to establish communications with the harassed forward elements of the company, Private First Class Uhrich, a messenger, without regard for his personal safety, ran across a thirty-five yard clearing and dragged the casualty to cover. Finding him dead, he took up the company radio having full knowledge that his route was covered by intense enemy fire, and without hesitation attempted to move to his company's position. After moving a few yards he was seriously wounded, yet he continued forward and refused aid until he had pointed out the enemy location. His personal bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Lyle C. Venter, 37691210, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When his squad leader and six men were wounded by enemy mortar fire, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Venter, with no regard for his own safety, crossed broad open ground covered by heavy enemy fire to aid and assist in evacuating the wounded. When all the wounded were evacuated, he reorganized his squad and led it back into the attack with high efficiency. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul K. Wilkison, 36544622, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying party, Private First Class Wilkison made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to the front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire and several times Private First Class Wilkison was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. This was the only possible way of getting supplies through to his unit, and in spite of personal risk involved he never failed in his mission. The result of Private First Class Wilkison's accomplishments were of much importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Private First Class Edward W. Witkowske, 36470893, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Private First Class Witkowske was a platoon radio man in a rifle company when it was assaulting Hill 49, which was a heavily fortified enemy stronghold. During the assault to the top of the hill Private First Class Witkowske personally accounted for two enemy machine gun nests and at least seven enemy soldiers with hand grenades and satchel charges. Seeing that his radio was damaged beyond repair, Private First Class Witkowske returned to the Company Command Post, under intense enemy fire, and, after securing a new radio, again made the hazardous trip to his platoon, utterly disregarding his own safety. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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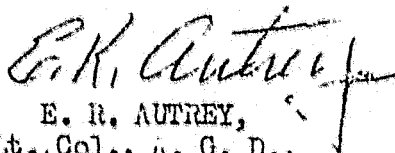
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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.

Sergeant Earl J. Fouts, 19175455, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. When the forward elements of his company were pinned down by enemy automatic and rifle fire, and enemy mortars were harassing the assault troops, as well as the 60 mm mortar squad, Sergeant Fouts, fearing for the safety of his men, ordered them to seek protective positions while he continued alone to operate the mortar in an attempt to neutralize the small arms fire of the enemy. When an enemy mortar shell had set his ammunition dump afire, Sergeant Fouts, with his bare hands threw sand on the burning ammunition canisters and quickly removed them from the dump. His quick action saved many lives in the company which was emplaced near the dump. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 11, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-15 (decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 21 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

First Sergeant Thomas L. Berry, 15042718, 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 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant John P. Eger, 38213087, 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 1 July 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Herbert C. Kendall, 34762787, 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 1 July 1945.

Captain Clarence T. Lewing, 01101542, 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 30 October 1944 and from 19 February 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Paul R. Locke, 37306422, 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 1 July 1945.

Captain Robert E. Miller, 01101727, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 March 1945 to 30 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Frederick G. Ohland, 01107004, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 18 March 1945 to 30 March 1945.

Master Sergeant Ira I. Fugh, 37000866, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 August 1944 to 22 June 1945 on Leyte and Okinawa Islands.

Private First Class Grady H. Calder, 38635439, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. Private First Class Calder, scout in a rifle platoon, advanced upon an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance of his unit and, with hand grenades, kept the enemy effectively pinned down and unable to fire. This enabled a demolition squad to approach the crew and seal it. Private First Class Calder's courage was inspirational to all those near him and his action was instrumental in saving many lives.

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Private First Class Howard Cranklet, 3234001, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 and 27 April 1945. Acting squad leader in a rifle platoon, Private First Class Cranklet, with complete disregard for his own safety, on two different occasions, crawled to firing positions covered by heavy enemy rifle and mortar fire and with a brilliant display of ability and courage, he killed eighteen of the enemy and wounded numerous others. His heroic and aggressive actions greatly aided in the reduction of casualties in his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William F. Deal, Jr., 33662365, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. When his squad suffered heavy casualties as a result of enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Deal took command, aided the wounded, and then, with great courage for his own safety, dashed one hundred yards through heavy enemy fire for 200 yards to the aid of the squad. Upon his return, when the increased volume of enemy fire rendered it impossible for the squad to advance, he unhesitatingly faced the enemy fire to lead the squad to the sea which provided cover and protective fire during the operation. His heroic actions and aggressive leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Dean E. McMurchie, 17155966, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. When the advance of his company was halted, Private First Class McMurchie volunteered to take his machine gun across the open ground covered by enemy mortar and machine gun fire to deliver fire on the enemy so that the company might advance. As he dashed across the open ground, an enemy light machine gun opened fire on him. The bullets ricocheted off the machine gun he was carrying on his shoulder, one hitting him in the neck causing him to stagger, however, he continued running forward. The enemy gun fired again, this time wounding him in the left leg and knocking him down. Undaunted, he was still determined to get his gun into position. Under heavy sniper fire, he crawled forward and with the ammunition that was thrown to him, loaded his gun and began firing on any target he saw. The blanket of fire he laid down covered his company and enabled the company to advance. His heroic actions and fortitude reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 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 Bruce E. Bowles, 39215789, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Bowles was the first man to reach the top of a small hill during an attack. There, he suddenly met a small counterattack by the enemy and was cut off from the rest of his platoon for twenty minutes, during which time he held his important objective alone with his BAR and hand grenades. He personally accounted for killing at least twenty of the enemy, despite the fact that he was repeatedly wounded by enemy grenade fragments. His gallant actions against overwhelming odds, insured the success of the attack and prevented the enemy from gaining the top of the hill from which they would undoubtedly have inflicted heavy casualties among our troops. His courage and tenacity, even when sorely wounded, were admired by all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Norman F. Bakberg, 37313140, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. At great risk of his own life and on his own initiative, Private First Class Bakberg led a section of his squad against a fortified cave which tank and flame thrower fire had failed to neutralize. Met by enemy grenades and demolition charges, he proceeded to the mouth of the cave into which he hurled a demolition charge, destroying the cave and its occupants. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald J. Camp, 38585146, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Private First Class Camp's alert operation of his unit under fire so successfully hold up an enemy counterattack that strategically important terrain was held and many casualties to our troops prevented. His

deliberate and courageous action under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert W. Halsey, 39597189, 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 Halsey, a scout in a rifle platoon, although painfully wounded in the shoulder, courageously dragged a wounded comrade forty yards to cover through an intense knee mortar barrage. His heroic actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

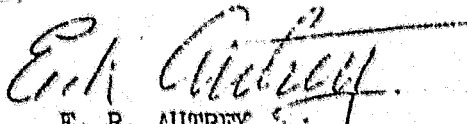
Private First Class Joseph L. Micok, 36700490, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. As an acting rifle squad leader, Private First Class Micok voluntarily and without obligation exposed himself to a heavy concentration of mortar and machine gun fire by climbing to the top of a high rock to observe enemy gun positions. He succeeded although narrowly escaped being wounded by direct machine gun fire. Private First Class Micok then volunteered to go to the company command post and bring the forward observer of the mortar section back. He did this, covering two hundred yards of terrain which offered little cover and which was under a constant hail of mortar shell fragments. He returned over this same dangerous ground with the forward observer, whom he took to the vantage point and with the information thus gained, the mortar section knocked out two machine guns and silenced enough mortars to enable the company to resume the attack and successfully secure its sector of Needle Point Ridge. His heroic action and high sense of duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John T. Nowell, 11121726, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. While under direct observation by the enemy and subjected to point blank rifle and machine gun fire, Private First Class Nowell attempted to go to the aid of a man struck down about one hundred yards out while attempting to silence an enemy machine gun. Several times he was almost forced to turn back by the intense volume of enemy fire, but with utter disregard for his own safety, he continued darting from cover to cover until he reached the casualty. With cool determination, he dragged the casualty to cover, only to find him dead. Again he faced the enemy fire to return to the lines and continue in the attack. His heroic, unselfish action in the face of adverse conditions, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section I, 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, 27 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Willie E. Dunn, 32670511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Sergeant Dunn held an exposed position alone with disregard to enemy mortar fire in order to protect his men who were seeking shelter from a barrage in a tomb. He killed a total of five of the enemy when they attempted twice to destroy the tomb with grenades and satchel charges. His courage in the holding of his exposed position alone was responsible for saving the lives of the men in his squad and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant William D. Forsythe, 37035933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Staff Sergeant Forsythe made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water and ammunition to the front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy observation and he was pinned down by sniper and mortar fire several times for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never once failed to make the trip whenever necessary and to accomplish his mission. The result of Staff Sergeant Forsythe's accomplishments were of such importance in keeping front line troops supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Technician Fifth Grade Seymour Hoffman, 38222705, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Technician Fifth Grade Hoffman made as many as six to eight trips a day for the five day period, carrying rations, water and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire and several times Technician Fifth Grade Hoffman was pinned down for a period of thirty minutes or more at a time. In spite of personal risk of life involved, he never failed in his mission. The results of Technician Fifth Grade Hoffman's accomplishments were of such importance in keeping front line troops supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Technical Sergeant John Warrinski, 6561980, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During an attack against the enemy, Technical Sergeant Warrinski exposed himself repeatedly to urge on his men in the fierce and bloody struggle for Kakazu Ridge. He led the initial movement against this highly stratified and well defended fortification, undaunted by the murderous enemy machine gun and rifle fire and a hail of artillery and mortar shells, one of which hit so near that he was knocked down and stunned. He refused to be evacuated and by exercise of great will power remained in the thick of battle bringing up his men a few

at a time to hard won positions. In one of these dashes over extremely open terrain, which was the only avenue of approach to bring forward the men, Technical Sergeant Varrinski was seriously wounded by automatic rifle fire. The heroic and determined actions of Technical Sergeant Varrinski reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Sergeant James C. Knight, 3572578, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 June 1945. When one of his men was wounded as a result of intense enemy snipe and machine gun fire, Sergeant Knight left his covered position and ran across open terrain to reach the wounded man. He dragged the casualty into a small ditch where he rendered first aid and then carried the man on his back through enemy fire to a point where the litter squad could evacuate him. His brave and unselfish loyalty to his men was responsible for saving the man's life and exemplified the highest ideals of leadership. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Staff Sergeant Albert A. Hirschberg, 33341122, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Hirschberg exposed himself to enemy artillery fire on Sugar Hill north of Yanabara, when he went to the aid of several wounded men of his rifle platoon. They had been breaking down rations in front of the command post when several large caliber artillery shells landed close by. Staff Sergeant Hirschberg rushed out to the men and began bandaging their wounds, meanwhile calling out for litter bearers. He continued to take care of the wounded men until he himself was seriously wounded by shell fragments and had to be evacuated. His act of heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

✓ Sergeant Preston H. Purdise, 33293621, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. On his own initiative, Sergeant Purdise attacked an enemy sand alone. To accomplish his mission, he had to return to his lines for ammunition, twice crossing open ground under heavy enemy small arms and grenade fire. Armed with his BAR, he succeeded in annihilating the enemy band of fourteen men. His heroic 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. 7419, 4 February 1945 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 1, 27 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Pollar E. Amey, 3829123, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Amey exposed himself deliberately to enemy hand grenades and rifle fire from a cave to protect two of his men who had been seriously wounded by the cave entrance. He attacked the cave single-handedly with grenades and his rifle, and succeeded in killing three enemy soldiers before he himself was seriously wounded by enemy rifle and grenade fire. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant William T. Allen, 13373547, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When under heavy assault fire, preparatory to and during a counterattack which consisted of intense artillery and mortar barrages and concentrated small arms fire, Sergeant (then Private first class) Allen, with complete disregard for his own personal safety and on his own initiative, single-handedly set up and for several hours pointed his light machine gun against continuous small arms and knee mortar fire which attempted to neutralize his position. Without aid of a dug-in position, he gave the enemy constant fire until forced to leave his gun because of wounds inflicted upon him by enemy action. His conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Donald T. Bartram, 39340993, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa on 23 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Bartram, acting squad leader in a rifle platoon, at the risk of his own life went to the aid of a wounded comrade, who was delirious from shock, and forcibly kept him from exposing himself to enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Bartram was wounded himself while performing this deed, but he remained in the field for forty minutes and by crawling and forcibly guiding his companion, evacuated him over one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain which was under continuous and heavy enemy mortar fire. Staff Sergeant Bartram's heroic action was an inspiration to all who saw it and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Andrew A. Burns, 36610937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During a night counterattack by the enemy, Sergeant (then Private first class) Burns, and a radio operator volunteered to occupy an open position on exposed high ground from which he had observation over the entire area. He remained there despite mortar and small arms fire. Several of the enemy infiltrated through the lines and were nearing the company command post. With the use of hand grenades and his carbine, Sergeant Burns killed five and wounded two of the enemy. After the counterattack was successfully repulsed, he joined

A group of riflemen in an attack which accounted for several more enemy dead. Sergeant Burns' courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant, Paul R. Crocker, 34395840, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. When his company was withdrawing a heavy mortar barrage was suffering heavy casualties, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant) Crocker in order better to observe and direct the company's mortar section, moved to a position which offered little cover from enemy sniper and mortar fire. Observing attacking enemy troops, he remained in his exposed position to direct mortar fire on them and later moved to another position, which was under intermittent artillery fire, to observe and direct mortar fire. His fire neutralized an enemy machine gun position and kept our troops as they attempted to consolidate their positions. He remained at his post under a heavy artillery barrage directing fire so accurately that all units were able to set up their holding positions and insure the success of the company's mission. Technical Sergeant Crocker's account reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Ernest T. Davis, 38390172, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Davis, assistant squad leader in a rifle platoon, volunteered his services as a litter bearer, took charge of the volunteer group, and in the face of devastating enemy fire, removed the bodies of three wounded and carried them from the field of battle. The route of transportation was over ground which meant the littered yards from cover and was made difficult under an intensive concentration of enemy sniper and machine gun fire. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant James S. Devoe, 34377175, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. During a daylight attack, Staff Sergeant Devoe, a rifle squad leader, was seriously wounded along with four of his men by enemy mortar shell. Despite his own wounds and with complete disregard for his own safety, he stayed in the field, the wounds of his men, continued to direct fire against the enemy, and helped evacuate the other casualties. Only when all of his men had reached safety and upon order of the supervisor, did he consent to have his wounds dressed and leave the field of battle. Staff Sergeant Devoe's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BENJAMIN

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9179, 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 Kenneth E. Poe, 34932155, 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 Poe, a rifleman, by exposing himself to enemy sniper and mortar fire, was able to fire on two enemy machine guns which kept them out of action for a period of eight minutes and allowed elements of his company to knock them out with grenades. He then courageously helped the successful withdrawal of his company by taking charge of and supervising the evacuation of five wounded and one dead man while under heavy mortar fire. Private First Class Poe's courage and resourcefulness were an inspiration to the men of his unit and exemplify the finest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Frank J. Folesel, 16000063, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the first report of an enemy counterattack came, Private First Class Folesel took a position on top of a tomb with no protection, to prevent the infiltrating enemy from firing on the 60mm mortar section. When he saw four of the enemy attempting to reach the mortar emplacements, he opened fire killing one, and then was struck in the eye by a fragment from an enemy grenade. Despite the great pain and loss of vision, he did not falter or fall back from his precarious position even in the face of overwhelming odds. He continued firing, driving the remaining enemy away, protecting the mortar section, and saving the life of a comrade who had fallen nearby. His heroic action, fortitude, and devotion to duty are a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Homer W. Reynolds, 34622446, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. On his own initiative, Private First Class Reynolds attacked alone a fortified cave from which the enemy was firing on his platoon. Headless of enemy grenades and rifle fire, he closed with them using his grenades and his rifle. Entering the cave, he killed those that remained alive of the original five enemy soldiers. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul S. Sether, 37572713, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During a night counterattack by the enemy, Private First Class Sether was standing guard outside a burial tomb containing the company command post when a group of fifteen enemy soldiers attacked the tomb with grenades and small arms. He first warned the occupants and then without hesitation took an exposed position on top of the tomb and opened fire with his carbine. He killed three of the enemy before their fire forced him down. Covered by the fire of the men now outside the tomb, he courageously returned to his former position,

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killing another of the enemy before they were driven off. Despite heavy mortar fire he maintained his position until daybreak when he volunteered for a patrol to clear out the remnants of the enemy still in the perimeter. His heroism, courage, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roy Swartin, Jr., 36700576, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Swartin, a rifleman, crawled to the aid of a wounded man during darkness when the aid men were unable to reach him because of enemy infiltration. He then returned to his own position, killing one of the enemy near the platoon command post. During the rest of the night, he held his position against the infiltrating enemy and personally killed six of them. His action required much personal courage and was responsible for saving the life of the wounded man. His actions reflect credit upon his platoon's ability to hold their positions during the night and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward Tushnet, 3670471, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. When two platoons of his company were pinned down by an intense mortar barrage as they advanced against heavily defended Cause Hill and suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class Tushnet, realizing when the 536 radio failed to transmit and that a wire had to be laid between the observation post and the mortar section in order that a covering fire for the evacuation of casualties could be laid down, exposed himself to intense sniper and mortar fire to accomplish this mission. Upon reaching the observation post he observed a wounded man in need of medical attention. On his own initiative he improvised a litter and with the help of two other soldiers carried the man to an aid station under heavy mortar fire and over difficult terrain.

Private First Class Alfred Valton, 37535013, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. During one of the counterattacks by the enemy, Private First Class Valton, on the extreme left flank of his company, first sighted the enemy, opened fire, and warned his company. When wounded by enemy fire, he gave aid to his wounded comrades, returned fire, killing four of the enemy, and refused to leave his position until his company was oriented and the attack repulsed. His heroic and unselfish action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11,119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 2, 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 Herman A. Buryear, 38291532, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. While under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, a heavy volume of small arms fire, and faced by infiltrating enemy troops, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Buryear, despite his relatively exposed position, continued to man his machine gun single-handedly for four hours, delivering devastating fire into the ranks of the enemy. He annihilated the crew of an enemy machine gun and finally neutralized the weapon which manned the old station and mortar positions. His unwavering defense of an almost untenable position reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Robert S. Lichter, 38749759, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. During a daylight attack, Staff Sergeant Lichter, rifle squad leader, was seriously wounded by an enemy sniper, while directing the fire of a light tank. When enemy machine gun and artillery fire became intense, on his own initiative, he ordered his men to take cover behind the tank and deliberately exposed himself to the enemy fire to discover their positions and destroy them by tank fire. Before he was struck down, he destroyed the two enemy machine guns and three snipers which were causing numerous casualties within the company. Staff Sergeant Lichter's heroic and sacrificing action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Doris Demore, 38270002, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. During a heavy barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire, Sergeant Demore left the security of his position to take a more exposed one to observe the enemy. At this time, the enemy launched a counter-attack in force, but despite the small arms fire directed at him, he held his position and fired into the ranks of the enemy with devastating effect. He held his position until the attack was repulsed, and is known to have killed nine of the enemy and wounded several more. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Lloyd C. Lutherford, 36272748, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. When his squad was unable to take a fortified cave by direct assault, Sergeant Lutherford went to a rear position at great personal risk for a flame thrower tank. The constant threat of enemy snipers, he advanced ahead of the tank, directing it to the difficult enemy position. Directing his men to cover positions, and with the aid of the tank, he succeeded in silencing the enemy fire. Then, alone, with his rifle and grenades he advanced to the cave

Private Marvin Kane, 37573282, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private Kane was thrown at him, completely neutralized the enemy position. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Robert W. Siefert, 37573282, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Siefert left his covered position during an enemy counterattack and crawled to an exposed position from which he could observe the enemy. He held this position throughout an enemy knee mortar barrage and directed the successful defense of his platoons position. He directed the grenade throwing of his men to the best advantage and personally accounted for many of the enemy. His heroic action and outstanding qualities of leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Lloyd W. Tomcol, 36534066, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When heavy casualties had been inflicted on his company by the infiltrating enemy, who had succeeded in setting up an automatic weapon and were throwing knee mortar shells and hand grenades into our positions, Sergeant Tomcol volunteered to evacuate a wounded comrade who was unable to move to the aid station. This necessitated crawling under enemy machine gun fire with the wounded man. On his return to his position, Sergeant Tomcol was wounded by a knee mortar shell thrown at him by the enemy. This caused him to suffer a broken leg and left him in a partially exposed position. Fearing for his men's lives, he ordered them not to risk their lives to save him and then bound his broken leg to his carbine with his wrist belt and crawled to the aid station. His heroic actions, courage, and fortitude reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Herbert A. Testenson, 37316446, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Testenson volunteered to lead a mortar squad to assist forward elements of his company which had been pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and automatic fire, only to be pinned down himself. Without regard for his own safety in the face of heavy enemy fire, he crawled one hundred and twenty-five yards with his mortar to set it up in a defiladed position. Diligently exposing himself to enemy mortar positions, he acted both as squad leader and gunner, and succeeded in destroying an enemy knee mortar and two machine guns, permitting the troops to advance and attack with high success and minimum casualties. His bravery in the face of enemy fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Joel A. Carpenter, 39935690, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Private First Class Carpenter made as many as ten to eight trips daily, carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to the front line troops. The only available route was under enemy sniper and mortar fire and several times Private First Class Carpenter was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. This was the only possible way of getting supplies through to his unit, and in spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of Private First Class Carpenter's accomplishments were of great importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Private First Class Elwood H. Cartmel, 39729011, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. As a linesman in the communications section of a signal company, Private First Class Cartmel voluntarily risked his communications between the second platoon and the company command post by running out on an open road under observation and fire from strong enemy positions three hundred yards to the front and splicing a wire which had been cut by tanks. In the process the wire was snatched and fire kicked up the dust around him. When he finished his task he had started to take cover in a nearby culvert he discovered a Japanese soldier near the culvert. He threw a grenade and killed the soldier. For heroic action Private First Class Cartmel is credited to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter F. Cooner, 98635392, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When his company was hit by an enemy machine gun, Private First Class Cooner located the gun and intentionally exposed himself to returned fire in order to silence the enemy gun. This action enabled a demolition crew to approach the enemy gun and destroy it. Private First Class Cooner's action required much personal courage and initiative. His conduct was a credit to himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Kenneth J. Douthitt, 01337283, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. As a platoon officer of the signal company, First Lieutenant Douthitt occupied a command position subjected to enemy snail shells and mortar bombs from 0420 to 0530, and successfully directed an enemy machine gun force of six men who were ordered to destroy the company command post.

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mand post with explosives. At 0530, with complete disregard for his own safety, he personally led an assault against the infiltrators and eliminated the group. As a result of his courageous actions, several lives and vital communications installations were saved.

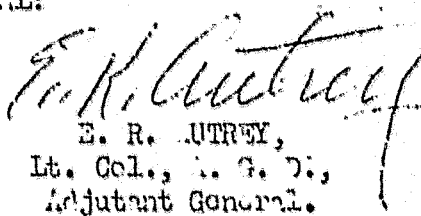
Private First Class Richard G. Hagyard, 30471201, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During a tactical night counterattack by the enemy, Private First Class Hagyard, with utter disregard for his own safety, took a position on top of the slab in which the platoon command post was located. In this position he killed one enemy and drove away the remaining three of the group. He then volunteered to go to an even more exposed position to attempt to locate enemy mortar positions. Despite the heavy fire, he moved up and drove off the enemy with his M3 submachine gun in one hand while still operating his 536 radio. When a second enemy group forced him to withdraw to a more secure position, despite the enemy mortar barrage and small arms fire, he continued his valuable observations until daybreak. His heroic actions, devotion to duty and tenacity, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Melvin J. Juric, 01690909, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During a night counterattack by the enemy, Second Lieutenant Juric, a rifle platoon leader, voluntarily left his own position and redisposed his men to effectively defend his sector. Then, with his carbine and hand grenades, he attacked a group of the enemy who had infiltrated and killed five and wounded three. As soon as this was completed he made three trips over one hundred yards of rough terrain to evacuate casualties to a position of safety. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph E. Kollogg, 37355813, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Risking his own life to save two mortar men who were furnishing the company flares, Private First Class Kollogg, disregarding his own safety, moved to an exposed position to keep the infiltrating enemy from the mortar men. Realizing it would endanger our own men to use a rifle, he threw a grenade at extremely close range knowing that he would be unable to take cover. Though seriously wounded, he called to the company and men not to attempt to come to his position as it was under enemy fire. He held his exposed position and refused evacuation until his squad leader was able to come forward. His heroic actions and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9439, 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:

Sergeantloyd M. Sassaman, 36405019, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When an enemy mortar attack began, Sergeant Sassaman awoke the men in his squad, who were in a burial tomb for protection from enemy fire, and then returned to his position on an exposed flank, assuming the job of rifleman, his regular job being that of a squad leader in a light machine gun section. Disregarding his own safety, he held this position against the enemy. He killed two of the enemy who attempted to get through to the mortar section, and then was seriously wounded by an enemy hand grenade. After holding his position for about an hour despite his wounds, he called for aid. First aid could not be given him because of his exposed position without endangering the life of the aid man, so Sergeant Sassaman, although wounded seriously in both legs and weak from loss of blood, crawled slowly out of his position and eventually, through heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, made his way to the aid station. His heroic actions and fortitude in the face of the enemy, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class J. A. Smith, 38532616, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. As a MAT man in a rifle platoon, Private First Class Smith ran to an exposed position on Yakuza Ridge and although under heavy small arms fire, was able to kill seven of the enemy and wound several others. When the counterattack was repulsed, Private First Class Smith ran out under heavy enemy mortar fire to recover the body of one of his comrades, which he brought back to cover unaided. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Rudolph J. Soignet, 38312491, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When heavy assault fire was preparatory to an enemy counterattack began to fall, Private First Class Soignet, assistant turner on a light machine gun, left the comparative safety of a tomb to assume the position of a rifleman, giving protection to his machine gun, the 60mm mortar position, and the medical aid station. When infiltrating enemy succeeded in entering the perimeter and had set up an automatic weapon which had the aid station, 60mm mortar position, and the machine gun in its field of fire, they succeeded in wounding Private First Class Soignet so that one of his arms was broken and his leg injured. He disregarded pleasings of his comrades to leave his position and continued to man his position until darkness when the attack was repulsed. Only then did he consent to be taken to the aid station. His heroic actions, fortitude, and

courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Eugene F. Sullivan, 37599532, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy automatic and rifle fire, Private First Class Sullivan moved to an exposed position atop a rocky knoll in an attempt to locate the enemy positions. Sighting an enemy platoon about to attack, he stood upright with no regard for his personal safety, and delivered accurate fire into their ranks with his BAR, killing eight. Despite increased enemy fire directed at him, he maintained his position until his platoon was on line and the attack repulsed with severe losses to the enemy. His heroic actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Meri B. Thiele, 37439420, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. On his own initiative, Staff Sergeant Thiele continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to take command of a section of his platoon which had been cut off and had suffered heavy casualties. He succeeded in evacuating the casualties and returning the others to cover where he reorganized them enabling his platoon to continue in action with high efficiency. His actions were also directly responsible for destroying two enemy machine gun positions and killing fourteen of the enemy. His heroic and courageous acts reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Harold I. Vosted, 37775195, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Private First Class Vosted, a rifleman, volunteered to serve as a litter bearer and in the face of almost certain death, helped remove three wounded and one dead men from the field of battle. The route of evacuation was over two hundred yards of open terrain covered by enemy sniper and machine gun fire. His heroic action, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Coleman C. Webb, 38605205, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. On a voluntary mission, Private First Class Webb disarmed and attempted to take into custody an enemy soldier who in turn attacked his companion. During the struggle, four more enemy appeared but heedless of their fire, Private First Class Webb placed himself between them and his struggling companion, killing the first enemy. He then turned upon the others and with calm and accurate fire killed them. His heroic action 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 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 1, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Milo Nilsen, 37316213, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. Private First Class Nilsen rendered first aid to a wounded comrade under enemy machine gun fire and directed a successful smoke screen which enabled him to carry the wounded man to safety. Private First Class Nilsen's courage and calmness under fire were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and instrumental in saving the man's life. His action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James H. Rappmund, 38254961, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. On his own initiative, Private First Class Rappmund succeeded in locating enemy positions from which his company was receiving heavy small arms fire. Alone, and heedless of his own safety, he advanced to an exposed forward position and fired his rocket launcher at the enemy positions until they were destroyed or all fire had ceased. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter L. Richardson, 39229967, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When elements of his company received machine gun and sniper fire from the enemy and needed smoke to enable them to withdraw to safer positions, Private First Class Richardson, disregarding his own personal safety, left his covered position to take the message to the company command post a distance of about one hundred and fifty yards. In the face of automatic weapons fire, he ran until hit. Despite his wounds, he crawled close enough to the Command Post to deliver his message. His courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward L. Seykos, 36615960, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. From approximately 0330 until daybreak, during an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Seykos faced intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire, to maintain communications throughout the perimeter. Facing the fury of the enemy fire with no thought of personal safety, he worked calmly and deliberately, splicing breaks and laying new lines, inspiring all who saw him. These heroic actions were directly responsible for maintaining vital communications during a most critical period and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Norbert A. Vermerskirchen, 37676021, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by

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enemy rifle, machine gun, and knee mortar fire and cut off without communications Private First Class Wermerskirchen, a platoon messenger, volunteered to go back to the company command post for instructions. With full knowledge that he was the target of the concentrated enemy rifle and machine gun fire, he unhesitatingly went three hundred yards up the treacherous rocky slope to the command post. Receiving his instructions, he again faced the enemy fire, and with no thought of his own safety, followed the same route back. His heroic and unselfish act was directly responsible for the successful withdrawal of the troops in the face of extremely adverse conditions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

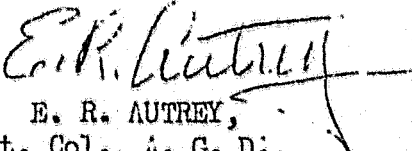
Captain George M. Wilcox, 01286747, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Captain Wilcox, a company commander, determined to attain high ground beyond an open flat, eight hundred yards wide and completely covered by the concentrated and deadly crossfire of enemy machine guns, which had beaten back repeated attempts to cross the plateau. After thorough and efficient briefing of his officers and men, led his company with fearlessness in a brilliant flanking maneuver against the right half of the enemy resistance. His indestructible courage, and sustained leadership brought forth admiration from the assistant Division Commander, who was present and aware of the situation, as well as such a concentration of will and vigorous action in his men that the ground was forcefully wrested from the enemy. Captain Wilcox's display of heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Leonard H. Wiese, 37753112, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. Private First Class Wiese, a rifleman, crawled across open ground at night during a terrific grenade battle to occupy an exposed fox hole in which one of his comrades had been wounded. He succeeded in bringing the wounded man to cover and then with a high sense of duty returned to the position where, during the remainder of the night he held the fiercely attacking enemy back by hurling more than twenty four grenades at them as they neared his position. Private First Class Wiese, by his heroic action played a great part in the repulse of the enemy by his platoon.

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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:

Sergeant Eugene F. Fitzgerald, 16057190, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During an attack, Sergeant Fitzgerald, communications sergeant of a rifle company, voluntarily and without regard for his own personal safety, left his position of safety and attempted to establish communications to the forward elements of the company which were pinned down. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Clara Fitzgerald (Mother), 1832 Jefferson St., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant Emmett J. O'Connell, 02012444, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During an attack, Second Lieutenant O'Connell, a rifle platoon leader, voluntarily and without regard to his own personal safety, went forward and exposed himself to hostile mortar fire in order to render first aid and evacuate casualties. He completed three successful evacuation trips of approximately thirty five yards each although his weapon was shot from his grasp on his way to evacuate the third casualty. His heroic actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Janet O'Connell, (Wife) 595 1/2 Wabasha, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Sergeant Earl E. Phillips, 38771714, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Sergeant Phillips ran across thirty five yards of open ground in the face of heavy small arms fire to give first aid to a wounded man. When he returned to his position, once again he ran thirty yards across open ground to pull back to safety a man who had been hit and falling in an exposed position. In doing this Sergeant Phillips was mortally wounded. His leadership, high sense of loyalty, and heroic action in the face of heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to his men. His heroic actions and sincere devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Rachel Phillips (Mother) Roff, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Albert V. Schmidt, 37586241, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the squad of which Private First Class Schmidt was a member came under intense enemy machine gun fire causing heavy casualties, including the squad leader, he took over the command of the squad and with utter disregard for his own safety, made two trips of thirty five yards over open terrain constantly swept by enemy machine gun fire in order to give first aid to casualties and remove them to positions of safety. He then ordered his squad forward to attack the enemy positions and again to cross twenty five yards of open terrain under fire to assist another wounded comrade who was lying in an exposed position.

His unselfish courage and sincere devotion to duty is exemplary of the highest standards of the military service. Next of Kin: Edna Schmidt (Mother),
Jeffers, Minnesota.

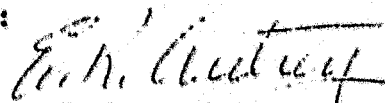
Private First Class Frank E. Wells, 39616201, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. A Browning Automatic Rifleman in a rifle platoon whose mission was to protect the left flank of his company as it dug in on Kakazu Ridge after a day of bitter fighting, Private First Class Wells, disregarding his own safety and acting with a high sense of duty, climbed to a high vantage point on a nearby rock to see better the approaches to his company's positions. Suddenly the enemy launched a bitter counterattack toward the left flank. Private First Class Wells gave the alarm and bravely held his post. He succeeded in killing ten of the enemy and wounding many others before he himself was hit and instantly killed by enemy rifle fire. His heroic action was greatly responsible for breaking up the enemy attack. Next of Kin: J. R. Wells (Father), State Game Farm,
Fort Peck, Montana.

Private First Class Raymond J. Welsh, 19186017, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. As a scout in a rifle platoon, Private First Class Welsh exposed himself during a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire on Kakazu ridge to observe enemy gun emplacements. He accomplished this during darkness, and further disregarding his own safety when he could not make himself heard above the din of battle, ran, warning his comrades of his approach, a distance of fifty yards to his platoon command post where he gave his platoon leader the important information. He then bravely began the return route to his foxhole but a large calibre enemy mortar shell landed close, killing him instantly. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Raymond J. Welsh (Father), 553 Tanover Street,
Oak City, California.

Private First Class Thomas B. White, 39689179, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When the enemy attacked and got within his unit's position on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class White, a squad leader in a 60mm mortar section, led his men forward to positions from which they could effectively fire on the enemy. Although it was dark and movement was extremely hazardous, he, without regard to his own personal safety, went thirty five yards forward to divert the attention of a group of enemy who were making the evacuation of casualties difficult. He succeeded in his mission and accounted for three enemy dead before he was mortally wounded by an enemy machine gun. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.
Next of Kin: Edith B. White (Mother), 1335 N. Gordon Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

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Staff Sergeant Charles W. Bethel, 37227010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Bethel, a battalion radio chief, volunteered to assist in the evacuation of casualties from Kakazu Ridge under the protective covering of darkness. Rain had made all trails perilously slippery and almost impassable, but Staff Sergeant Bethel, heedless of his own personal safety, worked for four hours until all of the casualties had been removed to safety. Constant mortar and artillery fire landed close by and once Staff Sergeant Bethel was knocked down but he continued his vital work although it meant exposing himself to the exceedingly heavy enemy mortar and mortar fire. It was only through the sheer courage and persistence of Staff Sergeant Bethel that the evacuation of all of the casualties was successfully completed. His heroism and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Gordon J. Donovan, 01325281, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 May 1945. A company, having just occupied John Hill, southwest of Yonabaru, called for the ammunition and pioneer platoon to seal the numerous caves honeycombing the hill. The platoon led by First Lieutenant Donovan reached the hill and proceeded to seal the caves under enemy machine gun and sniper fire. While personally leading his men in the sealing of the caves, First Lieutenant Donovan noticed a wounded soldier in the mouth of one. With utter disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Donovan retrieved the wounded man. In doing so, he made himself a target for a hail of enemy grenades. Through sheer courage and valor, First Lieutenant Donovan was able to bring the wounded soldier to safety. His devotion to duty, calmness under enemy fire, and utter disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Frederick H. Fuemada, 37229123, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945. Private First Class Fuemada was instrumental in keeping his battalion supplied through all sorts of adverse weather conditions, on all types of unfavorable terrain. On 10 and 11 April 1945, when the battalion was engaged in the fight for Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Fuemada, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, made repeated trips to the front line companies, heedless of the enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire and under cover of darkness, assisted in the evacuation of casualties from the front line companies, traversing a distance of five hundred yards across the fire swept terrain to the battalion aid station. His devotion to duty and courage in the face of the enemy reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond J. Henning, Jr., 36742414, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When their battalion was making a frontal assault on Nishibaru Ridge and was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire and mortar fire; from the many enemy pillboxes and emplacements located thereon, one anti-tank gun squad, of which Private First Class Henning was a member, volunteered to fire on the enemy strongholds, fully realizing that they would have to expose themselves to the fiercest of enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Carefully they managed to maneuver the gun into a firing position, and then opened fire. They definitely sealed the breaches before an enemy round injured two members of the crew and damaged the gun. Although shrapnel was thick, Private First Class Henning and the crew fired all the ammunition, and then, by bringing the gun to a relatively secure spot where minor repairs were made, with a resupply of ammunition they once again put the gun into action and commenced firing. It was through the valor and persistence displayed by Private First Class Henning and his squad in the face of intense enemy fire, that key enemy strongpoints were eliminated, thus paving the way for a successful attack.

Private First Class Theodore A. Mishefske, 36214707, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When the battalion of which Private First Class Mishefske was a member was moved to the vicinity of Nishibaru, the need for rations, water, and ammunition was urgent and darkness was noising. Private First Class Mishefske volunteered to make a trip from the distributing point to Futema, a distance of ten miles, knowing his return trip would require driving in darkness. During his trip, Private First Class Mishefske, because of road conditions, had to take a short-cut across country, although fully aware of the hazards of land mines, and returned with the much needed ammunition. Close to the end of his trip, Private First Class Mishefske's truck struck a mine and he was wounded. It was through the dauntlessness displayed by Private First Class Mishefske that supplies were made available to the battalion and that it could continue its advance the following morning.

Private First Class Edward J. Wojtas, 36384427, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 May 1945. During a night counterattack by the enemy during a lull when his 60mm mortar section was cut off by enemy snipers and machine gun fire, Private First Class Wojtas volunteered to go to the battalion dump for ammunition when the supply was running low and despite darkness, lack of visibility, and enemy fire, he traversed the treacherous trails five times between 0200 and daybreak. His action was responsible for keeping the mortars firing during a most critical period, permitting them to play a major part in breaking up the enemy attack. His heroic action, fortitude, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 2, 23 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal Monroe W. Blackwell, 38230147, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Corporal Blackwell made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times Corporal Blackwell was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of Corporal Blackwell's accomplishments were of much importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Staff Sergeant Blyethal V. Gibbens, 6285440, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As section sergeant of an 81 millimeter mortar platoon of a heavy weapons company. Staff Sergeant Gibbens was responsible for the organization and direction of the battery fire of mortars during the gaining and holding of strategic terrain. Although Staff Sergeant Gibbens' position was under almost constant enemy mortar and artillery fire, his devotion to duty and quickness and accuracy of placing his mortar fire resulted in accomplishments which proved of importance in the repulse of three heavy counter-attacks and the success of holding coveted terrain.

Private First Class William E. Richardson, 39728556, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. When one of the line companies was digging in on a hill in the vicinity of Miyagusuku, they were subjected to intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire and numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Richardson and four other men volunteered to take litters and go forward to evacuate the casualties. After traveling a distance of three hundred yards, the men were caught in enemy machine gun fire. In spite of this, they managed to get through, but while crossing an open field about two hundred and fifty yards from their objective, an enemy land mine was accidentally detonated killing one of the litter bearers and seriously wounded another. Private First Class Richardson administered first aid, and with the help of the two other litter bearers, carried the seriously wounded casualty toward the aid station. In order to get past the enemy machine guns, Private First Class Richardson and the other two men were forced to crawl and drag the litter patient across a clearing ten yards wide. After getting the patient safely to the aid station, Private First Class Richardson and the other two litter bearers obtained another volunteer, returned through the machine gun and sniper fire to the line company, and successfully evacuated two more seriously wounded casualties.

Private First Class Roy S. Robbins, 39729085, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. When one of the line companies was digging in on a hill in the vicinity of Miyagusuku, they were subjected to intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire and numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Robbins and four other men volunteered to take litters and go forward to evacuate the casualties. After traveling a distance of three hundred yards, the men were caught in enemy machine gun fire. In spite of this, they managed to get through, but while crossing an open field about two hundred and fifty yards from their objective, an enemy land mine was accidentally detonated killing one of the litter bearers and seriously wounded another. Private First Class Robbins administered first aid, and with the help of the two other litter bearers, carried the seriously wounded man toward the aid station. In order to get past the enemy machine guns, Private First Class Robbins and the other two men were forced to crawl and drag the litter patient across a clearing ten yards wide. After getting the patient safely to the aid station Private First Class Robbins and the other two litter bearers obtained another volunteer, returned through the machine gun and sniper fire to the line company and successfully evacuated two more wounded casualties.

Private First Class Melvin H. Rouse, 38550901, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. When one of the line companies was digging in on a hill in the vicinity of Miyagusuku, they were subjected to intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire and numerous casualties were incurred. Private First Class Rouse and four other men volunteered to take litters and go forward to evacuate the casualties. After traveling a distance of three hundred yards from their objective, an enemy land mine was accidentally detonated killing one of the litter bearers and seriously wounded another. Private First Class Rouse administered first aid, and with the help of the two other litter bearers, carried the seriously wounded man toward the aid station. In order to get past the enemy machine guns, Private First Class Rouse and the other two men were forced to crawl and drag the litter patient across a clearing ten yards wide. After getting the patient safely to the aid station, Private First Class Rouse and the other two litter bearers obtained another volunteer, returned through the machine gun and sniper fire to the line company, and successfully evacuated two more casualties. These heroic actions, reflecting exemplary courage and coolness under fire, are a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Gerald W. Warner, 39346858, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail Private First Class Warner made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying rations, water and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire and several times Private First Class Warner was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of the personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The results of Private First Class Warner's accomplishments were of such importance in keeping front line troops supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7119, 4 February 1944 (Statutes at Large, Vol. 59, Part 1, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act 690-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Chapter 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 Robert L. Bachman, 37267595, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Private First Class Bachman made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times Private First Class Bachman was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of his accomplishments were of such importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Private First Class Harry H. Bath, 37711826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When a rifle platoon had been forced to withdraw leaving casualties behind, Private First Class Bath joined a litter squad and four times, despite the fiercest enemy resistance, crossed open ground under intense enemy fire to evacuate the casualties. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John D. Becker, 39925997, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When a rifle platoon had suffered casualties and had been forced to withdraw leaving them behind, Private First Class Becker led three men with a litter three or four times under intense enemy fire to evacuate the casualties. His heroic and unselfish actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Willie J. Brown, 18110259, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Technician Fifth Grade Brown made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times Technician Fifth Grade Brown was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of Technician Fifth Grade Brown's accomplishments were of such importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Private First Class Charles H. Durks, 38573249, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 May 1945. Private First Class Durks, although wounded by

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shell fragments from enemy mortar fire, went to the aid of a seriously wounded comrade with complete disregard for the heavy enemy mortar barrage which was falling on the company position. Before administering to his own wounds, he laboriously evacuated the serious casualty across open terrain for a distance of one hundred yards to a safe location where the medical aid men were able to treat the wounded man. His heroic and unselfish act saved his comrade's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Calvin L. Crono, 37067555, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his battalion was making a frontal assault on Mishibaru Ridge and was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire originating from the many enemy pillboxes and emplacements located thereon, Staff Sergeant Crono led an anti-tank squad on the enemy strongholds, fully realizing that he would have to expose himself to the face of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Carefully he managed to maneuver the gun into a firing position, and then opened fire. His squad definitely scored two successes before an enemy round wounded two members of the crew, and damaged the gun. Although shrapnel was flying thick, the crew fired all the ammunition present, and then, by bringing the gun to a relatively secure spot where minor repairs were made, with a resupply of ammunition, the squad once again put the gun into action and commenced firing again. It was through the valor and persistence displayed by Staff Sergeant Crono and his squad in the face of intense enemy fire that key enemy strong points were eliminated, thus paving the way for a successful attack.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd A. Drewery, 38274136, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Drewery, a collecting company litter bearer, was on duty at a battalion aid station with seven other collecting company litter bearers when an ever increasing number of casualties began to arrive at the aid station. Technician Fifth Grade Drewery and companions, on their own initiative, immediately, despite the continuous barrages of enemy artillery fire that had been sweeping the area since noon, started the hazardous task of evacuating the wounded. Continually exposed to the enemy artillery fire that harassed the area throughout the afternoon and night, Technician Fifth Grade Drewery and companions evacuated casualties for twelve hours, carrying during that time, one hundred and thirty wounded men. Technician Fifth Grade Drewery's outstanding courage and unflinching devotion to duty were instrumental in saving many lives 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. 1, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Stanley E. Curry, 36431240, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his battalion was making a frontal assault on Nichibaru Ridge and was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire originating from the many enemy pillboxes and emplacements located thereon, one anti-tank gun squad, of which Private First Class Curry was a member, volunteered to fire on the enemy strongholds, fully realizing that they would have to expose themselves to the fiercest of enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Carefully they managed to manuever the gun into a firing position, and then opened fire. They definitely scored two embrasures before an enemy round injured two members of the crew, and damaged the gun. Although shrapnel was flying thick, the crew fired all the ammunition present, and then, by bringing the gun to a relatively secure spot where minor repairs were made, with a new supply of ammunition the squad once again put the gun into action and commenced firing. It was through the valor and persistence displayed by Private First Class Curry and his squad in the face of intense enemy fire that key enemy strongpoints were eliminated, thus paving the way for a successful attack.

Captain John J. Dugan, 01286619, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Despite intense enemy mortar and artillery fire, Captain Dugan, a heavy weapons company commander, voluntarily took the position of forward observer for his mortar section and when enemy fire became intense, he ordered the members of his party to cover and continued on alone. His bravery and devotion to duty were responsible for destroying five enemy machine guns, giving covering fire to an attacking battalion and silencing the lighter of the enemy's artillery. His devotion to duty, consideration for his men, and personal bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Arlie G. Elrod, 38230145, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 to 13 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail Private First Class Elrod made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times, Private First Class Elrod was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of such personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of his accomplishments were of such importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Private First Class Edwin C. Ihlenfeld, 36290948, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945, to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Private First Class Ihlenfeld made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times, Private First Class Ihlenfeld was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of his accomplishments were of such importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Technician Fifth Grade Bernard J. Kellogg, 36273316, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Technician Fifth Grade Kellogg made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times, Technician Fifth Grade Kellogg was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of Technician Fifth Grade Kellogg's accomplishments were of such importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Private First Class John H. Lanham, 38254795, 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 Lanham, a medical aid man attached to a heavy weapons company, when his unit was attacking a heavily fortified enemy position, continually exposed himself to enemy fire in order that the casualties could be treated and evacuated. After the position was won, the enemy launched three heavy counterattacks at night in an endeavor to regain their lost ground. During these attacks and in spite of the fact that the position was under heavy and constant enemy mortar and artillery fire and the enemy were infiltrating well into the area, Private First Class Lanham left the shelter of his foxhole in order that the wounded might be treated and evacuated. His daring and courage resulted in the saving of many lives and 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 (Decorations), 23 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:

Sergeant John H. Love, 39273715, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. As a squad leader of a machine gun squad in a heavy weapons company, Sergeant Love was responsible for the repulse of three enemy counterattacks for holding strategic terrain, and for saving many lives, although his gun was under constant enemy machine gun and small arms fire and heavy mortar and artillery barrages. Sergeant Love personally manned his gun in the face of great odds so successfully during three fierce enemy counterattacks that he accounted for twenty-four enemy dead. His conduct as he stood upright throwing grenades and manning his gun, regardless of personal safety, materially aided in the repulse of the counterattacks and the holding of the hard won terrain. The heroism and devotion to duty shown by Sergeant Love reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roy E. Naplos, 37232856, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. As a member of enemy carrying detail, Private First Class Naplos made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times, Private First Class Naplos was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of his accomplishments were of such importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

Private First Class Marcus A. Padgett, 35572664, 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 Padgett, a member of a heavy machine gun platoon, was in the forward line with rifle troops who were momentarily forced to withdraw from an unsecured position. Private First Class Padgett so successfully fired his machine gun from the hip that all casualties and men were able to reach the safety of their former positions under cover of his fire. During his heroic action, Private First Class Padgett was seriously wounded. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Stanley A. Riquelme, 23298058, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945, to 15 April 1945. As a member of an emergency carrying detail, Corporal Riquelme made as many as six to eight trips a day carrying loads of rations, water, and ammunition to front line troops. The only available route used

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by the detail was under enemy sniper and mortar fire, and several times, Corporal Regucki, was pinned down for as much as thirty minutes at a time. In spite of personal risk involved, he never failed in his mission. The result of Corporal Regucki's accomplishments were of much importance in keeping the front lines supplied with vital supplies at a critical time.

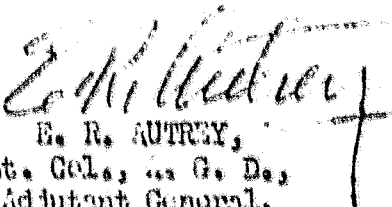
Technician Fifth Grade Charles F. Russlee, 35589720, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Russlee, a member of a battalion wire section, volunteered to assist in the evacuation of casualties from Kakazu Ridge, under the protective covering of darkness. Rain had made all trails perilously slippery, but Technician Fifth Grade Russlee worked for four hours until all of the casualties had been removed to safety. Constant mortar and artillery fire often landed perilously close but he continued his vital work with complete disregard for his own personal safety. As a result of the courage and intrepidity displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Russlee, the evacuation of all the casualties was completed successfully.

Sergeant Joseph R. Schroeder, 36853247, 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, and on 26 April 1945. As squad leader in a machine gun platoon of a heavy weapons company, Sergeant Schroeder so skillfully maneuvered his men in an attack against a fortified enemy position that his accomplishments were of great importance in the success of the attack with a minimum cost in casualties to our troops. After the objective was taken, Sergeant Schroeder maintained a five day vigil under heavy enemy attacks which resulted greatly in the holding of strategic terrain. On 26 April when his unit was engaged in taking another objective, Sergeant Schroeder's heavy machine gun squad was pinned down in an exposed position by enemy machine gun fire. Sergeant Schroeder calmly and deliberately stood up and fired his rifle so effectively that the enemy machine gun was silenced and his men could crawl to safety. Sergeant Schroeder disregarded the fact that his action made him the prime target of the enemy fire, which inflicted a serious hand injury just as he was about to take cover. His disregard for danger made him a source of inspiration to his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade Wayne L. Boatman, 37461925, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 25 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Boatman served as medical technician in a collecting company station platoon. On the night of 20 April 1945, in spite of heavy enemy shells exploding close to the medical tents, Technician Fifth Grade Boatman, with utter disregard for his personal safety, continually treated wounded men. Again during the evening of 25 April 1945 when the enemy released a heavy artillery barrage, there were many near misses as the shells burst close to the medical tents and perforated the canvas with numerous shrapnel holes. In face of this dangerous situation, Technician Fifth Grade Boatman treated twenty-five wounded men who were brought in from surrounding units. Technician Fifth Grade Boatman's great courage and devotion to duty was instrumental in saving the lives of many wounded men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Lovell R. Butler, 35540225, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Butler, a collecting company litter bearer, was on duty at a battalion aid station. Ever increasing barrages of enemy artillery brought on an increase in the rate of casualties. When the first of the continuous stream of casualties came into the station, Technician Fourth Grade Butler and seven other collecting company litter bearers, with utter disregard for their personal safety, started evacuating the wounded, despite the fact that the battalion surgeon informed them that they might wait for a lull in the terrific enemy artillery fire. Technician Fourth Grade Butler and company, continuously exposed to the never ending enemy bombardment, continued this hazardous task for twelve hours, evacuating a total of one hundred and thirty wounded. Technician Fourth Grade Butler's outstanding courage in the face of grave danger was instrumental in saving the lives of many wounded men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Albert H. Grund, 34383084, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When an extremely large number of casualties began to filter into the battalion aid station, Technician Fifth Grade Grund and seven other collecting company litter bearers, despite the fact that they were informed by the battalion surgeon that they might wait for a lull in the terrific enemy artillery fire, then harassing the area, immediately on their own initiative, started evacuation of the wounded. From 1400, 10 April 1945 to 0200,