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11 April 1945, Technician Fifth Grade Ground and companions, faced the hazards of the unrelenting barrages of enemy artillery that continued throughout the afternoon and night. With utter disregard for their lives, they made many trips over muddy terrain, two hundred yards to the ambulance landing post, evacuating a total of one hundred and thirty wounded men. Technician Fifth Grade Ground's outstanding courage under exhausting and hazardous conditions is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph R. Jadrnak, 36382530, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Jadrnak, fully realizing the hazards involved, unhesitatingly volunteered to go one hundred yards forward to help evacuate two soldiers wounded by enemy sniper fire. After going through deep mud over open terrain, in territory infested by enemy snipers they arrived safely where the two wounded men had fallen. Technician Fourth Grade Jadrnak, administered first aid to the casualties, then with the aid of the other three men of the squad, he placed them on litters, and despite persistent sniper fire which forced them to crawl seventy-five yards through mud with their casualties, they safely evacuated the men to the aid station. Technician Fourth Grade Jadrnak's outstanding courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Stuart A. Lindman, 17114672, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. In complete disregard for personal safety, Private First Class Lindman, volunteered and aided by three other men, advanced through mud and water across open terrain, one hundred yards forward of the battalion aid station to evacuate two soldiers wounded by enemy sniper fire. After successfully reaching the casualties and administering first aid, Private First Class Lindman and companions started back with the casualties. After about twenty-five yards, enemy sniper fire forced them to the ground. Despite the continuing sniper fire, Private First Class Lindman and the other men of the squad crawled the remaining seventy-five yards through mud and water, safely reaching the aid station with the casualties. Private First Class Lindman's outstanding courage under enemy fire was instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. Section I, General Orders 671, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 September 1945, is hereby rescinded.

2. So much of General Orders 508, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant George L. Marquis, O1314805, Infantry, is rescinded.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

S Sgt	Jimmie L. Albert	38272451	Inf	28 Nov 44
Sgt	Donald E. Arison	38845345	Inf	24 Oct 44
Pfc	Paul W. Bortell	37573778	Inf	21 Oct 44
Pfc	John B. Ensor	36748558	Inf	13 Nov 44
Pfc	Saul Karasyk	32906501	Inf	26 Oct 44
Pfc	Conrad A. Steinweg	36278496	Inf	29 Nov 44

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE MEDICAL BADGE

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 12 November 1944:

Sgt	Jesse R. Johnson	37391108
Sgt	Silas A. Sheek	38229972
Tec 5	Claude A. Wade	37234905
Pfc	Armond W. Kipmiller	37439437
Pfc	Edward McCauley	32941993
Pfc	Finnie O'Neil Jr	38245849
Pfc	Everett H. Peterson	37337557
Pvt	William R. McCommon	34714237

SECTION IV

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

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Private First Class Eugene Friedman, 33789684, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Friedman, one of eight collecting company litter bearers, was on duty at a battalion aid station. When an ever increasing number of casualties began to arrive at the aid station, although advised by the battalion surgeon to wait for a lull in the enemy artillery barrages that had continued to sweep the area since noon, Private First Class Friedman and companions with a few discarded for personal safety started evacuating the wounded. Fully exposed to the continuous enemy artillery bombardment that continued throughout the afternoon and night, he continued his hazardous task for twelve hours, assisting in the evacuation of a total of one hundred and thirty wounded. Private First Class Friedman's service under stress of grave danger and exhausting conditions was instrumental in saving the lives of many men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Anthony Gatus, 30049523, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Gatus and seven other collecting company litter bearers were on duty evacuating casualties from a battalion aid station, when an ever increasing number of wounded men began to come into the aid station. Although a relentless enemy artillery bombardment had been harassing the area since noon, Private First Class Gatus and companions, fully realizing the hazards involved, began immediate evacuation. Throughout the afternoon and night, despite the never ceasing enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Gatus and other litter bearers continued their perilous task, working twelve exhausting hours and evacuating one hundred and thirty wounded men. Private First Class Gatus' outstanding courage and devotion to duty in face of great danger was instrumental in saving the lives of many men and is keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant James A. Miller, 01511447, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When a call came in to the anti tank company that a man was seriously wounded on Zebra Hill and had to be evacuated at once, First Lieutenant Miller, without regard for his own personal safety, voluntarily took his jeep and drove alone over the rugged woods under blackout conditions for two and one half miles. As he neared Zebra Hill, enemy snipers began to fire at him as he made his way through the town of Kochi. Taking his jeep as far as he could, First Lieutenant Miller then made his way by foot for two hundred yards under heavy fire from enemy snipers as well as the danger of fire from our own troops. First Lieutenant Miller successfully evacuated the wounded man over steep escarpment and hazardous footing to the jeep and then made his way safely back to the command post with the wounded man. First Lieutenant Miller's devotion to duty and heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class James W. Oldham, 36432478, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Volunteering, with three other companions to evacuate two wounded men one hundred yards forward of the aid station, Private First Class Oldham crossed safely, one hundred yards of open terrain in an area infested by enemy snipers to reach the wounded men. After they reached the casualties, Private First Class Oldham and companions administered first aid, and then, with two men carrying each litter, started their return trip covering only about twenty-five yards before enemy sniper fire forced them to the ground. Private First Class Oldham and the other men of the squad crawled, amidst flying bullets from deadly enemy sniper fire, the remaining seventy-five yards bringing the wounded safely to the aid station. Private First Class Oldham's outstanding devotion to duty and courage in face of danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Athos L. Pederson, 37259765, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. In company with seven other collecting company litter bearers, Private First Class Pederson was advanced from a forward ambulance loading post to a battalion aid station when a sudden barrage of enemy artillery fire wounded several men in the area. Having taken cover in a ditch, Private First Class Pederson and companions, with utter disregard for personal safety, unhesitatingly left their place of comparative safety to aid the wounded men. Facing constant danger from continued bursts of enemy artillery fire, they treated the men and then carried them back to the ambulance loading post. Again on their trip forward, they were met by enemy sniper fire while crossing an open field. They momentarily took cover, but realizing the importance of evacuating the wounded from the aid station, risked the hazards of the enemy sniper fire and successfully reached the station. Immediately, despite the intermittent bursts from enemy artillery fire still harassing the area, Private First Class Pederson and companions evacuated all the wounded over the same hazardous route to the ambulance loading post. Private First Class Pederson's complete devotion to duty and outstanding courage were instrumental in saving many lives and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Edward J. Reica, 36461017, 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 (then Technician Fifth Grade) Reica was a mechanic in the ambulance platoon of a collecting company. When a weapons carrier was hit by an enemy artillery shell and although the road

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was under heavy enemy artillery shelling, Technician Fourth Grade Raica went forward to repair the vehicle and return it to the company area. Following this, due to a shortage of drivers, Technician Fourth Grade Raica volunteered to drive a weapons carrier and evacuate casualties. He worked continually from 1800 on 10 April to 0400 on 11 April 1945, evacuating many casualties, despite the fact that during this entire period, the road used in evacuation was under heavy enemy artillery bombardment. Technician Fourth Grade Raica's courageous service was instrumental in saving the lives of many men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

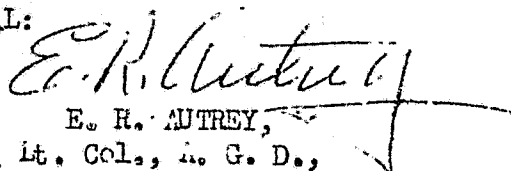
Private First Class Lester J. Sandage, 38290471, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Sandage, one of eight collecting company litter bearers, was on duty at a battalion aid station. When an ever increasing number of casualties began to arrive at the aid station, Private First Class Sandage, despite the continued enemy artillery barrages that had not ceased since noon, immediately began the task of evacuating the casualties, amidst bursting artillery shells, to the ambulance loading post, a distance of two hundred yards over muddy terrain. Fully exposed to the relentless enemy artillery bombardment, he continued his hazardous task for twelve exhausting hours, evacuating a total of one hundred and thirty casualties. Private First Class Sandage's great courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving the lives of many men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Henry T. Shempert, 34630443, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Shempert, accompanied by seven other litter bearers from a collecting company, was advancing from a forward ambulance loading post to a battalion aid station when suddenly, a barrage of enemy artillery hit in the immediate vicinity, wounding several men. Private First Class Shempert and companions immediately left the ditch in which they had taken cover, to go to the aid of the wounded men. Despite the continued bursts of enemy artillery fire in the area, Private First Class Shempert, with complete disregard for his personal safety, immediately treated the wounded and assisted in carrying them back to the ambulance loading post. While crossing an open field on their way forward to the battalion aid station, Private First Class Shempert and his companions were met by a sudden burst of fire from an enemy sniper. They momentarily took cover behind some rocks but realizing the importance of evacuating the wounded men from the aid station, Private First Class Shempert and companions, fully aware that they must pass in full view of the enemy sniper, unhesitatingly continued their trip across the open terrain to the aid station. Upon reaching the station, they immediately began the hazardous task of evacuating the casualties through the sniper infested and enemy shelled area to the ambulance loading post. Private First Class Shempert's outstanding courage in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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Under the provisions of AR 600.45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, 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:

Staff Sergeant Martin G. Daggs, 35254790, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. While his company was pinned down by withering enemy fire from a ridge two hundred yards from his position, Staff Sergeant Daggs, a squad leader in a rifle platoon, upon his own initiative moved out with his squad consisting of eight men through two hundred yards of enemy fire and by flanking the enemy troops defending the ridge, destroyed them. Although the enemy counterattacked three times before troops could be brought forward to reinforce the position Staff Sergeant Daggs with courage and ability instilled in his men, maintained the position against the fierce attacks. His daring and courageous move saved the battalion from heavy losses, and his enthusiasm and leadership inspired the men in his squad to deeds of valor that are a credit and honor to the military service. Previous award per General Orders 339, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Earl J. Davenport, 3012495, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When his platoon was caught in a village by heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, First Lieutenant Davenport, leader of a heavy machine gun platoon, was responsible for saving the lives of two of his men who had been wounded while trying to advance across open ground. When the remainder of the platoon took cover behind a wall which was too high to permit use of heavy machine gun counter fire, First Lieutenant Davenport dismounted two of the guns, cradled them on the wall, and instructing his men to cover him, crawled fifteen yards to drag the men to safety, making two trips to accomplish the task. Previous award per General Orders 599, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 August 1945.

Private First Class Richard J. Harmon, 35243178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a platoon of his company in an isolated position, was surrounded by the enemy during the hours of darkness and was subjected to intense mortar and grenade fire which caused a number of casualties, Private First Class Harmon, with five other men, courageously evacuated a wounded man, carrying the litter down a torturous escarpment over a distance of four hundred and fifty yards through the area infested with the enemy. Repeatedly fired upon by the enemy and on several occasions halting to return fire, the group of men continued on, undaunted by the dangers around them, to accomplish their task. Private First Class Harmon's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 342, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 June 1945.

Captain Glenn E. Kingsley, 01695496, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 April 1945. When a call came to the collecting company late at night, stating that a seriously wounded man in a critical condition was at a battalion aid station, Captain Kingsley, fully realizing that the road leading forward was under intense enemy artillery fire, immediately obtained a vehicle and accompanied the driver and assistant forward. Despite intermittent bursts of enemy artillery shells all along the road, they safely reached the forward ambulance

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loading post. From this point Captain Kingsley and two other men, made their way on foot, three hundred yards forward to the aid station, over open terrain, in range of enemy sniper fire and at a risk of being fired upon by friendly troops. Captain Kingsley immediately took charge of the patient and assisted in carrying him back over the hazardous route to the forward ambulance loading post. Due to the wounded man's critical condition, Captain Kingsley ordered evacuation direct to the clearing company, accompanied by the patient himself and administering medical treatment enroute. Captain Kingsley's heroic action was an inspiration to all the men of his company and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 554, this headquarters, 5 August 1945.

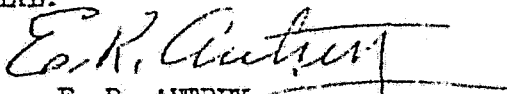
First Lieutenant Edward A. Moorer, 01286373, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. First Lieutenant Moorer, commanding officer of a rifle company, courageously led his company in an attack against well fortified and strategic enemy positions, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, under intense enemy mortar, artillery and sniper fire. Moving forward with the attacking platoons, directing and making maximum use of supporting weapons, he personally led the assault on the enemy's positions. This action brought extremely heavy enemy fire which stopped his company's attack, but nevertheless heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy due to First Lieutenant Moorer's personal courage and skill in directing the supporting weapons at great personal risk to himself. Wounded and suffering from the pain of a broken leg resulting from a shrapnel wound during the action, First Lieutenant Moorer realized that his company's position was untenable, but maintained efficient command and successfully withdrew his company to its original position despite heavy enemy fire. First Lieutenant Moorer heroic actions, intrepidity and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 474, this Headquarters, 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade William B. Webber, 37557397, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Webber, a medical aid man attached to a heavy weapons company, when his unit was attacking a heavily fortified enemy position on Takazu Ridge, continually exposed himself to enemy fire in order that 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, Technician Fifth Grade Webber left the shelter of his fox hole 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. Previous award per General Orders 81, this Headquarters, 30 December 1944.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Charles W. Dorough, 37335804, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Dorough, a battalion communications 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 Dorough, heedless of his own personal safety, worked for four hours until all of the casualties had been removed. Constant mortar and artillery fire landed close by, and once Staff Sergeant Dorough was knocked down but he continued his vital work although it meant exposing himself to the exceedingly heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire. It was only through the courage and persistence of Staff Sergeant Dorough, that the evacuation of all of the casualties was successfully completed. Next of Kin: Mrs. Joyce B. Dorough, Wife, 2251 Irving Street, Denver, Colorado.

Private First Class W. A. Easterling, 38328473, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 23 May 1945. Private First Class Easterling, a gunner in a heavy machine gun platoon, remained on continual vigil at his gun although his position was under constant enemy mortar, artillery, and sniper fire. During this period, his position was the target for three severe enemy counter-attacks and Private First Class Easterling's determination and ability as a gunner helped greatly to break up these attacks. On 23 May 1945, while attacking another enemy position, Private First Class Easterling volunteered to take his gun to an exposed position in order to better defend the position. It was in this position that Private First Class Easterling received a direct hit from an enemy mortar shell and was instantly killed. Private First Class Easterling's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Viola Easterling, Mother, Jonesville, Louisiana.

Private First Class Ralph E. Garaux, 35243033, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. Private First Class Garaux unhesitatingly carried a heavy machine gun across an open stretch of terrain which was under heavy enemy rifle and mortar fire in order to try to relieve some of the riflemen, who were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. The atmosphere was heavy with rain and made footing precarious. Private First Class Garaux had proceeded only half way across the open ground when he was hit and instantly killed by mortar fire. Private First Class Garaux's courage and willingness to accept danger in order to save other lives was a credit to the military service and an inspiration to his comrades. Next of Kin: Mrs. Otto Oylar, Mother, 1101 32d Street, South East, Canton, Ohio.

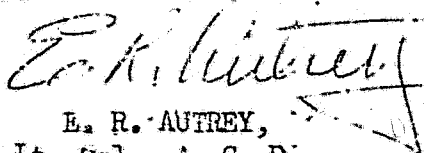
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Private First Class Charles B. Ralihan, 15313156, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. Private First Class Ralihan unhesitatingly carried a heavy machine gun across an open stretch of terrain that was under heavy enemy rifle and mortar fire in order to try to relieve some of the riflemen who were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. The atmosphere was heavy with rain and made footing precarious. Private First Class Ralihan had proceeded only half way across this open ground when he was hit and instantly killed by enemy rifle fire. Private First Class Ralihan's courage and willingness to accept danger in order to save other lives was a credit to the military service and an inspiration to his comrades. Next of Kin: Mrs. Katherine B. Ralihan, Mother, 6102 Kenwood Avenue, Chicago 37 Illinois.

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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, Article No. 2 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:

Private First Class Edwin C. Perry, 38319368, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. By remaining at his gun under the most intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and anti-tank fire, Private First Class Perry was instrumental in preventing the enemy from consolidating positions and assisted greatly a friendly rifle unit in maintaining its position in the vicinity of Yaeju-Dake Hill mass. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Perry, being aware of the seriousness of the situation, voluntarily and on his own initiative, refused to take his gun out of action and move to an alternate position. Private First Class Perry's devotion to duty and placing the welfare of his unit over and above his own personal safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James N. Shoults, 37390868, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Shoults, one of eight collecting company litter bearers, was on duty at a battalion aid station. When an ever increasing number of casualties began to arrive at the aid station about 1400, although they were advised by the battalion surgeon to wait for a lull in the relentless artillery barrages that had continued to sweep the area since noon, Private First Class Shoults and companions with utter disregard for personal safety, started evacuating the wounded. Despite the continuous enemy artillery bombardment that was broken by only a few lulls during the afternoon and night, Private First Class Shoults and companions continued this operation for twelve hours, evacuating a total of one hundred and thirty wounded, over two hundred yards of muddy trail to the ambulance loading post. Private First Class Shoults' heroic efforts under stress of great danger and exhausting conditions was instrumental in saving the lives of many men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William O. Stovall, 38230227, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. By remaining at his gun under the most intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and anti-tank gun fire, Private First Class Stovall was instrumental in preventing the enemy from consolidating positions and assisted greatly a friendly rifle unit in maintaining its position in the vicinity of Yaeju-Dake Hill mass. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Stovall, being aware of the seriousness of the situation, voluntarily and on his own initiative, refused to take his gun out of action and move to an alternate position. Private First Class Stovall's devotion to duty and placing of the welfare of his unit over and above his personal safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Guy L. Taylor, 36430394, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Taylor volunteered, with complete disregard for personal safety, to go one hundred yards forward of the battalion aid station, to aid in evacuating two soldiers who were wounded by enemy sniper fire. With three companions, Private First Class Taylor crossed the open field, in full view of enemy snipers who had been harrassing the area. After safely reaching the wounded men and administering first aid, Private First Class Taylor and companions started their return trip with the wounded. They had successfully traveled about twenty-five yards when an enemy sniper opened fire on them, forcing them to hit the ground. Despite the sniper's persistent firing and with bullets hitting on all sides of them, they crawled the remaining seventy-five yards through mud and water, arriving safely at the aid station with their casualties. Private First Class Taylor's courageous action in the face of great danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Clarence Young, 38240353, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. When advancing rifle units were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire and sniper fire, it was urgent that 81mm mortar fire be brought upon the enemy gun positions, and Staff Sergeant Young, acting as a forward observer, had to advance over open terrain to gain a position from which he could properly direct the fire of the guns. With complete disregard for his own personal safety and displaying outstanding courage, Staff Sergeant Young gained his new position to efficiently direct the fire of his guns and continued to give accurate fire adjustments until one enemy machine gun was eliminated, and the rest of the enemy fire neutralized, although in so doing, he became seriously wounded. Staff Sergeant Young's heroic action, and outstanding devotion to duty resulted in our rifle units being able to continue their advance. His cool courage and superior ability was an inspiration to his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Sylvester J. Gunther, 37461562, 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.

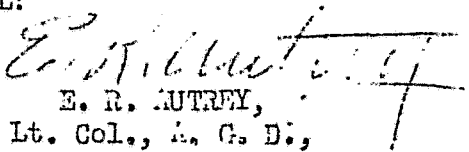
Private First Class Ferdinand H. Haverstick, 37092644, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Dale N. McComas, 37434603, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ioyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 15 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 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:

Staff Sergeant Norris T. Stodke, 36273351, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Private First Class Harold E. Graves, 36914600, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Raymond T. Walworth, 33942692, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Alfred J. Ransoy, 6548025, 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 William A. Dryer, 36829773, 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 Frank J. Sierawski, 36869160, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Lawrence P. Parr, 36430785, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 June 1945 to 23 June 1945.

*Private First Class ^{HOWARD M.} ~~Harold M.~~ Stone, 39422832, Infantry, United States Army. ^{Have AMEND. BY GO# 703 - 19 Sept 45}
For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Corporal Senan J. Kozak, 34073934, 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.

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Technician Fourth Grade Virgil Tenney, 35380093, 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 Third Grade Kenneth F. Boudit, 36779377, 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 Milton A. Tertram, 36407120, 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 Frank G. Payne, 37222815, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 December 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Arthur L. Fowler, 38291164, 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 Tony Ruiz, 39597766, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Teddy J. Baumgartner, 39599813, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Lloyd L. Ray, 38269038, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Domingo J. Arrette, 38214791, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

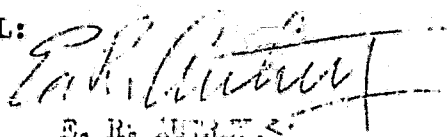
Technical Sergeant Cecil A. Bechringer, 36382433, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 4 July 1945.

Private First Class Archie B. Glere, 37774477, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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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 600-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class John T. Petko, 33530180, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Petko, collecting litter bearers, and seven other litter bearers from his company, while advancing from an ambulance loading post to a battalion aid station, were caught in a sudden barrage of enemy artillery fire, which wounded several men in the vicinity. Private First Class Petko having taken cover, immediately left his place of comparative safety to aid the wounded. With utter disregard for personal safety, Private First Class Petko treated the casualties, despite the persistent enemy artillery fire still harassing the area, then carried them back to the ambulance loading post. Resuming their trip, Private First Class Petko and companions were again faced with grave danger when an enemy sniper suddenly opened fire on them while they were crossing the open terrain leading to the station. They momentarily took cover behind some rocks, but realizing the necessity for the immediate evacuation of the wounded from the aid station, Private First Class Petko and companions immediately, despite the great risk, continued across the open terrain to the station. Despite the constant danger Private First Class Petko and companions evacuated all the wounded over the same hazardous route to the ambulance loading post. Private First Class Petko's outstanding courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William H. Apgar Jr, 36705352, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Apgar one of a group of eight collecting company litter bearers was caught in a sudden barrage of enemy artillery fire while advancing to a battalion aid station. When several men in the vicinity were wounded, Private First Class Apgar despite the continued bursts of enemy artillery shells landing in the area, immediately left his place of safety and went to the aid of the wounded men. Fully exposed to enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Apgar and companions administered first aid to the wounded, then carried them back to the ambulance loading post. Continuing their trip forward Private First Class Apgar and companions were crossing an open field when an enemy sniper opened fire on them. Although they momentarily took cover, Private First Class Apgar and companions realizing that there were wounded men at the aid station needing immediate evacuation, continued their journey, risking the hazards of enemy sniper fire, and arrived at the station. They immediately began the hazardous task of carrying the wounded over the same hazardous route to the ambulance loading post. Despite the continued bursts of enemy artillery shells, Private First Class Apgar continued the operations until all wounded were evacuated. Private First Class Apgar's courage under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

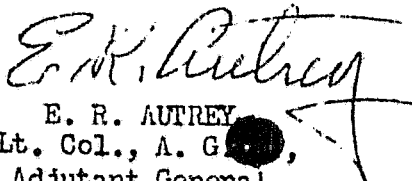
Technician Fifth Grade Raymond F. Kimble, 32974249, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Kimble with the other three men of his squad and another squad of litter bearers from a collecting company were advancing to a forward battalion aid station when a barrage of enemy artillery hit in the immediate vicinity, wounding several men. With complete disregard for the continued bursts of enemy artillery in the area, Technician Fifth Grade Kimble and companions left their place of comparative safety and immediately began treatment of the wounded. Although in constant danger of his life, Technician Fifth Grade Kimble and the other men then carried the men to the collecting company ambulance two hundred yards to the rear. After completing this dangerous mission they continued their perilous trip forward. While crossing an open field they were pinned down momentarily by a sudden burst of enemy sniper fire. Realizing that the casualties at the aid station needed immediate evacuation, Technician Fifth Grade Kimble and companions, fully aware that they must pass in full view of the enemy sniper, unhesitatingly continued on their mission. Upon reaching the station, Technician Fifth Grade Kimble and litter bearers, with utter disregard for personal safety, immediately began evacuating the casualties over the same hazardous route to the ambulance loading post and despite constant threat of enemy sniper fire and the continual bursts of enemy artillery, continued this operation until all casualties were evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade Kimble's unflinching devotion to duty and calm courage under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Anton J Galasinski, 36700067, Medical Department United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 8 April 1945. With seven litter bearers from a collecting company, Technician Fifth Grade Galasinski was advancing from a forward ambulance loading post to a battalion aid station when a relentless barrage of enemy artillery fire swept the area immediately ahead of the group, wounding several men. Technician Fifth Grade Galasinski and companions having found protection in a ditch, immediately left their place of safety to aid the wounded. After administering first aid, Technician Fifth Grade Galasinski despite the continued bursts of enemy artillery shell in the area assisted in carrying all the casualties to the ambulance loading post. While crossing an open field leading to the station, Technician Fifth Grade Galasinski and companions were forced to take cover behind some rocks when an enemy sniper suddenly opened fire on them. Realizing the necessity for immediate evacuation of the wounded from the battalion aid station, Technician Fifth Grade Galasinski unhesitatingly left his place of concealment and crossed the open field to the station. Despite the constant danger from enemy sniper fire and the hazards of enemy artillery fire that was still harassing the area, he assisted in evacuating all the casualties, over the same hazardous route to the ambulance loading post. Technician Fifth Grade Galasinski's courageous action and devotion to duty was instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded and 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, Executive 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 Paul K. Amarb, 37774169, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Private First Class Dover D. Bradshaw, 38551404, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 2 May 1945 to 3 July 1945.

First Sergeant Daniel J. Davis, 37233233, 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.

Staff Sergeant Russell V. Gipperich, 6910884, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Sergeant James M. Gist, 38227521, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Oscar L. Johnson, 33290816, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 6 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Private First Class Johnnie L. Mathews, 38242980, 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 3 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Loren Masely, 36700246, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Johnny T. Slone, 38282823, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

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Sergeant Anthony F. Citro, 36903579, 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 3 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Raymond E. Garrett 37233484, 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 to 3 July 1945.

Private First Class Jessie E. Gallender, 38300123, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Private First Class Wendell Jones, 18148284, 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 3 July 1945.

Private First Class Warren E. Lambacher, 35927915, 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 to 20 April 1945.

Private First Class Roland A. Parent, 20144718, 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 George A. Winters 42182320, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 21 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.


Private First Class Edward E. Dakan, 37229024, 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.

Staff Sergeant Charles H. Engeriser Jr., 36763820, 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 14 June 1945.

Sergeant John E. Trumpet, 36422984, 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 3 July 1945.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Frank J. Cirillo, 36908895, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy near the Yaeju-Dake hill mass, Private First Class Cirillo displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields which Private First Class Cirillo had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times allowing them to cover them with heavy rifle and machine gun fire. Despite this, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety he voluntarily crossed this dangerously exposed area for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing this hazardous task he supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition, until the enemy counterattack was broken up, and the enemy repulsed.

Private First Class Kenneth L. Clark, 36917104, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy near the Yaeju-Dake Hill Mass, Private First Class Clark displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields which he had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times, allowing them to cover them with rifle and machine gun fire. Despite this, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety Private First Class Clark voluntarily crossed this dangerously exposed area for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing his hazardous task, he supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition until the enemy counterattack was broken up, and the enemy repulsed.

Private First Class Merley L. Donoho, 36615886, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When a seriously wounded soldier, in dire need of injections of whole blood, was brought into the battalion aid station, Private First Class Donoho, instantly volunteered to evacuate the casualty to the collecting company where the blood would be administered. With utter disregard for his life, he started with the casualty in his ambulance jeep, over a road which for an hour had been under such intense enemy artillery barrages that only vehicles needed in extreme emergencies were facing the hazardous risks of movement in that area. On the perilous trip back, a weapons carrier immediately ahead of him received a direct hit from enemy artillery, killing two men and seriously wounding four others. Despite the relentless enemy artillery fire, Private First Class Donoho stopped and loaded the two most seriously wounded casualties on his vehicle, then continued on his hazardous mission. Private First Class Donoho's outstanding devotion to duty and intrepidity in the face of danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Alfred E. Green, 13144774, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When casualties in ever increasing numbers began coming into the station, Private First Class Green and seven other litter bearers from a collecting company on duty at the battalion aid station, immediately, on their initiative began evacuating the wounded. Despite the fact that the battalion surgeon told them they might wait for a lull in the relentless enemy artillery fire that had been harassing them immediately since noon. With utter disregard for personal safety, Private First Class Green and companions, in spite of the fact that only a few lulls broke the continuity of the enemy bombardment during the afternoon and night, continued their hazardous task, continually exposed to the hazards of the enemy artillery fire, for twelve exhausting hours evacuating a total of 130 wounded. Private First Class Green's outstanding courage and true devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

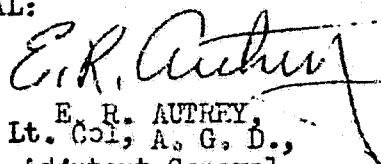
Private First Class Charles B. McDonald, 34081727, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Private First Class McDonald, a Collecting Company jeep driver, with complete disregard for his own safety, voluntarily drove his jeep ambulance one mile forward of the Battalion Aid Station over a troop path made hazardous by constant enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, to successfully evacuate two seriously wounded soldiers who needed immediate medical treatment. The courage and bold action as displayed by Private First Class McDonald was instrumental in saving the lives of the two casualties and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charley Soprano, 38260388, 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. On duty at the battalion aid station, Private First Class Soprano volunteered as assistant driver to aid in the evacuation of a seriously wounded soldier to the collecting company where immediate injections of whole blood could be given. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Soprano with driver proceeded over a road amidst constant bursts of enemy artillery, so intense that all traffic was forced to stop, except a few vehicles on emergency missions that braved the terrible hazards. When a weapons carrier immediately ahead of them was hit by enemy artillery, Private First Class Soprano, disregarding the relentless artillery barrages, stopped and helped load two of the wounded on the vehicle, then administered first aid to the casualties as they proceeded to the collecting company. Private First Class Soprano's outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Sergeant Virgil E. Skimahorn, 382911C4, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When Sergeant Skimahorn's squad was held up by fire from an enemy machine gun position, and the terrain proved impassable for the tank with which he was operating, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire without regard for his own safety and unhesitatingly assaulted the enemy position with his rifle and hand grenades, accounting for four enemy dead. His heroic action cost Sergeant Skimahorn his life but his gallant devotion to duty provided a great inspiration to his men and was in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: General J. Skimahorn, Father, General Delivery, O'Kean, Arkansas.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant William A. Scritchfield, 38293676, 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 30 May 1945. Next of Kin: Lucille Scritchfield, Wife, Route #1, Searcy, Arkansas.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

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Technician Third Grade Kiyot Yamamura, 30104130, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Technician Third Grade Takeo Nonaka, 39025435, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Technician Third Grade Takejiro Higa, 30106669, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

SECTION IV

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.

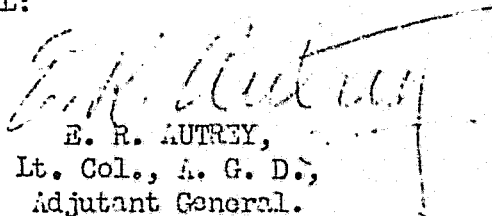
Sergeant Albert M. Bartzat, 39022663, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 81, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 December 1944.

Technical Sergeant John H. Chandler, 36384825, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 12 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 596, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 August 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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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 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 Duard R. Barnes, 39857327, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy on Yaeju-Dake Hill, Private First Class Barnes displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields through which he had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times, allowing them to cover it with heavy rifle and machine gun fire. Despite this, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Barnes voluntarily crossed this dangerously exposed area for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing this hazardous task he supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition until the enemy counterattack was broken up, and the enemy repulsed. Private First Class Barnes' devotion to duty regardless of the enemy fire upon the area over which he had to cross, resulted in preventing the enemy from continuing the attack. ✓

Private First Class John S. Chesser, 44035041, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy near the Yaeju-Dake hill mass, Private First Class Chesser displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields which Private First Class Chesser had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times, allowing them to cover it with heavy sniper and machine gun fire. Despite this, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Chesser voluntarily crossed the dangerously exposed area for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing this hazardous task, Private First Class Chesser supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition until the enemy's counterattack was broken up, and the enemy repulsed. ✓

Private First Class Robert R. Hallett, 39481497, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy in the Yaeju-Dake hill mass, Private First Class Hallett displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields which Private First Class Hallett had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times, allowing them to cover them with heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Despite this and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Hallett voluntarily crossed this dangerously exposed area for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing his hazardous task Private First Class Hallett supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition until the enemy's counterattack was broken up and the enemy repulsed. ✓

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Private First Class Donald J. Hawkins, 39480538, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy near the Yaeju-Dake Hill Mass, Private First Class Hawkins displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields which Private First Class Hawkins had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times allowing them to cover them with heavy rifle and machine gun fire. Despite this and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Hawkins voluntarily crossed this dangerously exposed field for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing this hazardous task, Private First Class Hawkins supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition until the enemy counter-attack was broken up and the enemy repulsed. ✓

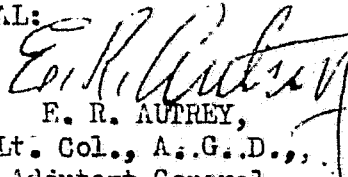
Private First Class Thomas G. Henniger, 39480450, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. Immediately following an enemy counterattack near the Yaeju-Dake escarpment on 11 June 1945, heavy machine gun ammunition was urgently needed to afford protection of the position against another possible means of replenishing the supply was to hand carry it across an open field exposed to heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire. Private First Class Henniger voluntarily crawled across one hundred yards of this open terrain to a position from which he could throw smoke grenades and screen other men of his unit who brought up the much needed ammunition. Private First Class Henniger's devotion to duty, initiative, and utter disregard for personal safety, was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Private First Class Jack Kieffer, 33424776, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy near the Yaeju-Dake Hill mass, Private First Class Kieffer displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields which Private First Class Kieffer had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times, allowing them to cover them with rifle fire and machine gun fire. Despite this and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Kieffer voluntarily crossed this dangerously exposed area for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing his hazardous task, Private First Class Kieffer supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition until the enemy counterattack was broken up and the enemy repulsed. ✓

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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 Donald H. Ashley 39346003 Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When Private First Class Ashley's platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun and rifle fire during an attack on an enemy held strong point, he voluntarily crawled forward and without regard for his own personal safety began firing back at the enemy from an exposed position. His platoon was then able to move to covered positions under this protective fire. Private First Class Ashley was forced to remain in this isolated position until nightfall when he was able to return to his platoon. He is credited with killing three enemy riflemen and destroying the crew of an enemy machine gun. His display of courage and initiative reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William G. Bauer 37710655, Infantry 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 members of his platoon was seriously wounded Private First Class Bauer under heavy enemy machine gun fire, volunteered to climb a fifteen foot coral ledge to help evacuate him. The route traveled was down the precarious ledge and was under enemy observation and machine gun fire at all times. Private First Class Bauer and three companions succeeded in carrying the wounded man, with complete disregard to their own safety, three hundred yards to the forward aid station. His display of courage and tenacity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James E. Bjornson 37774071, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Private First Class Bjornson, an assistant squad leader supervised the destruction of twenty enemy and three enemy machine gun positions. With utter disregard for his personal safety he rescued a man who had dropped into a camouflaged enemy cave. To do this he ran through a hail of enemy machine gun fire. His courageous actions were responsible for the safety of the man and the evacuation of numerous casualties in his platoon during an organized withdrawal.

Private First Class Egon Brenner, 42073713, 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 Brenner, a radio operator, volunteered to carry his radio with an attacking platoon in an attack on strong enemy positions on a steep, rocky escarpment south of Yunyasaku. During the attack the platoon to which Private First Class Brenner was attached was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. When the platoon leader went to contact the forward elements of his platoon for reorganization he was pinned down. Acting on his own initiative and with utter disregard for

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his own personal safety Private First Class Brenner left his covered position and joined the platoon leader. To do this he crossed three hundred yards of open space, consisting largely of rice fields. His progress, because of his heavy load and muddy terrain, was slow. He was constantly fired upon by several enemy machine guns. His display of courage and initiative made it possible for the platoon leader to send vital information about his own and the enemy's disposition to the company commander. Later Private First Class Brenner, again with utter disregard for his own personal safety, assisted the platoon leader in the attack by adjusting mortar fire on enemy positions. While doing the same he exposed himself many times to enemy fire. Private First Class Brenner's courage, initiative and determination were greatly responsible for the success of the attack.

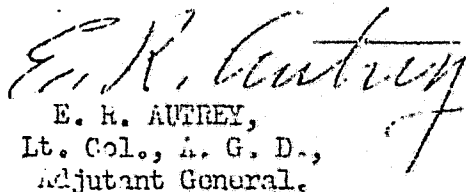
Private First Class Armando J Campanelli, 31435287, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. During the advance on the town of Madera, Private First Class Campanelli, with utter disregard for his own personal safety adjusted the fire of the supporting tanks on enemy positions, exposing himself to the same heavy enemy fire which had shot a radio out of his hand a few minutes before. He volunteered for his hazardous mission and his courageous act was responsible for the continued success of the attack. Private First Class Campanelli's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant John M. Holt, 16174697, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. During a strong enemy counter attack Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Holt, a platoon messenger, on his own initiative and without orders, left a covered position in order that he might re-supply the company front with badly needed ammunition and grenades. In order to accomplish this Staff Sergeant Holt made numerous trips through intense enemy fire and exploding grenades from foxhole to foxhole along the entire front distributing ammunition and instilling courage in the men by his brave actions. When the need for litters arose, he was again at work acting as guide and litter bearer to evacuate the wounded. Staff Sergeant Holt's untiring efforts and initiative in the face of enemy action won the admiration of his comrades 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 11, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AF 634-25 (Instructions), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, AF 634-25, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal Gordon W. Coate, 25369154, 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.

Corporal Floyd W. Dye, 27313699, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Edward J. Jadvinskac, 36405258, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Clyde W. Lusk, 36244912, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Robert E. Maxwell, 36615452, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island and Okinawa Island from 23 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Captain Bernard E. Funesz, 0546958, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 7 January 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Edward E. Flautez, 36272350, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945.

Sergeant Walter J. Feinstein, 38313620, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 3 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Ronald P. Raleigh, 36271701, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 19 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 May 1945.

Captain James A. Skand, 0426743, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 25 November 1944 to 22 June 1945.

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Private First Class Elvin D. Weeks, 3524492, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Private First Class Weeks, and two other men maintained a platoon observation post for five and one half hours against terrific enemy sniper and mortar fire. The observation post was isolated from the rest of the platoon and was located on a large coral rock that made it a necessity to keep constant watch no matter how intense the enemy fire. Private First Class Weeks and his two companions killed seven enemy soldiers who were harassing the platoon's position. Previous to this Private First Class Weeks had fought for thirty one consecutive days against the fiercest and bloodiest fighting yet encountered and continuously displayed courage and initiative. His acts of fortitude and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.


Private First Class Joseph S. White, 31923594, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. A short time after the assault landings were made on Okinawa, during the push inland, the squad in which Private First Class White was an automatic rifleman, was fired upon by an enemy machine gun which was so well concealed and camouflaged that none of the men were able to spot it. Acting on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class White exposed himself to the enemy fire and when the machine gun opened up on him, observed the strike of the bullets to spot it. Having located the gun, Private First Class White maneuvered to within twenty five yards of it although constantly under fire. He then continued to fire his automatic rifle until the machine gun was silenced. Immediately after his actions several snipers fired upon Private First Class White. In order to return that fire effectively, Private First Class White exposed himself bodily and returned the fire until the snipers were eliminated. It was due to the courageous actions, steadfastness in the face of enemy fire and bravery of Private First Class White that the advance on that day was rapid. Private First Class White's display of courage, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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*Staff Sergeant Willard H. Wyeth, 31374489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his platoon, in an attack against strong enemy positions on Mishibaruru Ridge, suffered many casualties, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Wyeth, realizing the grave situation, acted upon his own initiative and took command of his platoon. While under intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire, Staff Sergeant Wyeth reorganized his platoon into a fighting unit, made secure positions already taken and made the necessary reconnaissance to continue the attack. He valiantly directed his men while under intense enemy fire, in repulsing an enemy counter-attack, and by courageous efforts held the position on the ridge.

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

Private First Class Stewart H. Lane, 38793733, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During a counterattack against our forces by the enemy near the Yaeju-Dake Hill mass, Private First Class Lane displayed outstanding courage and individual initiative in supplying heavy machine guns which were hard pressed for ammunition. The open fields through which Private First Class Lane had to cross were under complete enemy observation at all times allowing them to cover them with sniper and machine gun fire. Despite this and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Lane voluntarily crossed this dangerously exposed area for a distance of five hundred yards to the ammunition dump. Continuing his hazardous task, Private First Class Lane supplied the machine guns with the much needed ammunition until the enemy counterattack was broken up and the enemy repulsed.

Private First Class Wallace G. Marcoau, 39935547, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. Immediately following an enemy counterattack on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment, heavy machine gun ammunition was urgently needed to afford protection of the position against another possible enemy counterattack. The quickest and only possible means of replenishing the supply was to hand carry it across an open field exposed to heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire. Private First Class Marcoau voluntarily crawled across one hundred yards of open terrain to a position from which he could throw smoke grenades and screen other men of his unit who brought up the much needed ammunition. Private First Class Marcoau's devotion to duty, initiative, and utter disregard for personal safety, was an inspiration to the men of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Ward C. Murray, 01236876, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. When one of the battalion's rifle companies had consolidated its position on Yaeju-Dake Ridge, Captain Murray, a heavy weapons company commander, proceeded to act as forward observer for both his own mortars and attached chemical mortars from an observation post northeast of Yonogusuke. Although he was the target for direct artillery fire, as well as snipers, he unflinchingly continued his adjusting until the men on the ridge were completely "boxed in" by defensive fires. Realizing the necessity for accuracy because of the proximity of the troops, Captain Murray braved all fire, and through use of his binoculars, was able to make precision adjustments. Later that night mortar fires were constantly being brought to bear against the enemy and were an important factor in repulsing all attempts at retaking Yaeju-Dake Ridge. - 1 -

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Private First Class Arden D. Pridgeon, 36868296, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private First Class Pridgeon and several members of his squad assaulted and held a position which offered no cover from excellent enemy observation and subjected them to hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Private First Class Pridgeon and his companions held their position against enemy counterattack attempts even after four of their comrades were seriously wounded. In doing so, they enabled their platoon to hold a dominating piece of terrain. Private First Class Pridgeon's courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

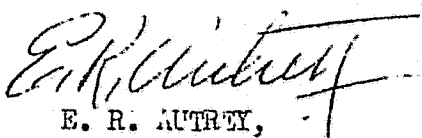
Second Lieutenant Carl O Sandburg, 01060274, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Sandburg led his platoon to the top of one of the lower steps of Yacju-Lake Escarpment, across four hundred yards of open ground under extremely heavy enemy fire from concealed emplacements on the face of the escarpment. After gaining his objective the position was made untenable because adjacent units were unable to move up on Lieutenant Sandburg's flanks. Radioing this information to his commanding officer, he received orders to withdraw his platoon for by now, sniper fire was so heavy on the open ground that ammunition and supplies could not be brought up. While checking the area for casualties, Second Lieutenant Sandburg discovered a wounded soldier and personally carried him to a place of safety. Supervising the riding of litters for the wounded, Second Lieutenant Sandburg and his men waited for protective smoke to mask their withdrawal across the open terrain. With the arrival of the smoke, the withdrawal was completed. Because of Second Lieutenant Sandburg's heroism, and complete disregard for personal safety, an organized withdrawal was accomplished and all casualties were evacuated.

Private First Class Abraham Smith, 37774600, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Private First Class Smith and two other men, maintained a platoon observation post for five and one half hours against terrific enemy sniper and mortar fire. The observation post was isolated from the rest of the platoon and was located among huge coral rocks that made it a necessity to keep constant watch no matter how thick the enemy fire. Private First Class Smith and his two companions killed seven enemy soldiers who were harassing the platoon's position. Previous to this, Private First Class Smith had fought for thirty-one consecutive days against the fiercest and bloodiest fighting yet encountered and continuously displayed courage and initiative. His acts of fortitude and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

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 26 April 1945. First Lieutenant Clapp led an Infantry-tank team through withering enemy machine gun, small arms, and mortar fire as far as the terrain would permit the tanks to go and then pushed on ahead to neutralize enemy positions and to gain valuable information which contributed to the further success of his battalion. First Lieutenant Clapp's tenacity in carrying out his assigned mission despite the losses sustained, and his disregard for his own personal safety were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the military service.

Private First Class Daryl W. Drorbaugh, 39346800, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. Private First Class Drorbaugh, a BAR man, was protecting the left flank of his platoon on its forward movement to an enemy held hill. After advancing three hundred yards under enemy machine gun and sniper fire the platoon was pinned down by an enemy hand grenade barrage. Private First Class Drorbaugh killed three of the enemy who had crept up to the rear of the platoon and then moved forward under fire to an exposed position, and killed the four remaining enemy who were halting the advance by their incessant grenade and rifle fire. His heroic actions, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant William C. Hohorst, 0154561, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. First Lieutenant Hohorst led his platoon in the attack on the town of Madzera and in the course of the attack his entire platoon was pinned down. Although tanks were attached and could be used against the enemy emplacement, no one in the platoon could get near them because the fire of the enemy was too heavy. With utter disregard for personal safety, First Lieutenant Hohorst immediately advanced toward the tanks. He was fired upon by enemy small arms, yet he never faltered and controlled both the tanks and his platoon in a coordinated attack on the enemy positions until he was wounded. He did his two-fold task with great courage and steadfast determination. His leadership at all times was inspirational to all men. First Lieutenant Hohorst's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Eugene D. Hindenburg, 36760105, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Sergeant Hindenburg, while leading a rifle squad

against a strongly held enemy position, saw his platoon sergeant, who was leading and directing fire of a light tank which was supporting his platoon, fall to the ground seriously wounded. Under intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire, Sergeant Hindenburg, rushed forward and stopped the forward movement of the tank, and using it as a shield helped carry the wounded man to cover. Sergeant Hindenburg then, on his own initiative, directed the tank forward one hundred yards to a firing position and for fifteen minutes directed the fire of the tank's weapons under an artillery barrage and intense machine gun fire. Under this cover the entire company was able to move forward and secure the objective. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Richard B. Ware, 0518988, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Ware, a rifle platoon leader, led his platoon in the attack on an escarpment three hundred yards south of Yunugasuku. The position was extremely well defended and the approach led across three hundred yards of open space in full view of the well entrenched enemy. Although the platoon was pinned down, Second Lieutenant Ware managed to maneuver it so as to eliminate some of the opposition. In doing this, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to enemy fire many times. When the company was ordered to withdraw, it was the superior leadership of Second Lieutenant Ware that kept the platoon as an integral fighting unit. Again and again he exposed himself in order that he might direct the covering fire better. Second Lieutenant Ware's outstanding leadership was the basis of the great confidence which his men had in him. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Robert E. Wolfe, 35241513, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Private First Class Wolfe, and two other men maintained a platoon observation post for five and one half hours against terrific enemy sniper and mortar fire. The observation post was isolated from the rest of the platoon and was located among huge coral rocks which made it necessary to keep constant watch no matter how thick the enemy fire. Private First Class Wolfe and his two companions killed seven enemy soldiers who were harassing the platoon's position. Previous to this, Private First Class Wolfe had fought for thirty one consecutive days against the fiercest and bloodiest fighting yet encountered and continuously displayed courage and initiative. His acts of fortitude and aggressiveness 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. 119, 4 February 1944 (Section XI, Bulletin No. 9, 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 Raymond W. Smilie, 39425445, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. While making an assault with two attached tank platoons against a high rocky escarpment, units were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire from the vicinity of the objective. Determined that the assault should continue, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Smilie, a rifleman, left a position of comparative safety in order that he might direct the tanks' fire on point targets. He disregarded the rain of bullets falling around him and continued to work forward, stopping only to fire his own weapon at targets of opportunity as he advanced. As a result of his heroic action, many enemy positions fell before the fury of the assault. The enemy fire grew less and the troops were again able to move forward and take the objective. Staff Sergeant Smilie's display of courage in the face of almost impossible odds saved many lives and rendered a great service to his unit.

Private First Class Irlis W. Sorenson, 39490268, 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 Sorenson volunteered to go out alone into enemy held territory in order to eliminate intense sniper fire that had caused numerous casualties among his platoon. Armed with eight or nine hand grenades and his rifle and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he went forward one hundred and twenty-five yards under heavy enemy rifle fire and killed three enemy snipers who held commanding positions over his platoon's area. Private First Class Sorenson's display of courage and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert L. Sorenson, 37712494, 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 Sorenson, who, with members of his company was attacking an enemy fortified position, volunteered to cross one hundred and fifty yards of enemy machine gun swept terrain in order to warn a tank which was supporting his platoon of an enemy 47mm anti-tank gun that was firing on them. Private First Class Sorenson with his 536 radio contacted his commanding officer and with the aid of friendly artillery, silenced the enemy gun. Private First Class Sorenson exposed himself numerous times on high ground in order that his radio might function in a better manner. His courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant John E. Spencer, 01297805, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. During an attack on the high, rocky, enemy held escarpment three hundred yards south of Yunagasuka, one platoon of the company of which First Lieutenant Spencer was executive officer became isolated from the rest of the organization as it was the only one to reach the objective. First Lieutenant Spencer immediately realized that the platoon without reinforcement and resupply could not hold their position against a possible counterattack. He immediately volunteered to lead reinforcements consisting of another rifle platoon and a section of heavy machine guns to the platoon. Through heavy enemy fire he managed to reach the isolated platoon only by maneuvering his column so as to utilize all cover. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he organized a defense and personally supervised each man's actions. To do this, he exposed himself continually to heavy enemy fire. He supervised the resupply of his organization under cover of darkness and coordinated protective artillery and supporting fire from the unit on his left. It was due to the initiative, leadership and personal courage displayed by First Lieutenant Spencer that the foothold on the escarpment was held.

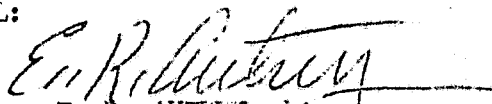
Private First Class Nicholas Spock, 33877392, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a platoon of his company, in an isolated position, was surrounded by the enemy during the hours of darkness and was subjected to mortar and grenade fire, which caused a number of casualties; Private First Class Spock, with five other men, courageously evacuated a wounded man, carrying the litter down a torturous escarpment over a distance of four hundred and fifty yards through the area infested with the enemy to the evacuation point. Repeatedly fired upon by the enemy and halting on several occasions to return fire, the group of men continued on, undaunted by the dangers around them, to accomplish their task. Private First Class Spock's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Melvin P. Viotti, 36431798, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Viotti, crawled forward seventy-five yards to a commanding position from which he could fire on all places to the front that could harbor or conceal these enemy weapons. Sergeant Viotti's fire was so effective that in a short space of time, he could safely move his squad forward to where they could assist him. As a result, the entire company was able to move forward to its objective sustaining no casualties. A total of fourteen enemy soldiers were found dead or wounded as a consequence of this fire. Sergeant Viotti's acts of exemplary leadership and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Donald B. Babcock, 35643196, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. Private First Class Babcock performed all tasks assigned to him successfully and was an inspiration to the men of his unit. He endured all hardships of weather and terrain and all the hazards of fighting a well concealed enemy. His automatic rifle was always in position to pour fire on the enemy and his courage in always pushing forward with his weapon gained for us many advantages in fire power over the enemy. On 10 April in the attack against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Babcock pushed forward with his automatic rifle, held his position against the enemy counterattack and continued to pour fire into the enemy positions. On 13 April, the enemy made a strong counterattack while Pfc Babcock then was in position to protect the left flank. Though he was slightly wounded in a grenade battle with the enemy, he held his position and with the aid of three men in adjoining foxholes killed three of the enemy and drove off the rest. As automatic rifleman, Private First Class Babcock never faltered and could always be relied upon to move aggressively with courage and determination and seek out the enemy and direct his fire to destroy him. Private First Class Babcock's courage, initiative and determination to win reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Laura M. Babcock, Mother, East Washington Street, Napoleon, Ohio.

Private First Class Bonnie H. Brower, 39934351, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 2 May 1945 to 20 June 1945. On 31 May, one company's attack on John Hill was held up by a hostile machine gun emplacement. Private First Class Brower voluntarily advanced against the position and by skillful use of his rocket launcher, singlehandedly neutralized the strongpoint and enabled the hill to be taken. On 19 June 1945, Private First Class Brower eliminated nine well-armed enemy infiltrators by rifle fire and hand grenades. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Brower reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Orvel Brower, Father, Route #2, Ashton, Idaho.

Private First Class Paul H. Gordon, 39090897, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 21 November 1944. When a company making an attack on a strong enemy held position west of Hitmonog was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun

life, Private First Class Gordon, an automatic rifleman, with utter disregard for his own personal safety and with steadfast devotion to duty, stood up in the face of the enemy fire and kept the enemy machine gun silenced with his own raking fire until his comrades withdrew to safety. While making this heroic stand, Private First Class Gordon was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. His heroism and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ethel Gordon, Mother, 702 Madison Street, Fresno, California.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

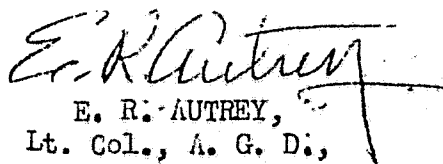
Private First Class Arthur L. Findley, 39596066, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When his squad was pinned down by deadly accurate fire from an enemy heavy machine gun, which was cleverly concealed and in a highly inaccessible pillbox, Private First Class Findley, with utter disregard for his own safety, charged across one hundred yards of open terrain and single handedly knocked out the enemy machine gun which was firing directly at him. By moving from shell hole to shell hole and from rock to rock; he closed in on the pillbox, threw a hand grenade, moved in with his bayonet, killed two Japs at the gun and killed another in a spider hole with his rifle. Private First Class Findley's gallant action and his great display of courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class William U. Smith, 35885650, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. When his platoon was assaulting a huge rock formation, it was fired upon by two enemy machine guns and numerous rifles, forcing them to take cover. Private First Class Smith with complete disregard for his own personal safety, made his way through this fire and flanking one enemy machine gun, opened fire on it at point blank range killing the entire crew. Disregarding bullets striking the ground and chipping rock around him, he continued crawling to a position where he was perched on a rock directly over the remaining machine gun and knocked it out with another burst of his BAR. The platoon was then able to move forward, and from his position, Private First Class Smith killed four snipers who were firing at the platoon. The courage and aggressiveness displayed by Private First Class Smith 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:

First Sergeant Fay Fuller, 6293491, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When the Company Commander was the only officer present with the Company, and was put in command of all companies of the battalion participating in the attack on Nishi-Baru Ridge, he put First Sergeant Fuller in command of his company. Due to many recent casualties within the company, the remaining riflemen numbered less than a full strength rifle platoon and were without any of their non-Commissioned leaders. When counter-attacked by the enemy they became partially disorganized. First Sergeant Fuller, realizing the grave situation, and with utter disregard for his own safety, immediately moved forward under intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire and unaided and alone personally placed and directed the fire of each individual rifleman upon the enemy. Due to the immediate forceful fire directed upon them, the enemy was forced to withdraw. Thus by First Sergeant Fuller's determined and courageous leadership the ridge was held and made secure. First Sergeant Fuller's heroic actions, and his great display of courage and leadership is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 286 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Otis G. Lunsford, 38293826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. While manning his guard post, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Lunsford saw six enemy soldiers moving behind a hill toward the mortar positions of his company. Realizing that the enemy could get within grenade range of this position without being seen, he ran to intercept them regardless of the danger of drawing fire from his own troops in the darkness. Upon reaching the top of the small hill, he gave warning to the men of the mortar section and opened fire on the enemy. Through his alertness and initiative the enemy were killed and a surprise attack was averted. His courageous act reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 406 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 29 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant George J. Mikalauski, 13129352, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a platoon of his company in an isolated position was surrounded by the enemy during the hours of darkness and subjected to intense mortar and grenade fire, which caused a number of casualties, Staff Sergeant Mikalauski, with five other men, courageously evacuated a wounded man, carrying the litter down a tortuous escarpment over a distance of four hundred and fifty yards through the area infested with the enemy to the evacuation point. Repeatedly fired upon by the enemy, on several occasions halting to return fire, the group of men continued on, undaunted by the dangers around them, to accomplish their task. Staff Sergeant Mikalauski's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 397, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945.

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Sergeant Joseph H. Nemeec, 39622063 Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. While his company was making an attack on an enemy held strong point, it was subjected to a heavy enemy mortar barrage. Sergeant Nemeec's Squad never before being under mortar fire froze in positions which were under enemy observation. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Nemeec walked out among his men talking to them in a manner that quickly restored their courage and aggressiveness. Sergeant Nemeec, rallying his men, attacked into the face of the enemy and made his, the first squad of the company to reach its objective, maneuvering the men so that no casualties resulted. Under Sergeant Nemeec's constant leadership he developed one of the finest fighting rifle squads in his battalion. His resourcefulness and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 302 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 7 June 1945.

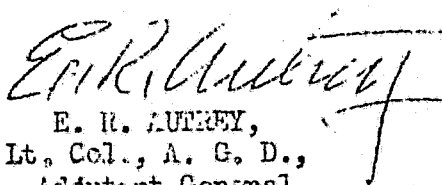
Staff Sergeant Emil Pecha 38272512 Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. During an attack on strongly held enemy positions Staff Sergeant Pecha a squad leader in a rifle platoon, directed the fire and movement of a tank supporting his platoon. When two enemy machine guns opened fire and halted the advance of the forward elements of his company, Staff Sergeant Pecha, with complete disregard for his own safety, maneuvered his tank by constantly exposing himself to enemy fire, into a position two hundred yards forward where he not only destroyed the enemy machine guns but supported the advance of his company, from his solitary position, on their movement forward. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 357 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd Comte, 36700026, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When a platoon of his company was pinned down by deadly machine gun fire which killed four men and seriously wounded eight, Technician Fifth Grade Comte made his way from another platoon through the hazardous fire to assist in giving first-aid. When the platoon again advanced under cover of supporting fire, Technician Fifth Grade Comte, although suffering from a sprained ankle, assisted in removing the wounded to the cover of a tomb where he remained, caring for the injured men for a period of four hours until enemy resistance had been reduced and the men could be evacuated from their isolated position. Technician Fifth Grade Comte's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 18 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 January 1945.

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Private Davie Beall, 36700231, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. While acting in his capacity of automatic rifleman when his company was in a defensive position, Private First Class Beall observed five enemy soldiers making their way out of a cave in front of another company's position to escape. The effect of a demolition charge placed in another entrance to the cave. Realizing that he was unable to bring fire upon the enemy from his position, on his own initiative he leaped from his foxhole and made his way to the front, exposing himself to possible enemy fire, and killed all five of the enemy. Private First Class Beall's heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Herman I. Black, 37746755, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a platoon of his company in an isolated position was surrounded by the enemy during the hours of darkness and subjected to intense mortar and grenade fire which caused a number of casualties, Private First Class Black, with five other men, courageously evacuated a wounded man, carrying the litter down a tortuous escarpment over a distance of four hundred and fifty yards through an area infested with the enemy to the evacuation point. Repeatedly fired upon by the enemy, on several occasions halting to return fire, the group of men continued on, undaunted by the dangers around them, to accomplish their task. Private First Class Black's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class James P. Bowden, 35709137, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a platoon of his company in an isolated position was surrounded by the enemy during the hours of darkness and subjected to intense mortar and grenade fire which caused a number of casualties, Private First Class Bowden, with five other men, courageously evacuated a wounded man, carrying the litter down a tortuous escarpment over a distance of four hundred and fifty yards through an area infested with the enemy to evacuation point. Repeatedly fired upon by the enemy, on several occasions halting to return fire, the group of men continued on, undaunted by the dangers around them, to accomplish their task. Private First Class Bowden's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class James E. Brewer, 38288157, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private First Class Brewer and several members

of his squad assaulted and held a position which offered no cover from excellent enemy observation and subjected them to hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Private First Class Brewer and his companions held their position against enemy counterattack attempts even after four of their comrades were seriously wounded. In doing so, they enabled their platoon to hold a dominating piece of terrain. Private First Class Brewer's courage and devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George I. Brown, 12216679, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private First Class Brown and several members of his squad assaulted and held a position which offered no cover from excellent enemy observation and subjected them to hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Private First Class Brown and his companions held their position against enemy counterattack attempts even after four of their comrades were seriously wounded. Private First Class Brown and companions' repulse of the determined enemy counterattack attempts was an inspiration to all the members of their platoon. In doing so, they enabled their platoon to hold a dominating piece of terrain. Private First Class Brown's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Loucas P. Hriston, 39931810, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private First Class Hriston and several members of his squad assaulted and held a position which offered no cover from excellent enemy observation and subjected them to hostile artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Private First Class Hriston and his companions held their position against enemy counterattack attempts even after four of their comrades were seriously wounded. In doing so, they enabled their platoon to hold a dominating piece of terrain. Private First Class Hriston's devotion to duty endangering his life, exemplified the highest tradition of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Harlan E. Stretch, 36430800, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When two men near him were severely injured by a white phosphorous shell which exploded adjacent to the emplacement they were occupying, burning them and engulfing them in suffocating smoke, Technical Sergeant Stretch, with the aid of another man rushed to the point where the injured men were endangering themselves by crossing through the burning phosphorous, lifted the injured men out of the hole and removed them to a point where they could be treated for their burns. Technical Sergeant Stretch's heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

ORIGINAL ORDER -

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 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 John A. Mauck, 37353555, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private First Class Mauck and several members of his squad assaulted and held a position which offered no cover from excellent enemy observation and subjected them to hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Private First Class Mauck and his companions held their position against enemy counterattack attempts even after four of their comrades were seriously wounded. In doing so, they enabled their platoon to hold a dominating piece of terrain. Private First Class Mauck's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Martha Mauck, Mother, 705 East Kiowa Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Staff sergeant Paul W. Krieg, 36430939, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Krieg assisted in giving first aid and evacuating casualties at night in the face of enemy grenade and mortar fire without regard for his own personal safety and further by his coolness and courage was able to keep the men of the platoon under control and at their posts during the night. Staff Sergeant Krieg's cool and courageous leadership while under heavy fire and his heroic action in evacuating the platoon's wounded reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: David Krieg, Father, Route 2, Virginia, Illinois.

Private First Class Tiofilio Garza Jr., 38253530, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. In the early hours of the morning, Private First Class Garza occupying an important and hazardous position on the extreme right flank of his battalion line, manned his automatic rifle and killed six Japs and wounded several others attacking our lines. His coolness and steadfastness prevented the enemy from taking hard gained terrain and breaking the battalion line. His heroic service is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Pamona G. Garza, Mother, Box 19, Edcote, Texas.

Sergeant Ivy J. Bordelon, 38230007, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When two men near him were severely injured by a white phosphorous shell which exploded adjacent to the emplacement they were occupying burning them and engulfing them in suffocating smoke, Sergeant Bordelon, with the aid of another man rushed to the point where the injured men were, endangering themselves by

crossing through the burning phosphorous, lifted the injured men out of the hole and removed them to a point where they could be treated for their burns. Sergeant Bordelon's heroic action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Eva Bordelon, Wife, Morrisville, Louisiana.

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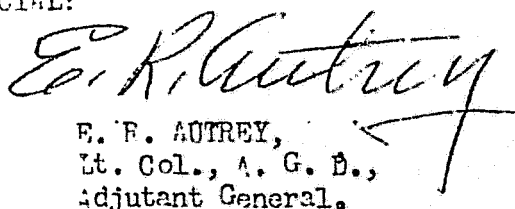
By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, War Department, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class James H. Walker, 35815881, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Private First Class Walker, a rifleman whose company was making an attack in the vicinity of Yunagusuki, suffered a broken leg as a result of a sniper's bullet. Darkness was fast approaching, and although he could have crawled back to friendly lines, he elected to spend the night with a seriously wounded companion who was unable to move. Soon artillery and mortar fire, friendly as well as enemy, began to fall and through it all, located four hundred yards in front of his own lines. Private First Class Walker held his ground. Despite the excruciating pain, he remained on guard throughout the entire night, comforting his stricken companion, and single-handedly repulsed all enemy attempts at infiltration by killing seven of the enemy. The following morning he reached the safety of our lines having crawled four hundred yards dragging his wounded companion behind. As a result of his steadfast devotion to duty, and gallantry in action, Private First Class Walker not only saved the life of his wounded companion, but enabled our forces to successfully continue the attack, and gain their objective.

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Private First Class Glenn C. Ramsey, 35768386, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. In the early hours of the morning, Private First Class Ramsey, occupying an important and hazardous position on the extreme right flank of his battalion line, assisted his gunner in manning his automatic rifle and killing six Japs and wounding several others attacking our lines. His coolness and steadfastness prevented the enemy from retaking hard won terrain and breaking the battalion line.

Private First Class William W. Riecke, 37535612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private First Class Riecke and several members of his squad, assaulted and held a position which offered no cover from excellent enemy observation and subjected them to hostile artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. Private First Class Riecke and his companions held their position against enemy counterattack attempts even after four of their comrades were seriously wounded. In doing so, they enabled their platoon to hold a dominating piece of terrain. Private First Class Riecke's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant James J. Ruth, Jr., 02007400, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. While his company was engaged in defense of a difficult terrain feature, a rocky escarpment heavily fortified previously by the enemy, and with the company under continued fire for three days from a cavernous emplacement above it, which direct artillery fire was unsuccessful in eliminating, Second Lieutenant Ruth led a small patrol above the edge of the precipitous rocky cliff above the company, with great difficulty and exposed to enemy fire, in an attempt to discover a method to neutralize the position. Carefully leading his small group to a point within twenty-five yards of the enemy fortifications, he secured invaluable information as to its construction and determined other possible methods of destroying it. His courageous and heroic effort was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles R. Stevens, 37535835, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Private First Class Stevens, when his squad leader became a casualty during an enemy mortar barrage, immediately assumed command of the squad. The men seeing their squad leader become a casualty were reluctant to move and only by standing up, exposing himself to the enemy fire, and talking with

the r . encouraging them to individually move forward with him was he able to in-
still confidence in them. Private First Class Stevens' aggressiveness, courageous
leadership and coolness under fire were an inspiration to his men and reflect great
credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Richard E. West, 37775529, Infantry, United States Army.
For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on
Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. When a squad had been pinned down by enemy fire for
several hours and one member of the squad attempted to return to the company po-
sition, he was seriously wounded. Seeing the plight of the injured man, and
realizing the danger involved in attempting to evacuate him, Private First Class
West and four companions nevertheless, made their way fifty yards from the company
position to the point where the man lay and evacuated him to a position of safety.
Private First Class West's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions
of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Guy E. Wazaman, 35238084, Infantry, United States Army. For
heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa
Island on 14 June 1945. During an attack on strong enemy positions, Staff Sergeant
(then Private First Class) Wazaman's platoon leader became a casualty. Enemy fire
was heavy and the men were spread out over a large area. The platoon consisted of
inexperienced men and Staff Sergeant Wazaman was at the time, a soldier with little
combat experience himself. Nevertheless, he realized the gravity of the situation
and immediately assumed command. Continually exposing himself to the most vicious
fire, Staff Sergeant Wazaman personally reorganized the platoon and continued the
attack. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he constantly travelled
under heavy enemy fire between squads: completed the mission. In the mopping up
of numerous well concealed enemy machine gun positions, he controlled each squad
perfectly and secured excellent coordination. It was due to Staff Sergeant Wazaman's
excellent leadership, his initiative and courage that the attack was successful.
His determination to rout and defeat the enemy were exemplary. Staff Sergeant
Wazaman's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of
the military service.

Staff Sergeant Paul J. Wagner, 33925987, Infantry, United States Army. For
heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa
Island on 3 June 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Wagner, an auto-
matic rifleman, took over command of his squad when his squad leader became a cas-
ualty during an attack. Standing upright, he exposed himself to enemy machine gun
fire and at great personal risk, led his squad against a strongly held enemy hill
position, knocking out six enemy emplacements capturing three enemy light machine
guns and sealing eleven caves. Through the entire campaign, his efforts added
greatly to the morale and inspiration of his men. Staff Sergeant Wagner's courage
and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Technician Fourth Grade Timothy H. Leeds, 20741251, 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. Next of Kin: Theda Leeds, Wife, Jacksonville, Arkansas.

Private First Class Joseph S. Meltner, 32973114, 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 11 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Rose Meltner, Mother, 1832 Clinton Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Sergeant Torrence W. Peterson, 37266406, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mr. Frank W. Peterson, Father, Route #2, Careco, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant John M. Ulrich, 0527871, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 May 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. John M. Ulrich, Wife, Ibbell, Oklahoma.

Private First Class John E. Williamson, 36830087, 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. Next of Kin: Colonel Carl S. Williamson, Father, Station Hospital, S.A.A.C., San Antonio, Texas.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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First Lieutenant Charles H. Allen, 0131409, 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 Jack W. Becker, 16177030, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945.

Sergeant Nathaniel H. Servi, 36429884, 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 Charles E. Keaton, Jr., 31373515, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 26 April 1945 to 28 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Leonard F. Meadows, 38290904, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 26 April 1945 to 13 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Norman Weiner, 01291921, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 May 1945.

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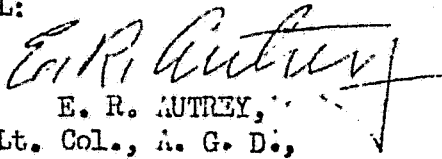
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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 to the following named Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Jack W. Becker, 16177030, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. Private First Class Becker was part of a company command group moving forward behind the assault platoons when a Jap sniper opened fire on the group, wounding one man and driving the rest to cover. Private First Class Becker, ignoring the rifle fire and despite the fact that the man lay on a completely open knoll, dashed to the man's aid, removed his equipment and carried the man to cover. This prompt action undoubtedly saved the man's life. Private First Class Becker's prompt and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 721, Section II, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 September 1945.

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Private First Class George L. Eberly, 37711843, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. During an attack in which his squad was pinned down by enemy small arms fire from a strong position on a hill to its front, Private First Class Eberly, with another man, moved forward through an area under observation by the enemy, and covered by enemy small arms and mortar fire and completely reduced the position by fighting his way into the trench, and forcing the enemy to withdraw back into the cave. He then moved through the trench to a position from which he could attack the enemy forces in the cave and completely annihilated them, personally accounting for four enemy killed. Private First Class Eberly's bravery and devotion to duty resulted in the complete reduction of the strong point and was responsible for his squad being able to continue its attack and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert A. Fuscy, 12142761, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 22 May 1945. While on Sugar Hill, three times during the night, Private First Class Fuscy led his ammunition detail to an ammunition dump through terrific enemy artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. Not once did he stop to consider his own safety. When his mortars needed ammunition he got it for them without delay. Without his leadership, the ammunition detail could never have gotten the courage to cross the three hundred yards of shelled and bullet riddled ground. Six times he led them across an area, with shrapnel falling, displaying undying faith and devotion to his duties.

Private First Class Gordon M. Ryzenga, 36407438, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his company's advance was slowed down by intense enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Ryzenga, and acting mortar squad leader, after high trajectory mortar fire failed to effect the enemy emplacements because of the surrounding terrain, crawled forward through enemy observed terrain which was constantly under machine gun and mortar fire, to a position from which he could engage the enemy emplacements with flat trajectory fire. Within a short time Private First Class Ryzenga scored eleven direct hits on the enemy targets, neutralizing them and enabling his company to move forward again without suffering any further casualties from those positions. Private First Class Ryzenga's courage, devotion to duty and complete disregard for his own personal safety was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Donald K. Spence, 37483521, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sawtooth Ridge, on Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Spence displayed great courage and initiative when his unit was under intense fire and suffering many casualties, by moving to the rear through intense mortar and small arms fire to get a resupply of medical supplies, and then made the same trip again with complete disregard for his own safety, to bring up a resupply of sixty millimeter mortar ammunition so that his gun could remain in action. Private First Class Spence's actions of course are a credit to himself and the military service.

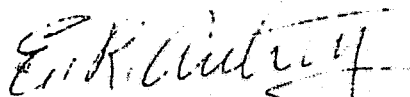
Sergeant Walter J. Tatar, 36383151, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island, on 27 April 1945. Sergeant Tatar, when his company was pinned down by enemy fire during an enemy counterattack, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved out through heavy enemy fire to a position from which he could effectively engage the enemy. In a short time Sergeant Tatar neutralized three machine gun emplacements, two mortar emplacements, and harassed a group of twenty enemy troops advancing toward his company's lines causing them to withdraw. He brought his own mortar fire to within twenty five yards of his position in order to destroy one machine gun and crew. Sergeant Tatar's display of initiative, courage, coolness under fire, and ability in adjusting mortar fire was responsible for the repulse of the enemy counterattack with a minimum of casualties.

Private First Class William J. Turner, 42001652, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Turner twice crawled through heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire to administer first aid to the wounded and evacuate them through this heavy fire. After placing the wounded under cover he knew that to successfully evacuate the men to the rear, a fifty yard field covered by two enemy machine guns would have to be crossed, but with complete disregard for his own safety he crossed the field and obtained the use of a tank. After evacuating the two wounded men Private First Class Turner saw several other wounded in need of the tank's protection and within the next hour he succeeded in safely evacuating fifteen casualties to the rear. Private First Class Turner's courage, coolness and aggressiveness, greatly eased the pressure on his company during the attack and saved many lives.

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SECTION I

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 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 Arden P. Pridgeon, 36868296, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a platoon of his company in an isolated position was surrounded by the enemy during the hours of darkness and subjected to intense mortar and grenade fire which caused a number of casualties, Private First Class Pridgeon, with five other men, courageously evacuated a wounded man, carrying the litter down a tortuous escarpment over a distance of four hundred and fifty yards through an area infested with the enemy, to the evacuation point. Repeatedly fired upon by the enemy, and on several occasions halted to return fire, the group of men continued on, undaunted by the dangers around them, to accomplish their task. Private First Class Pridgeon's heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 71, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 September 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 on-listed man per authority indicated, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant George J. Mikalauskis, 13129353, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When a man in his platoon was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire and was lying in an exposed position, Staff Sergeant Mikalauskis with complete disregard for his own safety, left a covered position and ran twenty five yards over ground swept with enemy machine gun fire to the side of the wounded man. After administering first aid, he picked the wounded man up in his arms and carried him back over the same precarious route to a position of cover and called for a litter squad. Upon its arrival, he then guided it over a safe route to the battalion aid station some three hundred yards distant. This act of individual courage and tenacity served as a great inspiration to the men of his platoon and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 397, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945.

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

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Captain Llewellyn E. Christensen, 0515560, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When the Battalion Command Post was shelled by heavy enemy artillery, and many casualties were sustained, an acute situation was encountered in providing proper medical aid, not only for those but also for the line company's casualties, which were unusually heavy at this time. Amidst shrapnel from bursting shells which literally showered the area, and endangered the lives of all who exposed themselves, Captain Christensen immediately began to provide medical assistance for every wounded man. His heroic example inspired his men to perform to the very maximum of their ability. He went from man to man, ascertained the extent of each one's wounds, rendered aid quickly, and evacuated them further to the rear. Captain Christensen's fearless actions saved the lives of several men and alleviated suffering among others and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 55, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 February 1945.

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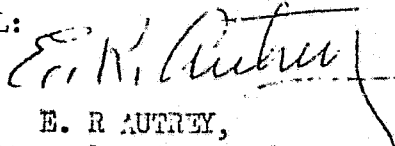
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Sergeant James W. Smith Jr., 37232807, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his company, during the assault on Sautcoth Ridge, was pinned down by intense mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, and excepting himself every man in his squad was wounded and evacuated, Sergeant Smith, although wounded, sized up the situation at a glance and realizing his company's urgent need for his machine gun, quickly retrieved it and a supply of ammunition, regardless of the fact that enemy mortar fire was still falling heavily in that area. He then crawled forward over twenty five yards of ground covered by enemy fire, set up his machine gun and effectively engaged the enemy, personally accounting for twenty enemy killed and definitely aiding in relieving the immediate pressure on his company, allowing them to again move forward. Sergeant Smith's aggressive ness, initiative, quick thinking, courage and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Billio G. Smith, 3578449E, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 June 1945. When his company was being held up in the town of Hodecra by two enemy strong points, with no chance to maneuver against them, Private First Class Smith, with complete disregard for his own safety, took a bazooka from its regular operator, stood erect on a stone wall despite intense rifle and pistol fire, and silenced one enemy position with three rockets. Private First Class Smith then took a portable flame thrower and advanced directly on the other enemy position, despite a shower of grenades which were detonating only a few feet from him. Private First Class Smith moved through this hail of grenades to the enemy position and effectively used his flame thrower to silence it. Private First Class Smith's actions, at the risk of his own life, enabled his company to advance further into the town and inspired the other men in the company.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Allen A. Klemm, 36404172, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line companies supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Private First Class Klemm volunteered to act as a driver of one of the vehicles carrying grenades to the companies. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of this trip enabled the battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Private First Class Klemm's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Henry LaBoda, 36466416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island from 15 April 1945 to 19 April 1945. Private First Class LaBoda, in addition to his duties as a mortar gunner, volunteered to act as spotter for the slow moving projectiles from enemy 320mm mortars which were inflicting heavy casualties on his company. To accomplish his task, Private First Class LaBoda had to choose a position from which he could obtain observation for a long distance, but which was exposed to enemy observation and fire. Despite the jeopardy to his personal safety, Private First Class LaBoda chose that position and upon sighting a projectile would warn his entire company by shouting, shouting, and pointing to the direction from which the projectile was approaching, thereby making himself an excellent target to the enemy. Private First Class LaBoda's actions enabled his company to carry on their normal duties, and when warned, to judge the approximate location where the projectile would land and take cover. Private First Class LaBoda's initiative, disregard for his own personal safety and coolness under extreme conditions was directly responsible for the low percentage of casualties sustained by his company from the enemy 320mm mortar fire and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

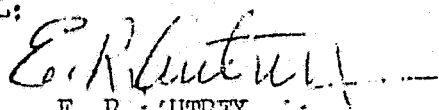
Private First Class Frank L. Markel, 36761860, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Markel, when his platoon was subjected to an attempted enemy infiltration, crawled from his listening post towards the enemy position in order to better observe and give warning to his platoon. In spite of wounds received by an enemy grenade, Private First Class Markel maintained his position, continued to inform his platoon and directed their actions in such a manner as to break up the enemy attack. Private First Class Markel's courage, aggressive actions and personal initiative saved his platoon many casualties and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant LeRoy E. Purcell, 36388941, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his Command Group was struck by mortar fire Technical Sergeant Purcell, acting First Sergeant of a rifle company, left his place of safety and crawled out to the aid of two wounded men who were lying in the open. Despite the heavy mortar and machine gun fire falling in the area, he discovered that one man was dead and he aided the second man back to cover and dressed his wounds. He rejoined his group as casualties from the forward platoons began arriving at the Command Post and immediately enlisted the aid of two men and scooped out a depression in the earth so that the men would have cover while their evacuation was arranged and again he completely ignored the mortar fire which was falling throughout the area. Technical Sergeant Purcell's cool judgement, initiative, and display of courage saved the lives of several men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Joseph L. Badeaux, 38261228, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line company's supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Private First Class Badeaux volunteered to act as a driver of one of the vehicles carrying grenades to the companies. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of his trip enabled the battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Private First Class Badeaux's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Garfield Coerper, 16188990, 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 Coerper and one other man, heedless of the fact that a man had just been wounded on the same ground, crawled, ran, and crept, over machine gun swept terrain to three wounded men, administered first aid and carried them back to a position where they could be placed on litters and evacuated. Private First Class Coerper's courage, prompt action and disregard for his own safety was an inspiration to all who observed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Lorenzo L. Contreras, 38442459, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his squad lost contact with the remainder of his platoon during an attack against strong enemy positions, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Contreras, volunteering to return to the platoon command post, moved across an open area being swept by heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire and reported his squad's position to his platoon leader. He then returned over the same fire swept area to his squad. Later in the day he voluntarily performed the same act again in order to report enemy troop movements. Sergeant Contreras' bravery, initiative devotion to duty, and disregard for his personal safety enabled his platoon to consolidate its position, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Gus Dulakis, 36431253, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 26 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. On 26 April Sergeant Dulakis, a Mortar section leader in a rifle company who was manning an Observation Post

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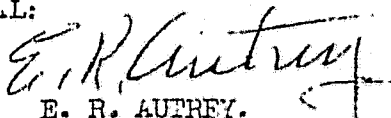
when an enemy force of estimated platoon strength counterattacked his company's position and although he was observed by the enemy and was being fired upon, elected to remain in his Observation Post, and with the use of a sound powered platoon adjusted mortar fire on the advancing enemy, causing them to withdraw. The following evening, the enemy, in greater force and following an intense mortar barrage, again initiated a counterattack but Sergeant Dulakis again remaining in his Observation Post in spite of the fact that he was drawing heavier fire than the previous night, quickly brought mortar fire to bear upon them, inflicting heavy losses, and again being responsible for the repulse of the counter-attack. On 20 April 1945 when another company was pinned down while attacking across his company's front, Sergeant Dulakis who had observed the enemy laying down the fire, acted on his own initiative and immediately directed his mortar fire on the enemy definitely knocking out two light machine guns and three knee mortars, thus enabling the attacking company to continue. Sergeant Dulakis' aggressiveness, initiative, coolness under fire, devotion to duty and utter disregard for his own personal safety was directly responsible for warding off two enemy counterattacks and assisted greatly in an attack on the enemy by our forces.

Private First Class Jack K. Hallowell, 36700236, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Private First Class Hallowell, first gunner of a light machine gun squad, displayed brilliant courage in action against the enemy. Trying to put his machine gun into action, he and three other members of his squad were wounded. Private First Class Hallowell, seriously wounded in both legs, dragged his gun into position, fired it, and made possible the movement of rifle platoon which was pinned down by enemy fire. He continued firing over the heads of the men until they reached a covered position, then had to be forcibly evacuated. His determination in continuing his mission showed persistence and outstanding qualities of leadership.

Technician Fifth Grade Herbert D. Wilson, 37228999, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line company's supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Technician Fifth Grade Wilson volunteered to act as a guard on one of the vehicles carrying a load of grenades to the companies. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of this trip enabled the Battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Technician Fifth Grade Wilson's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Sergeant Harold M. Roberts, 37317741, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Sergeant Roberts, despite heavy enemy machine gun fire, led two of his squad forward of their own front lines and placed fire on enemy positions until both his companions were killed and he was wounded and forced to retire for medical aid. Sergeant Roberts' quick decision and display of courage and tenacity helped to hold the enemy fire to a minimum and enabled his company to successfully evacuate the wounded and dead. His heroic action brings great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Russell E. Harrison, 36700236, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his platoon had been pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Harrison, with one other man, volunteered to advance forward through heavy fire to a place of observation. From this forward position and while being subjected to intense mortar fire, Private First Class Harrison was able to locate the enemy machine gun from which his platoon was receiving the heaviest fire. When about to return to his platoon an enemy shell exploded directly between Private First Class Harrison and his comrade, seriously wounding both men. In spite of his wounds and the grave danger to which he was exposed, Private First Class Harrison assisted his comrade who could not walk, to a place of safety. Private First Class Harrison refused to be evacuated until he had informed his platoon of the enemy position. Private First Class Harrison's devotion to duty and courage under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clyde M. Woolley, 36585131, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Madera, Okinawa Island on 17 June, 1945. When a rifleman from his company was seriously wounded during the night, Private First Class Woolley voluntarily carried a litter out across two hundred yards of steep and slippery terrain in complete darkness. He then guided the litter squad back another seven hundred yards to the aid station. Later on the same night, Private First Class Woolley guided a machine gun section out to a rifle platoon where they were desperately needed and then, despite heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and the fire of our own troops diverted at enemy soldiers who had remained in the area and were now moving around in the darkness, returned to the company having completed his mission. Private First Class Woolley's courage and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving the life of a fellow soldier and enabled a platoon of his company to successfully complete its mission. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Dale G. Walton, 39233527, Infantry, 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. When his company was being continuously repulsed in their attack on Sawtooth Ridge, due to the fact that the enemy had unlimited observation over all terrain, Private First Class Walton, using his own initiative, worked his squad to the right flank under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, and inspired them to work their way to the top of the escarpment. Private First Class Walton then deployed his squad of five men, and drove approximately thirty enemy soldiers from their positions, thereby relieving the company below and enabling them to move and to evacuate their casualties. Private First Class Walton then held his position despite the fact that the enemy, realizing he had only five men, counter-attacked, and despite the fact that he had been wounded by a shell fragment. Private First Class Walton displayed outstanding initiative and courage, and enabled his company to gain the foot hold on Sawtooth Ridge. Previous award per General Order No. 355, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 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 second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Technical Sergeant Frank Dowell, 36700169, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. Technical Sergeant Dowell, displaying profound devotion to duty, organized a rescue party and relieved his platoon from an untenable position although the entire platoon was under intense enemy fire. Without regard for his personal safety he directed a tank across the platoon front, calling his comrades to cover on the protected side of the tank and then guided the tank to a place of safety. A short time later Technical Sergeant Dowell killed an enemy soldier who was attempting to destroy the tank by placing a satchel charge beneath its treads. In full view of the enemy, Technical Sergeant Dowell ran out to the tank to inform them of the danger of the satchel charge and their position. He guided the tank away from the charge and then returned to a place of safety. Technical Sergeant Dowell's aggressive actions, inspiring and heroic leadership are in 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 1945, 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	Elvin M. Armstrong	39931451	Inf	1 April 1945
Pfc	Harold G. Bailey	31432380	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Oris O. Bakke	33375328	Inf	1 June 1945
Pfc	Samie E. Barnhart	37344536	Inf	1 June 1945
Pfc	William A. Bartna	3417432	Inf	1 June 1945
Pfc	Phillip R. Baxter	16117160	Inf	31 May 1945
S Sgt	Alfred S. Bengel Jr.	39226375	Inf	14 June 1945
Pfc	Perry Bond Jr.	6574181	Inf	23 May 1945
Pfc	Lee Roy J. Bonin	33551443	Inf	11 June 1945
S Sgt	Vernon L. Bonny	39475912	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Lloyd H. Bownes	33604110	Inf	17 June 1945
Pfc	Dean G. Brown	37775136	Inf	12 June 1945
Pfc	Phil C. Burton	35209519	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Modell J. Byers	38370324	Inf	23 June 1945
1st Lt	David L. Canter	01331472	Inf	11 May 1945
Pfc	J. D. Carpenter	33635758	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Louis N. Carcone	32631303	Inf	9 April 1945
Pfc	Leon O. Charles	37347530	Inf	11 June 1945
Pfc	Claude W. Cheek	37753113	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Harvey W. Cohen	36332041	Inf	3 April 1945
1st Lt	George A. Cook	01251932	Inf	21 June 1945
Pvt	Wilton O. Crouch	39470417	Inf	22 April 1945
T Sgt	James T. Crowder	6363421	Inf	10 June 1945
Pvt	Luther J. Culbertson	39470433	Inf	25 April 1945
Pvt	Herman A. Cure	37735444	Inf	28 April 1945
Pfc	Charles E. Davis	33732392	Inf	4 April 1945
Pfc	Erwin J. Draper	39470343	Inf	5 June 1945
Pvt	Thomas J. Ellis	39366210	Inf	1 June 1945
1st Lt	John Eslinger	01331435	Inf	22 May 1945
Pfc	Harleigh E. Farwell	39470309	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Glenn A. Fischer	17087500	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Herent A. Fredrickson	33620135	Inf	28 April 1945
Pvt	Allen W. Gilbert	32544246	Inf	22 April 1945
Sgt	Grant W. Gunterson	39332255	Inf	15 May 1945
Pvt	Theodore A. Grider	39422126	Inf	26 April 1945
Pvt	Granvil T. Haines	3954375	Inf	27 April 1945
Pfc	Alvin F. Hamm	37233336	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Harold H. Harsch Jr.	39555026	Inf	13 June 1945
Sgt	Donald R. Hiett	39114315	Inf	14 May 1945
Sgt	Theodore E. Hoffman	37475561	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	James W. Hoffpauir	33230131	Inf	3 June 1945
Pfc	Charles W. Holt	36361186	PA	13 April 1945
Pvt	Charles S. Huska	37747271	Inf	5 April 1945
Pvt	Thomas L. Ingram	35034539	Inf	7 April 1945

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Pvt	James W. Jamison	39339001	Inf	28 April 1945
Pvt	Robert W. Johnson	37689041	Inf	5 April 1945
S Sgt	Ben R. Lee	39622087	Inf	1 June 1945
Pfc	Samuel Manskor Jr.	39590216	Inf	12 June 1945
Pvt	Raymond W. Marshall	31609475	Inf	22 April 1945
Pfc	Ernest J. Martinez	34765491	ID	29 June 1945
Pfc	Leonard W. McAnear	31632050	Inf	20 July 1945
Pvt	Leo N. McLeod	19032350	Inf	8 April 1945
Pfc	Fred Medlock	36291577	Inf	10 April 1945
2nd Lt	Arthur J. Newsham	01215092	Inf	12 June 1945
Pvt	Dayton D. Paschall	33887150	Inf	25 April 1945
1st Lt	George F. Peters	01052119	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Sunday J. Provenzano	32658715	Inf	21 June 1945
Pfc	George J. Raker	36130405	FA	22 July 1945
Pfc	George M. Resetco	33813302	Inf	11 April 1945
Pfc	Julian G. Reyes	38254117	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Archie D. Roberson	44012786	Inf	30 May 1945
Sgt	George H. Robinson	36770209	CWS	23 April 1945
Pfc	Dalton C. Rogers	44092106	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Russell W. Rose	39225298	Inf	28 April 1945
Cpl	Rocco Roti	34365026	FA	3 April 1945
Pfc	Paul R. Rudolph	37774420	Inf	16 May 1945
Pvt	Mike Sanchez	39561277	Inf	24 April 1945
1st Lt	Royal A. Schellenberg	02012512	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Clarence G. Scott	39720119	Inf	19 May 1945
Pvt	Ernest L. Scymour	35087013	Inf	10 April 1945
Pfc	Tom Shorty Jr.	33516556	Inf	1 June 1945
Pfc	Wayne S. Smith	39770408	Inf	30 May 1945
Sgt	William (NMI) Smith	34570629	Inf	13 June 1945
Pfc	Earl F. Stephenson	37526531	Inf	10 April 1945
Pvt	Harold L. Stevenson	37735302	Inf	29 April 1945
Pvt	John N. Stewart	39594794	Inf	28 April 1945
S Sgt	Maurice I. Stewart	34313622	Inf	20 April 1945
Pfc	James R. Stump	34882426	CWS	12 April 1945
Pfc	Henry Velez Jr.	33201764	Inf	28 April 1945
Tec 5	Donald J. Vener	37319053	Inf	4 June 1945
Pfc	Gilmore W. Videen	37319311	Inf	10 April 1945
Capt	Harold E. Weingartner	01311456	Inf	15 June 1945
Pfc	Kent T. White	39912637	Inf	30 May 1945
Pfc	Joseph Wil	32601987	Inf	22 June 1945
Pfc	Wallace E. Wood	36171009	Inf	1 June 1945

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Captain Phillip A. Allicon, 01284806, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Arogachi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 555, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945 as amended by General Orders No. 656, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 August 1945.

Private First Class William A. Burtha, 36917292, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 727, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 August 1945.

Private First Class Robert C. Emmons, 37699202, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 400, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 June 1945.

Private First Class Karl J. Evers, 36278580, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 near Nishitaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 9, Headquarters 334th Station Hospital, 9 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant Harold J. Ewert, 36202826, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 near Kochi, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 543, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 August 1945.

Private First Class Berent A. Fredrickson, 39620433, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 July 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 727, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 September 1945.

Private First Class John K. Girt, 35589122, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 April 1945 near Shido, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 November 1944.

Private First Class Clifford E. Henry, 38319006, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 50, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Robert W. Johnson, 37696041, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 June 1945 near Chan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 727, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 September 1945.

Captain Harry J. Kline, 01297901, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 241, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 May 1945.

Private First Class Russell E. Linnard, 38557129, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 626, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945.

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Private First Class Raymond W. Marshall, 38609475, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 727, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 September 1945.

Sergeant Leo N. McLeod, 19032650, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 727, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 September 1945.

Private First Class David M. Munson, 30749104, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 May 1945 near Yonagauku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 50, 3 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant William G. Mudock, 38312609, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Tanageru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Technical Sergeant Clinton D. Phillips, 36617376, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Iwa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 211, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

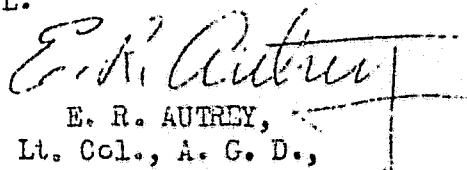
Private First Class Wayne S. Smith, 38570468, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Shuri, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 727, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 September 1945.

Private First Class Leroy Van Pelt, 36431730, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 133, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 April 1945.

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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Berent A. Fredrickson
603 North Montana Avenue
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So much of General Orders 728, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division dated 15 September 1945 as pertains to the award of the First Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart to Private First Class Berent A. Fredrickson, 39 620 433, for wounds received in action 9 July 1945 is amended to read "Staff Sergeant Berent A. Fredrickson, 39 620 433, for wounds received in action 9 June 1945."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

H. H. Newman
Adjutant General

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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:

Private First Class Abraham M. Bloom, 35385197, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in the vicinity of San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands, on 4 September 1945. Hearing the cries of a man in distress, Private First Class Bloom, with unhesitating courage, swam to his assistance. The man was a member of a group which was swimming across the mouth of a river that emptied into the ocean. Despite the strong current which carried them out to sea, Private First Class Bloom managed to keep the man afloat while attempts were made to get a boat to his assistance, but due to the rough sea, the boat could not reach them. Private First Class Bloom lost his hold on the man, when a large wave struck them. The man went down and did not come up again. Private First Class Bloom, nearing complete exhaustion, was unable to remain and search, and swam towards shore until he could be assisted by other members of the group. Private First Class Bloom's heroic efforts require tremendous physical exertion and determination against overwhelming difficulties. The heroism displayed by him, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Quinn M. Eskelsen, 01331614, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed near San Jose, Mindoro, Philippine Islands on 4 September 1945. Hearing the cries of a man in distress, Second Lieutenant Eskelsen, with unhesitating courage, attempted to swim to his assistance. The man was a member of a group which was swimming across the mouth of a river that emptied into the ocean. Due to the strong current, he was unable to reach him and was carried out to sea. Second Lieutenant Eskelsen, with great determination, and tremendous physical exertion, continued his efforts, despite the rough sea, in trying to get to the drowning man. Nearing complete exhaustion, he was unable to do so and swam towards shore where he was picked up by a small boat, which had also been used in attempting to rescue the drowning man. Second Lieutenant Eskelsen's heroism displayed against overwhelming odds, on this occasion, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Norman E. Allison, 44010210, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on

Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. When the sound power line to the forward platoons was knocked out by an enemy mortar barrage, Private First Class Allison, accompanied by one other man, crept and crawled along the line, through knee deep mud, in complete darkness and with complete disregard for the enemy mortar fire which was falling intermittently in the area until the break in the line was found and repaired. He then, on his own initiative, laid an alternate line to insure continuity of vital communications. Private First Class Allison's courage and devotion to duty enabled the company to retain its position and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

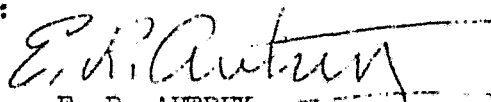

Staff Sergeant Vernon E. Behlke, 36412238, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Behlke, a rifle squad leader, led his squad in an attack on strong enemy positions near Yurugasuku. During the attack the squad was halted by an enemy machine gun which was in a position difficult to reach because of terrain features and because it was covered by concentrated close range enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Realizing the gravity of the situation, with more friendly troops advancing toward the enemy position, Staff Sergeant Behlke immediately started to scale a cliff to reach the enemy gun position. He advanced to within a few feet of the position and destroyed it with hand grenades. During the entire act, the approach to the pillbox which Staff Sergeant Behlke used was under concentrated enemy small arms fire, yet, he never hesitated but continued to carry out his mission with utter disregard for personal safety. Staff Sergeant Behlke's courage and loyalty are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

Private First Class Lynn D. Birkley, 37461961, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945 and on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Birkley, while his company was engaged in a fire fight with the enemy, worked his way forward over flat open terrain which was swept by enemy machine gun fire to the aid of two wounded men, and twice worked his way back, by crawling with each of them, to a position where they could be given medical attention. Private First Class Birkley was himself wounded while evacuating casualties. Private First Class Birkley's continual disregard for his own safety in the evacuation of wounded comrades and his courage and initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant David L. Brand, 38233159, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. During the organization of his company's defensive area, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Brand, a rifle squad leader, was given a mission of defending, with his squad, the most vulnerable position within the company area. Although under heavy enemy small arms fire, he led his squad into position, where he organized and directed the work of clearing the heavy foliage from in front of the area. Disregarding the enemy fire falling all around him, he moved from man to man encouraging and assisting them in their work and although the enemy made several attempts to infiltrate during the night, each attempt was repulsed. Sergeant Brand's bravery, leadership, and coolness under fire was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 276, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 31 May 1945, as pertains to Private First Class James A. Truesdale, 39725033, Infantry, is rescinded.

2. So much of General Orders 714, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 September 1945, as pertains to Second Lieutenant Richard B. Ware, 0518988, Infantry, is rescinded.

3. So much of General Orders 714, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 September 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant Dudley J. Clapp Jr., 01321398, Infantry, is rescinded.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class James A. Truesdale, 39725033, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. When Private First Class Truesdale saw a man who had been seriously wounded by enemy fire and was lying in an area upon which enemy machine guns were firing, he exposed himself to the enemy fire and crawled out into the open field and removed the wounded man over approximately ten yards to a place of comparative security, where he, although still exposed to enemy fire, succeeded in dressing the wound. Private First Class Truesdale's unflinching devotion to duty and his outstanding courage were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Margaret Truesdale, Wife, 5900 1/2 South San Pedro, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant Richard B. Ware, 0518988, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. First Lieutenant Ware, a rifle platoon leader, led his platoon in the attack on an escarpment three hundred yards south of Yunugasuku. The position was extremely well defended and the approach led across three hundred yards of open space in full view of the well entrenched enemy. Although the platoon was pinned down, First Lieutenant Ware managed to maneuver it so as to eliminate some of the opposition. In doing this, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to enemy fire many times. When the company was ordered to withdraw, it was the superior leadership of First

Lieutenant Ware that kept the platoon as an integral fighting unit. Again and again he exposed himself in order that he might direct the covering fire better. First Lieutenant Ware's outstanding leadership was the basis of the great confidence which his men had in him. His courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Elizabeth D. Ware (Wife) 1824 Austin Way, Santa Rosa, California.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

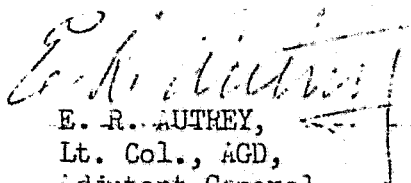
First Lieutenant Dudley J. Clapp Jr., O1321398, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945, First Lieutenant Clapp led an Infantry-Tank team through withering enemy machine gun, small arms, and mortar fire as far as the terrain would permit the tanks to go and then pushed on ahead to neutralize enemy positions and to gain valuable information which contributed to the further success of his battalion. First Lieutenant Clapp's tenacity in carrying out his assigned mission despite the losses sustained, and his disregard for his own personal safety were an inspiration to his men and a credit to the military service. Previous award per General Orders 599, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 August 1945.

First Lieutenant Calvin E. Stevens, O1318249, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his company had taken a Japanese position and was holding it, despite loss of contact on the right flank, First Lieutenant Stevens, completely disregarding the fact that one man had been killed and two others wounded, crossed the area with complete disregard for his own personal safety, and on his own initiative, for a distance of one hundred and fifty yards of flat open terrain, under heavy enemy rifle fire, and made the necessary arrangements for the coordination of night fire. First Lieutenant Stevens display of daring, inspired his company so that they visibly rallied. Previous award per General Orders 339, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 25 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 Act 619-45 (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 Emshere, 39864117, Infantry United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 18 May to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Marlin Greenfield, 38238755, 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.

Staff Sergeant Carl D. Haugen, 37586605, 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 Lewis L. Herzog, 36429426, 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 Elmer V. Keech, 17127852, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945.

Private First Class Ashur Parker 32840520, 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 29 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred S. Phillips, 3733223, 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 Kahle Robinson, 20544577, 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 Henry K. Shackleton, 26430859, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant George L. Troyer, 26407170, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October to 26 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant John F. Thompson, Jr., 352428571, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Thompson acting Platoon Leader of a rifle platoon, when his platoon had hesitated at crossing a fifty yard stretch of road, down which the enemy was firing a machine gun, dashed down the road, calling to his men to follow him. When he was hit in the leg and ankle, he crawled behind a log and directed his men one by one across the road and to cover. When one man in the platoon was hit Sergeant Thompson with complete disregard for his own safety and ignoring the heavy fire, falling around the man, he crawled out and dragged him to safety. Sergeant Thompson's courage and devotion to duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

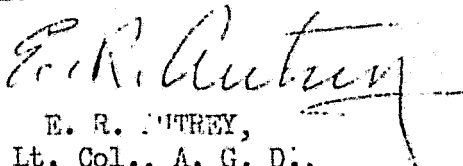
Private First Class Homer I. Simpson, 39319226, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island, on 26 April 1945. When his company was surrounded and pinned down by fierce enemy fire from the front and left flank, Private First Class Simpson, with three other riflemen, worked his way to the right flank and fought to the top of Sawtooth Ridge, reduced all resistance in the vicinity and moved toward the strongpoint that had the remainder of the company pinned down and was preventing the evacuation of casualties. Private First Class Simpson covered a fellow rifleman by fire as he approached the enemy position. As he attempted to fire the rifleman's weapon jammed. Private First Class Simpson with disregard for his own safety charged past the rifleman onto the enemy position emptying his rifle into the enemy and without reloading threw several hand grenades into the position. Private First Class Simpson's courage, aggressiveness, and disregard for his own life enabled the company to reach its objective and evacuate its wounded.

Private First Class Wyle W. Worthy, 37710979, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When units of his company, engaged in a fire fight with the enemy, requested ammunition, Private First Class Worthy volunteered to carry the ammunition out to them although it involved a trip across a fifty yard stretch of flat, open fire-swept terrain. He then returned and carried a second load acting entirely on his own initiative. His actions contributed directly to the success of the day's operation. Private First Class Worthy's coolness under fire and complete disregard for his own safety reflect 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 Carlton W. Coss, 36877032, 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 had suffered a number of casualties and was unable to advance during an attack against an enemy position, Private First Class Coss realizing the dire need of a tank in the evacuation of the wounded, dashed across one hundred yards of fire-swept terrain to a tank and directed it in the trips necessary to evacuate all the wounded. Private First Class Coss remained with the tank until all of the wounded were evacuated despite the heavy fire directed at the tank. Private First Class Coss' undeviating devotion to duty and courage was an inspiration to his company and aided greatly in the evacuation of the wounded. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Winfred W. Cunningham, 38604124, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When his platoon, which was operating against enemy forces at the base of the Yaoju-Dake Escarpment, was unable, by any other means available, to destroy enemy forces in positions in caves with only vertical openings from which they were delivering small arms fire and grenades at his platoon, Private First Class Cunningham volunteered, and with complete disregard for his personal safety, moved four different times into positions exposed to enemy small arms fire and grenades and placed satchel charges in the openings of the caves, destroying the positions and the enemy forces in them. Private First Class Cunningham, through his courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for personal safety, was responsible for his platoon's being able to continue on to the successful completion of its missions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Job J. Denni, 39728608, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When his platoon, which was operating against enemy forces at the base of the Yaoju-Dake Escarpment, had used all available means to destroy a group of enemy personnel in a ditch behind and under a large rock mass from which they were throwing grenades, Private First Class Denni, showing unfaltering courage and initiative, used the platoon's portable flame thrower with such disregard for his personal safety that he killed three of the enemy and caused the other two to attempt to move to another position, those two being killed in the attempt. Private First Class Denni's bravery, initiative, and skill was responsible for his platoon's ability to continue on to the successful completion of its mission and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Willard K. Dick, 37571097, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 and 26 April 1945. Private First Class Dick, a company runner promptly volunteered to carry casualties from the front lines back to the battalion aid station, a distance of seven hundred yards over steep terrain. It was at night and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire was falling in the area, but Private First Class Dick continued his brave and untiring efforts until all casualties were evacuated.

Private First Class Harold N. Evans, 39728657, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. When a tank became mired in heavy mud and was completely immobilized, Private First Class Evans moved into an open exposed area and, disregarding the enemy rifle and machine gun fire hitting all around him, returned the enemy fire so effectively that another man was able to guide a second tank to a position from which it could pull the mired tank to firm ground. He then took a position between the enemy and the tank and although the volume of enemy fire being directed at him increased, he continued to pin the enemy down long enough for a towing device to be fastened between the two tanks by which the mired tank was pulled to firm ground. Private First Class Evans' bravery, initiative, and disregard for personal safety was largely responsible for the successful withdrawal of the infantry-tank team without loss of tanks or personnel. His actions were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

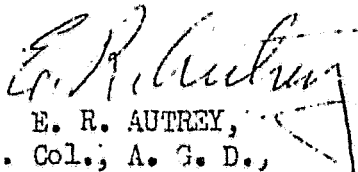
Private First Class Raymond J. Farrow, 37752738, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tomari, Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. During an attack by his platoon against strong enemy positions on the approaches to the Yaeju-Daka Escarpment, Private First Class Farrow, a rocket launcher man, in order to fire most effectively against the enemy, moved into the open fire-swept terrain, which the enemy had under constant observation, and, with great courage and disregard for the enemy fire striking all around him, fired rockets into four caves, eliminating the snipers occupying the positions and making it possible for his platoon to continue on to the successful completion of its mission. Private First Class Farrow's bravery, devotion to duty, disregard for his personal safety, and coolness under fire, was an inspiration to his fellow men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Max Dominguez, 39234249, 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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Private First Class John R. Alvey, 33907557, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 May 1945 to 22 June 1945. Private First Class Alvey was a member of the company which was engaged in close combat with the enemy on Conical Hill. When grenades were needed badly, he asked permission to help carry ammunition and grenades from the distribution point some two hundred and fifty yards to the rear at the base of the hill. The route was covered by heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire. He made eleven trips in one afternoon to the distribution point and back. He pointed out the location of an enemy machine gun and directed fire upon it, destroying it. The action permitted another platoon to move up on line. Private First Class Alvey then volunteered to help occupy an enemy trench on the reverse slope of the hill. He killed three infiltrating enemy and one sniper during the period. On 22 June, he killed three of the enemy attempting to move in on his platoon's left flank. He was wounded a few minutes later while delivering a message but refused medical attention until the message was delivered.

Private First Class Cecil O. Bissell, 39424866, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. During an attack on a heavily fortified enemy ridge, Private First Class Bissell crawled under enemy observation and machine gun fire, sixty yards to get directly in front of the pillbox port and, raising his rifle, with complete disregard for his own safety, he fired directly into the port killing the gunner down. Warning the third squad leader, he had him move three casualties to cover and by continuing to fire, Private First Class Bissell got the third squad into the fight again. This aggressive action by Private First Class Bissell on his first day of combat with the enemy reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William T. Blake, 39934874, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Private First Class Blake delivered withering automatic rifle fire into a light machine gun pillbox in the face of enemy machine gun and sniper fire and hand grenades. Private First Class Blake, a member of the leading squad of two squads sent out to flank two pillboxes, saw the third squad was held down and had suffered several casualties. Leaving the cover he had, Private First Class Blake exposed himself by raising up in the line of the enemy fire to fire into the port causing the enemy to cease firing. Another machine gun higher up on the ridge opened up driving everyone to cover except Private First Class Blake who continued firing despite being momentarily stunned by a round which penetrated his helmet, until all the casualties had been moved to cover. Only

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after being ordered to take cover repeatedly did he do so. Private First Class Blake fought ferociously in the face of uneven odds, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Comadore Brixey, 38319694, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. When the platoon on his right was subjected to a barrage of enemy grenades, Staff Sergeant Brixey spotted the source. He immediately rallied his men and on his own initiative, took them forward until they could force enfilade fire on the enemy. During the ensuing action, twelve enemy soldiers were killed and another twenty were driven off. Staff Sergeant Brixey's decisive actions and inspiring leadership were a dominant factor in driving off the enemy and allowed the company to hold its position.

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* First Lieutenant John C. Cook, 62048591, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 29 October 1944. First Lieutenant Cook, assistant Battalion Surgeon, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced under intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire to administer blood plasma and first aid to a seriously wounded man forty yards beyond the front lines. First Lieutenant Cook then removed the casualty to the rear. His administration of first aid and prompt evacuation saved the man's life. First Lieutenant Cook's heroic act was a source of inspiration to the men of his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Charles S. Eakins, 37233467, Infantry, 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. Technician Fourth Grade Eakins hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire continuously fell in the open area when any movement was noted. Technician Fourth Grade Eakins' daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John J. Gardas, 37313538, 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 Edward A. Gradisher, 35586153, 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 3 July 1945.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

First Lieutenant Eddie A. Huseby, 02012494, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. With his company's forward advance halted at the base of Nishibaru Ridge by withering enemy machine gun fire from both flanks and by knee mortar and machine gun fire from the front, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Huseby, displaying personal fearlessness and utter disregard for his own safety, rushed to the top of the ridge and, standing exposed to enemy fire, encouraged his men to fight their way abreast of him. His platoon suffered seven casualties in this assault. His men having gained the top of the ridge, First Lieutenant Huseby led them one hundred yards further across open terrain swept by the same withering fire from the flanks. Consolidating his hard won advanced position, First Lieutenant Huseby exposed himself to enemy fire as he, with the aid of three men, removed four seriously wounded men of his platoon to a covered spot where they received first aid. The gallantry courage and superior leadership displayed by First Lieutenant Huseby in this action inspired the entire company to outstanding achievements and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Preston D. Peightal, 33758601, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Nishibaru Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his company's attack momentarily halted by withering enemy machine gun and knee mortar fire as it assaulted Nishibaru Ridge, Private First Class Peightal, displaying outstanding courage and aggressiveness and sterling leadership qualities as he assumed command of the squad. He was instrumental in starting the attack forward again as he personally charged and knocked out two of the enemy in a key position with grenades and rifle fire. At the crest of the ridge where his squad suffered four men killed in action and two seriously wounded, Private First Class Peightal, with the aid of two men, assaulted and knocked out a light machine gun position and then, without regard for his own personal safety, rushed out into an exposed area and carried a seriously wounded comrade to cover.

SECTION II

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Private First Class Marvin B. Fisher, 37600889, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. In the vicinity of Tomur, during the attack of his company against the enemy forces who frantically defended their positions, Private First Class Fisher, an acting squad leader, personally killed one of the four enemy who were firing at his squad and forced the other three to take cover in a cave. He then directed the fire of his squad into the cave in order to keep the enemy pinned down inside, returned to lead the platoon's rocket launcher team to a position he had previously selected, and then, although fully exposed to enemy observation and fire, gave the rocket launcher team such effective covering fire that it was able to fire directly into the cave, destroying it and the three enemy troops in it. Private First Class Fisher's bravery, devotion to duty, and leadership accounted for four enemy deaths; was largely responsible for his platoon's ability to hold the position it had gained, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond A. Flood, 37754885, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tomur, Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. During the withdrawal of a tank infantry team after successfully completing its mission of destroying enemy position, Private First Class Flood, a member of the Infantry component of the team, although under full enemy observation and fire, led one tank to a place from which it could pull another tank, mired in heavy mud, to firm ground. Then, although still under enemy observation and fire, he attached a towing cable to the two tanks by which means the tank on firm ground pulled the mired tank out. From there, the withdrawal was successfully completed. Private First Class Flood's bravery, initiative, disregard for his personal safety, and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

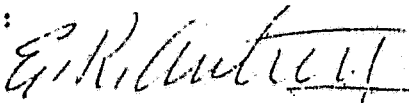
Private First Class Alton R. Green, 38582582, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. Private First Class Green, when his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy fire, heroically rushed through enemy fire to deliver a litter used to remove the body of his fellow soldier who had been killed in the action. He then assisted as litter bearer in removing the casualty. Private First Class Green's heroic action and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant John P. Greaney, 36700020, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

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First Lieutenant Harold Lowe, O2C12448, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. By his courageous leadership and complete disregard for his own personal safety, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Lowe served as an inspiration to his platoon which led an entire battalion to the top of Kakazu Ridge in the face of withering enemy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire. His acts of courage and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Clyde McCauley, 38319184, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island from 26 April 1945, to 29 April 1945. After assuming command of his platoon, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) McCauley heroically led his platoon in successfully beating off two enemy counter-attacks. On 27 April Staff Sergeant McCauley, without regard for his personal safety, rushed through heavy enemy mortar fire to a forward position and then directed accurate mortar fire on an enemy light machine gun covering the enemy advance, thus enabling his platoon to deliver accurate fire upon the advancing enemy. Exposing himself to increasingly heavy enemy rifle fire, Staff Sergeant McCauley placed his men in the best available firing positions from which to repel the enemy attack. He personally inflicted several casualties on advancing enemy troops and his inspiring action bolstered every man in his platoon and were a deciding factor in the repulse of the enemy. Staff Sergeant McCauley's calm assumption of his responsibilities as platoon leader, his inspiring deeds, good judgement and personal initiative were a definite factor in preventing the enemy from recapturing Sawtooth Ridge. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Frederick A. Pfeiffer, 37627464, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Lying exposed to an increased volume of machine gun fire and furious knee mortar barrage, Sergeant Pfeiffer located a heavy machine gun that was causing his squad casualties and holding up the second and third squads. Placing his men skillfully in advantageous firing positions, he directed neutralization of fire from the heavy machine gun in addition to two light machine guns. The second and third squads were then able to maneuver to the left, outflanking two pill boxes without casualty. Sergeant Pfeiffer's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Bruce Rasmussen, O1292757, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with the military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. First Lieutenant Rasmussen led his platoon in

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an action against an enemy strong point with the result that two light machine guns were destroyed and twenty-five of the enemy were killed. The success of this action, which was fought against heavy opposition by superior forces, enabled the two attacking companies to advance and complete their mission of knocking out enemy resistance which was holding up two battalions of the regiment. First Lieutenant Rasmussen personally led his men and continually exposed himself to enemy fire to organize and lead small assault teams against each cave. His fearless leadership and personal actions accounted for the success of the platoon and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant William L. Scoles, 6584591, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Uchitorari, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Scoles carried a wounded comrade through intense enemy artillery and mortar fire over an open field to an aid station some twelve hundred yards to the rear of the front lines, thus saving the man's life. Sergeant Scoles' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Michael Luccese, 32306228, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 27 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant Robert E. Merts, 18101729, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 24 January to 27 March 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 8 April 1945.

Private First Class Ralph Silver, 16140067, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Boyd L. Stenaland, 38300342, 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.

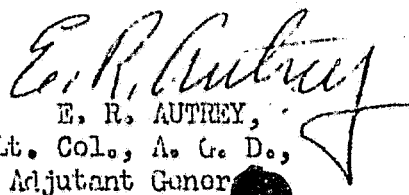
Private First Class James D. [unclear], 32665384, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant Bernard A. Zakrzewski, 36431481, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 24 June 1945.

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Private First Class Clifford E. Fishgrab, 37712342, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 2 April to 22 June 1945. On 20 May, Private First Class Fishgrab, an automatic rifleman, exposed himself to fire his weapon upon the enemy who were attempting to reestablish their lines on Conical Hill. He killed seven of the enemy while he himself was wounded and under heavy mortar fire. His action enabled the other units of the company to establish a line on the crest of the hill. On 22 June he located and directed mortar and small arms fire upon a group of the enemy in a trench until the riflemen were close enough to assault the position. He killed four of the enemy, and kept the others pinned down by firing continually into the position. His Browning Automatic Rifle assistant was hit by a sniper's bullet which set fire to three magazines of ammunition. Private First Class Fishgrab exposed himself to this fire in order to remove the equipment from the wounded man and prevent any further wounds. His physical stamina and courage under fire reflect credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Philip Galloway, 3812325, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sugar Hill, near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Galloway, when his company was being subjected to a counterattack during the night, killed a Japanese soldier armed with a satchel charge who was sneaking up on a nearby machine gun position whose crew had been knocked out by enemy mortar fire. Staff Sergeant Galloway then crawled over to the gun and fired on a group of the enemy who were attacking, and drove them off. After he had been relieved at the gun, Staff Sergeant Galloway again located a group of the enemy and four mortar positions so he crawled over to the company observation post and directed fire on these targets. Although this observation took place under intense mortar and small arms fire, the enemy were dispersed and the mortar positions silenced. Staff Sergeant Galloway's devotion to duty and great personal courage played a great part in the repulsing of the enemy counterattack.

Private First Class Braulio T. Garcia, 3555175, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 May 1945 to 13 June 1945. On 20 May Private First Class Garcia placed a satchel charge in an enemy pillbox fifteen yards over and down a ridge and was knocked down by the blast and covered with dirt and debris. He had to dash through a burst of enemy machine gun fire in getting to cover. The pillbox was destroyed with three of the enemy killed and one machine gun knocked out. On 13 June in the vicinity of Yaeju-Bake Private First Class Garcia's prompt action in recovering a satchel charge that had failed to detonate, in the face of enemy rifle fire and grenades thrown at him and blowing up a cave after refusing the charge permitted two platoons of his company that were held up, to maneuver forward without sustaining additional casualties. Private First Class Garcia's bold and aggressive actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Wilmer J. Gehrie, 37432704, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. Private First Class Gehrie, a platoon runner in a rifle company, when his company in an attack on a steep ridge, was suddenly pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire except for a squad of his platoon which fought its way up the ridge and to the top of the ridge. Private First Class Gehrie immediately volunteered to be sent after the squad to learn the situation. On his way down the ridge Private First Class Gehrie gave aid to a wounded comrade and administered first aid to another. Upon giving his information to his platoon leader Private First Class Gehrie led the remainder of the platoon through the enemy fire and to the top of the ridge. He was then sent to the enemy positions to assist in eliminating the enemy strong points. Private First Class Gehrie's bravery, courage, and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Jack L. Grice, 3491655, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Sergeant Grice moved his squad forward from rock to rock under continuous enemy mortar and machine gun fire and two machine guns. Braving fire on himself he advanced the last anti-aircraft rocket working his squad up high on the escarpment in a vicinity of Jack-Jake. After a sharp and vicious skirmish, the pocket of enemy and machine guns were knocked out with fire of the enemy killed. Contrary to orders, Sergeant Grice moved his squad in on a cave, cleaning it promptly. The success of his actions caused the cessation of fire on his company and another company, and no further casualties were sustained. Sergeant Grice's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Leo Laun, 3726270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When his battalion made an attack across eight hundred yards of open terrain on the town of Uchitomari, upon reaching the south edge of town, with light enemy resistance, the squad of which Private First Class Laun was platoon leader, machine rifleman, was sent fifty yards ahead of the lines to remain in observation and as security while the rest of the company established a line on the north side. The terrain to the front was open and the enemy well entrenched around the harbor fifty yards to the front. The squad took cover in a ditch about a foot and at this point received heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. Private First Class Laun and two other members of the squad were wounded. Despite his wound, Private First Class Laun exposed himself to enemy fire and helped the two wounded to better cover in the ditch. He then crawled twenty yards under enemy machine gun and sniper fire and took a firing position from which he again exposed himself and killed one sniper and brought fire upon an enemy machine gun. Because of the open terrain it was impossible to evacuate the other wounded man so he again crawled under fire and administered aid to the wounded. This accomplished, he again exposed himself to bring fire upon enemy emplacements. He was wounded a second time.

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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 Byron C. Arnold, 29360219, Infantry, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade John E. Bookout, 38231867, 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.

Captain Frederick C. Caldwell, 0436952, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

Private First Class Calvin Cooper, 38573107, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 June 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Elroy H. Hall, 39003528, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 12 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 24 June 1945.

Private First Class William A. Kessler, 35804717, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 12 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

Sergeant Norbert Krause, 30431901, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 April 1945.

Private First Class Billy M. Liles, 38300820, 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.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence C. Miller, 36383016, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 21 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

Private First Class Andrew Melnar, 6868785, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 18 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 12 April 1945.

Private First Class Ephraim D. Neelley, 38423580, 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.

Second Lieutenant James J. O'Halloran, 01327875, 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 Frank Puzerl, 16050992, Infantry, 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.

Private First Class Finis M. Quick, 37007610, 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.

Sergeant Haskell Suda, 35293014, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 26 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

Sergeant Jasper T. Sheffield, 6259322, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

Private First Class Wallace E. Hillings, 17144880, 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.

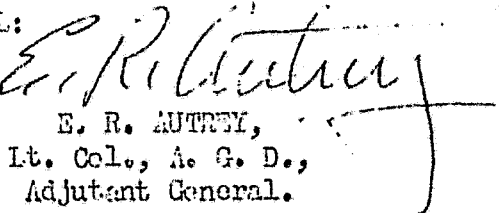
Private First Class Thomas J. Mitchell, 38281840, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant William I. Stankowitz, 36540209, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 14 May 1945 to 1 June 1945.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7610, 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 Albert J. Cooper, 38290381, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Cooper, when his entire company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, crawled forward over ground covered by enemy fire to a position from which he could effectively return fire with his light machine gun. Despite the fact that the enemy had observed him going into position and were firing at him, Private First Class Cooper remained in position and had succeeded in neutralizing two enemy machine gun emplacements. Private First Class Cooper's courage, devotion to duty, and disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Tressie Cooper, Wife, Marianna, Arkansas.

Private First Class Homer I. Henderson, 38227575, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Nishibaru Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his battalion attacked Nishibaru Ridge, two hundred and fifty yards to the front, across open terrain, Private First Class Henderson was a rifleman in one of the assaulting companies. Little resistance was met until the company reached the crest of a ridge where the enemy were strongly entrenched. Private First Class Henderson set an example for the other riflemen by advancing boldly in the face of enemy mortar, small arms fire and grenades. Private First Class Henderson was on the exposed right flank and twenty yards to his right front was an enemy trench system and tanks from which the enemy were firing knee mortars. He crawled under heavy fire to the edge of the trench and threw several grenades, killing six of the enemy. He was wounded by grenade fragments at this time but refused to accept medical attention, dressing his own wound and announcing he was going to advance on the enemy positions again. The platoon leader decided to withdraw fifty yards to the rear in order to consolidate the company's lines and Private First Class Henderson directed the evacuation of two casualties and was covering the movement of the platoon when he was killed by an enemy sniper. Private First Class Henderson's heroic actions and courageous leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Lillie Henderson, Mother, Route #2, Tinswan, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant William A. Harbans, 19089681, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When his company was attacking a strongly fortified enemy position, Staff Sergeant Harbans, on his own initiative, moved through an open area in the face of enemy small arms fire and grenades until he found a position from which it was possible to use a portable flame thrower against one of the enemy's strong points of resistance. He then returned to lead another man, armed with a flame thrower, through this bare, fire-swept area and as they moved into position,

Staff Sergeant Martens kept himself between the enemy and the other men giving him cover at all times. Upon reaching the position, he then moved in front of the enemy and, disregarding their fire, which was striking all around him, gave the other man such accurate covering fire that he was able to use the flame thrower effectively, thus completely destroying the enemy strong point. Staff Sergeant Martens' bravery, disregard for his personal safety, initiative and leadership were an inspiration to his fellow men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: P. E. Martens, Mother, 702 Talbert Street, Martinez, California.

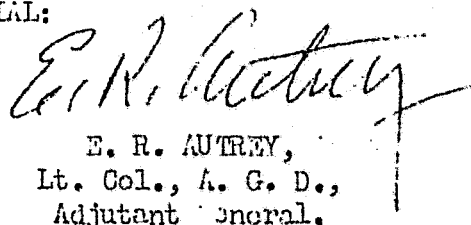
Private First Class Thomas L. Martin, 36430821, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Private First Class Martin was in a rifle company in position on Sawtooth Ridge when a platoon of enemy, without warning, attacked the position. Fire was immediately brought down on the enemy but because of a bank twenty yards to their front, several enemy were safe from fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Martin took his machine gun and climbed on top of a ten foot rock overlooking the whole area and, despite enemy fire aimed at him, immediately killed, wounded or routed all enemy from the bank to his front. He then shifted fire to targets of opportunity until the enemy threat was reduced. Private First Class Martin's devotion to duty, courage, and disregard for personal safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Anna Martin, Mother, Route #3, Blairsburg, Iowa.

Private First Class Matthew Nadzan, 33395534, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his company was suddenly pinned down by fierce enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire, and suffered several casualties, Private First Class Nadzan, under the intense enemy fire, crawled to the casualties and administered first aid. Then noticing another wounded man in a more forward and exposed position, he, without hesitation and with no regard for personal safety, made his way to the man and administered first aid. Private First Class Nadzan realized that if that man's life was to be saved, he must be evacuated at once, so again, without hesitation, he began the difficult task of evacuating him single handedly over seventy-five yards of fire swept terrain. When just a few feet from safety, Private First Class Nadzan was mortally wounded, but he succeeded in evacuating the other man. Private First Class Nadzan's courageous act so inspired the men of his unit that a number of similar deeds were performed that day and a great number of lives were saved. Next of Kin: Mr. John Nadzan, Father, Lemont, Pennsylvania.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Staff Sergeant Stanley A. Konstanty, 36384319, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 June 1945. On 19 April 1945 at Nishibaru Ridge, Staff Sergeant Konstanty displayed personal fearlessness and superb leadership while directing the fighting of his platoon when it was given the mission of defending an exposed flank of the company. On 18 May, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy grenades and knee mortar fire to deploy and control the men of his platoon as they fought bitterly to secure and hold a position on Conical Hill. At the Escarpment of Kogju-Dake on 12 June, Staff Sergeant Konstanty's fearlessness and inspiring leadership was again in evidence as he led a special assault detachment against the enemy in cover on the face of the cliff. Continuously exposed to enemy grenades and rifle fire, he personally accounted for eight enemy positions knocked out or neutralized. On the night of 15 June, Staff Sergeant Konstanty, showing the same bravery, fought against infiltrating enemy until he was mortally wounded. Throughout the entire campaign and during these hard fought battles, Staff Sergeant Konstanty's heroism and outstanding leadership was a continued source of encouragement and inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Konstanty, Mother, 4046 South Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 630-45 (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 Melvin Porter, 33718626, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Nishibaru Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Porter's company, while advancing across an open field, received heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, causing heavy casualties, which included all old men but himself. While this fire continued to fall in the area, Private First Class Porter, with complete disregard for his personal safety, rushed from casualty to casualty administering to their needs. He cared for fifteen casualties despite the fact that artillery and mortar shells were falling in the area and he personally was the target for two enemy machine guns and several snipers. Private First Class Porter's courage, coolness and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Clarabelle Porter, Mother, Frostburg, Maryland.

Private First Class Edwin R. Stanfield, 32848837, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Helen L. Stanfield, Mother, Cortland, New York.

Sergeant Gregario Zuniga, 38243416, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Sergeant Zuniga, when his squad leader was wounded, assumed command of his squad and put them into a position from which they could return the enemy fire. Then, seeing that numerous casualties were crowding in shell craters where they could not be reached by the aid men, and, realizing that some of the men were in need of immediate medical attention, he dashed and crawled across fifty yards of fire-swept terrain to enlist the services of a tank in the task of evacuating the wounded. Sergeant Zuniga organized litter squads, and six men were evacuated to the aid station. His courageous actions were an inspiration to all and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Luisa Zuniga, Wife, 1112 Seventy-Sixth Street, Houston, Texas.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9429, 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 Euell Carter, Jr., 38260281, 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.

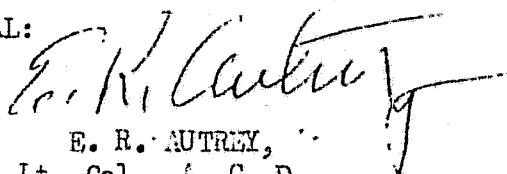
Technician Fourth Grade James S. Sullivan, 36381604, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with the military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 23 November 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 15 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Sergeant Arthur E. Smith, 36382854, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 November 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 15 April 1945 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. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class James H. Ahlren, 3942227, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 June 1945. When his battalion had gained a foothold on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment, and was in dire need of demolitions to seal the many caves in their rear from which sniper fire was emanating, Private First Class Ahlren, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, set out for the escarpment burdened with satchel charges. To reach his destination he had to cross three hundred yards of open ground, covered by hostile machine gun fire, and only after crawling through rice paddies, and over sharp coral rocks, was he able to reach his objective where he immediately started to seal the many caves oftentimes entering enemy held positions in order to achieve the best effects. Hostile machine gun fire was so intense that the men had to wait for the cover of darkness before they were able to return to the battalion. Private First Class Ahlren assisted in the evacuation of casualties that night and again the next day, although a smoke screen was necessary to enable them to reach the aid station.

Private First Class Sigrund H. Akstulewicz, 36844168, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 June 1945. When his battalion had gained a foothold on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment and was in dire need of demolitions to seal the many caves in their rear from which sniper fire was emanating, Private First Class Akstulewicz, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, set out for the escarpment burdened with satchel charges. To reach his destination, he had to cross three hundred yards of open ground, covered by hostile machine gun fire, and only after crawling through rice paddies, and over sharp coral rocks, was he able to reach his objective, when he immediately started to seal the many caves, often entering enemy held positions in order to achieve the best results. It was while engaged in this hazardous work that Private First Class Akstulewicz was seriously wounded by mortar fire. His heroic actions with complete disregard for his own personal safety, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Bernard A. Allendorf, 39422262, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 June 1945. When his battalion had gained a foothold on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment and was in dire need of demolitions to seal the many caves in their rear from which sniper fire was emanating, Private First Class Allendorf, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, set out for the escarpment burdened with satchel charges. To reach his destination he had to cross three hundred yards of open ground, covered by hostile machine gun fire, and only after crawling through rice paddies, and over sharp coral rocks, was he

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able to reach his objective where he immediately started to seal the many caves, often times entering enemy held positions in order to achieve the best effects. Hostile machine gun fire was so intense that the men had to wait for the cover of darkness before they were able to return to the battalion. Private First Class Allendorf assisted in the evacuation of casualties that night, and again the next day, although a smoke screen was necessary to enable them to reach the aid station.

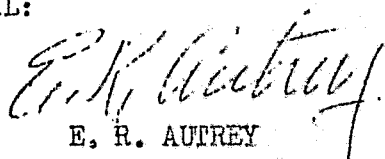
Private First Class Harold Ament, 36843750, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 June 1945. When his battalion had gained a foothold on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment and was in dire need of demolitions to seal the many caves in their rear from which sniper fire was emanating, Private First Class Ament, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, set out for the escarpment, burdened with satchel charges. To reach his destination, he had to cross three hundred yards of open ground, covered by hostile machine gun fire, and only after crawling through rice paddies, and over sharp coral rocks, was he able to reach his objective where he immediately started to seal the many caves, oftentimes entering enemy held positions in order to achieve the best effects. Hostile machine gun fire was so intense that the men had to wait for the cover of darkness before they were able to return to the battalion. Private First Class Ament assisted in the evacuation of casualties that night and again the next day although a smoke screen was necessary to enable them to reach the aid station.

Private First Class Carl L. Avelar, 39422578, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 June 1945. When his battalion had gained a foothold on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment and was in dire need of demolitions to seal the many caves in their rear from which sniper fire was emanating, Private First Class Avelar, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, set out for the escarpment burdened with satchel charges. To reach his destination he had to cross three hundred yards of open ground covered by hostile machine gun fire, and only after crawling through rice paddies, and over sharp coral rocks was he able to reach his objective, where he immediately started to seal the many caves, oftentimes entering enemy held positions in order to achieve the best effects. Hostile machine gun fire was so intense that the men had to wait for the cover of darkness before they were able to return to the battalion. Private First Class Avelar assisted in the evacuation of casualties that night and again the next day although a smoke screen was necessary to enable them to reach the aid station.

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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 49, War Department 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Officer:

Second Lieutenant Leonard K. Warner, 01331792, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 18 May 1945 to 23 May 1945. Second Lieutenant Warner led his platoon in an action that resulted in knocking out an estimated two hundred and fifty of the enemy and in capturing six light machine guns and two heavy machine guns, plus twenty-five rifles. In the attack phase of the action, Second Lieutenant Warner continually exposed himself to enemy machine gun and rifle fire to contact his squad leaders and keep his attack on the move. Moving over this terrain his platoon suffered six killed in action and eleven wounded. He personally accounted for one machine gun emplacement by moving to the enemy side of a ridge and placing a satchel charge in the opening of the emplacement. In holding the ground he had gained in the attack, Second Lieutenant Warner continually exposed himself to enemy fire as he moved from position to position and encouraged and inspired his men to hold their positions. His courageous leadership and gallant action resulted in his platoon successfully securing the ridge which enabled the battalion to make a successful attack on Sugar Hill 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:

Captain Ray M. Bellah, 01286594, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Upon receiving word at a Battalion Command Post that the enemy was launching an all out counterattack on Kakazu Ridge, some already having infiltrated through the main line, Captain Bellah immediately began strategically placing, not only his own men, but also those of another battalion so that they might form a reserve line of defense, in the event of a break through. Needless of the incessant enemy artillery and mortar fire, Captain Bellah stationed each individual man and machine gun, completely exposing himself while pointing out fields of fire, and running about the hill. On one occasion, the concussion from an explosion hurled him to the ground, but he was undaunted and continued with his task. Because of the courage displayed by Captain Bellah, a strong reserve line was consolidated that night. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. - 1 -

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Private First Class James M. Rush, 13094630, 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 Rush 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 Private First Class Rush worked for four hours until all of the casualties were brought to safety. Constant enemy mortar and artillery fire landed close by, and once, Private First Class Rush narrowly missed being hit during an intense barrage, but he was undaunted and continued his vital work although it meant complete disregard for his personal safety. Through the courage and valor displayed by Private First Class Rush, the evacuation of all of the casualties was successfully completed.

Technician Fourth Grade Cecil B. Snow, 34470577, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 June 1945. When his battalion had gained a foothold on Taeju-Dake Escarpment and was in dire need of demolitions to seal the many caves in their rear from which sniper fire was emanating, Technician Fourth Grade Snow, a first cook who volunteered to assist the battalion ammunition and pioneer platoon set out for the escarpment burdened with satchel charges. To reach his destination he had to cross three hundred yards of open ground, covered by hostile machine gun fire, and, only after crawling through rice paddies, and over sharp coral rocks, was he able to reach his objective where he immediately started to seal the many caves, oftentimes entering enemy held positions in order to achieve the best effect. Hostile machine gun fire was so intense that the men had to wait for the cover of darkness before they were able to return to the battalion. Technician Fourth Grade Snow assisted in the evacuation of casualties that night and again the next day although a smoke screen had to be laid down to enable them to reach the aid station.

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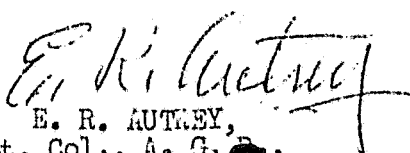
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Officer per General Orders No. 694, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 September 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant Gordon J. Donovan, 01325281, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 12 June 1945. On 28 April, one company, while making an assault, was halted by heavy enemy machine gun fire emanating from the many pillboxes and caves which confronted our forces. Although the terrain leading to the enemy emplacements was swept by murderous fire, First Lieutenant Donovan, heedless of his own safety, personally carried heavy demolition charges to the emplacements and placed them to seal the embrasures. He scaled a sheer ten foot rock to dispose of one pillbox and, although the target for heavy sniper fire, did not return until his supply of demolitions was exhausted. First Lieutenant Donovan's courage and intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Sergeant Anthony Bolcavage, 33501431, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Bolcavage was an acting squad leader when for several days his battalion had held a precarious Sawtooth Ridge with few men against several strong enemy counterattacks. At approximately 0515 Sergeant Bolcavage watched twenty-five Japs cautiously edging their way forward along the only covered route to his machine gun position. Sergeant Bolcavage had only his gunner with him while the remainder of the line was dug in at the base of the cliff. The gunner covered the flanks while Sergeant Bolcavage grabbed the machine gun and swept the plateau to the front. He then traversed the gun to the Japs on his right front. They were heavily armed with spears, mortars, machine guns and small arms. Several fell before the withering fire but in customary death charge fashion they rushed Sergeant Bolcavage. Quickly Sergeant Bolcavage changed belts and expended the second belt. While firing long effective bursts, he ordered his gunner to the base of the escarpment and held the position alone, alternately firing his M-1 rifle and throwing grenades. The fragments killed many of the machine gunned Japs and discouraged the remainder from rushing the position. The deed accomplished by Sergeant Bolcavage, without regard for his own personal safety, was one of the deciding factors that enabled the general east west line along Sawtooth Ridge to be held for four days before being relieved by elements of another division. Sergeant Bolcavage's gallantry exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

First Lieutenant Robert E. Pfeiffer, 01177579, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Nodoke, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When an estimated force of two enemy soldiers and six civilians infiltrated into the Battalion Command Post during a slight rain when visibility was zero, they were discovered and fired upon while about twenty-five yards from the Command Post tent. First Lieutenant Pfeiffer who was duty officer at that time, rushed into the darkness, locating the Japs

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and firing on them without waiting for orders. In the ensuing fight, First Lieutenant Pfeiffer was killed. On the following morning, one dead Jap soldier was found and evidence that others had been wounded and dragged away. First Lieutenant Pfeiffer prompt action prevented the infiltrators from inflicting additional casualties on our men. The initiative, courage, and decisive action displayed by First Lieutenant Pfeiffer reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. A. Pfeiffer, Mother, 703 Sandford Avenue, Newark, 6, New Jersey.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

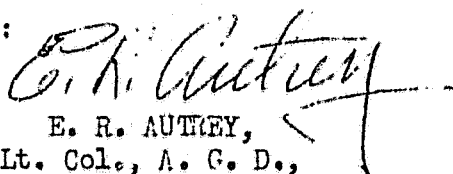
Staff Sergeant Charles F. Beydler, 36384400, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Beydler led his section of heavy machine guns up Sawtooth Ridge to occupy front line positions on the exposed crest. Although under heavy mortar and machine gun fire from the enemy, Staff Sergeant Beydler, without consideration for his personal safety, repeatedly exposed himself in order to select positions from which he could cover the reorganization of the rifle company he was supporting, often moving guns every few minutes because of observed enemy mortar fire. Although wounded by shell fragments, Staff Sergeant Beydler refused to be evacuated until his unit was relieved. Staff Sergeant Beydler's tireless efforts to move his guns to new positions under enemy fire and his ability to maintain a position swept by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Glenn H. Dickerson, 37390973, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line companies' supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons couldn't be used without endangering our own troops, Private First Class Dickerson volunteered to drive one of the vehicles carrying a load of grenades to the companies. The vehicle had to pass through an area covered by enemy artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The grenades were delivered to the companies at 0245. The result of this trip enabled the battalion to hold the highest point on the southern part of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Private First Class Dickerson's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all men of his unit 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, Paragraph No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain Buford H. Bjorklund, O1286428, 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.

Second Lieutenant Edward F. Foster, O4012440, 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.

First Lieutenant Joe J. Kojancik, O1301497, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 22 November 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Master Sergeant Dudley S. Hubbard, 36381458, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 15 February 1945 to 15 July 1945.

Technical Sergeant Clyde A. Nicholson, 39002345, 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 Edward R. Cleary, O26304, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Billy C. Moreman, O1307992, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Fifth Grade Donald H. Abel, 37437922, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kanifu, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Abel with complete disregard for his own safety remained steadfastly at his radio transmitting artillery firing commands even though his position was drawing heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Later on the same day when darkness was setting in, the Infantry withdrew behind his position to dig in for the night, he continued to operate the radio despite the extreme danger caused by enemy artillery barrages. After darkness, he had to proceed in the face of sniper and small arms fire to lay a wire between the liaison section and the Infantry thus keeping intact radio communications. His outstanding valor and steadfast devotion to duty enabled the artillery to inflict many casualties on the enemy. His achievement epitomizes the highest type of courage and the highest military traditions. Previous award per General Orders 88, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Florence Abel, Mother, Route 1, Granada, Minnesota.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9129, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Guy A. Goen, 35563828, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 20 February 1945, and Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 April 1945. Next of Kin: Ella A. Goen, Mother, 515 South Madison Street, Bloomington, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant James A. Meckel, 17050160, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945. Next of Kin: Geraldine Meckel, Wife, 2085 Hillhurst Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Technician Fourth Grade Oral D. Newby, 39697277, 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 19 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs. Anna Newby, Mother, 345 Magnolia Way, Dinuba, California.

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 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Military personnel:


Private First Class Jack E. Gonsler, 36536035, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. While preparing the noon day meal, one of the cooks in his organization accidentally became enveloped by flame from an exploding stove and immediately began to run thus causing the flames to grow intensity. Private First Class Gonsler saw the explosion and ran to the assistance of the stricken man. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Gonsler threw the man to the ground rolling him back and forth, thereby extinguishing the flames. Private First Class Gonsler's quick-wittedness and heroic action undoubtedly saved the man from severe burns. His disregard for personal welfare and self-sacrifice in his attempt to save his companion from danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Hugh O. Gray, 18096831, Signal Corps, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 16 July 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Gray, at great personal risk, voluntarily swam out into deep, treacherous water to save the life of a drowning man. This act performed in the knowledge that he was a weak swimmer himself displayed untold courage, fortitude, and stamina. Faced with the possibility of a struggle with two men, Technician Fourth Grade Gray unflinchingly swam to the distressed men and pulled one ashore while the other managed to paddle to safe water. His show of courage and his utter disregard for personal safety and his skill in bringing the distressed man back to consciousness is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR METAL

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

Sergeant Saverio Amalfitano, 3240813, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Sergeant Amalfitano, with utter disregard for his own safety, manned a heavy machine gun in an exposed position and fired upon a light enemy machine gun position which was firing into friendly troops. Sergeant Amalfitano knocked out this enemy gun and threw it two hundred yards to the wounded men over open terrain, picked up one man badly and moved him back to a position of safety. The other men, inspired by his act of bravery, moved back with him. His actions exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Joe Baca, 39597415, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 June 1945. When his battalion had gained a foothold on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment and was in dire need of demolitions to seal the many caves in their rear from which sniper fire was emanating, Private First Class Baca, a member of the ammunition and pioneer platoon, set out for the escarpment, burdened with several charges. To reach his destination, he had to cross three hundred yards of open ground, covered by hostile machine gun fire, and only after crawling through rice paddies, and over sharp coral rocks was he able to reach his objective, where he immediately started to seal the many caves, often entering enemy held positions in order to achieve the best effects. Hostile machine gun fire was so intense that the men had to wait for the cover of darkness before they were able to return to the battalion. Private First Class Baca assisted in the evacuation of casualties that night and again the next day, although a smoke screen had to be laid down to enable them to reach the aid station.

Private First Class Lawrence H. Brown, 36677445, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Brown displayed the highest degree of courage in helping to maintain our position atop Mishibaru Ridge by manning a machine gun besides his duty as ammunition bearer. By his courageous performance of duty, Private First Class Brown was instrumental in our being able to take and hold this ridge in spite of strong enemy resistance. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Irwin Elkind, 32643721, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Zebra Hill, Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Sergeant Elkind was a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observer party attached to an Infantry Regiment. He, without regard for his own safety, traversed an open field for three hundred yards through withering enemy fire to enable his section to call for important fire missions. He himself was blown off his feet but neither this happening nor the heavy enemy fire deterred him from his duty. His courageous action under fire and his steadfast devotion to his duty contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit's mission and was in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class William Luckert, 37232149, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Luckert, a member of a Field Artillery Ammunition Train, was at an ammunition dump on an ammunition run, and while in the process of completing the loading, the dump was subjected to an enemy air attack. Although under fire from strafing enemy planes and low bursting anti-aircraft fire, Private First Class Luckert willingly exposed himself to this fire, to evacuate his loaded truck from the area. Again on the same day on a second trip to the dump, while in the process of loading the ammunition, the dump was subjected to an enemy mortar barrage. Although one of the enemy mortar rounds hit one of the trucks in his section, Private First Class Luckert voluntarily remained and completed the assigned task of loading the ammunition before evacuating the area. The heroic service displayed by Private First Class Luckert on these occasions, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Hugh S. McLelland, 37531623, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his company, which was the rifle platoon of the regiment, discovered they had no contact with the regiment of the division on their right, Sergeant (then Private First Class) McLelland volunteered to contact that unit. He made his way across five hundred yards of open terrain, constantly under enemy rifle fire, contacted the commanding officer of the adjacent company, and gave him information as to his company's location. This enabled the two units to set up a coordinated defensive position. Sergeant McLelland's gallant action was directly responsible for the repulsing of several enemy counterattacks that night, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Milo Modena, 37461592, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Private First Class Modena was a member of a Field Artillery Forward Observer Party attached to an Infantry Regiment. Private First Class Modena, without regard for his own safety, traversed an open field for three hundred yards through withering enemy fire, coming from higher ground on his left, to deliver a much needed radio battery to another Forward Observer Section which enabled that section to call for important fire missions. His courageous action under fire and steadfast devotion to his duty contributed immeasurably to the success of his unit's mission and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class George W. Mooney, 36700512, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Mooney, a company runner in a Battalion message center, promptly volunteered to carry casualties from the front lines back to the Battalion Aid Station, a distance of almost seven hundred yards over steep terrain. It was at night and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire was falling in this area, but Private First Class Mooney continued his brave and untiring efforts until all the casualties were evacuated.

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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 Robert W. Collie, 16106297, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 21 April 1945. Private First Class Collie, a regimental intelligence scout, while attached to the first battalion volunteered, along with another member of the platoon, to leave the security of his slit trench during a heavy shelling of the battalion command post to man an observation post from which to locate and place counter-battery fire on the enemy guns. Although exposed to heavy enemy fire, they, with complete disregard for personal safety, manned the observation post and were directly instrumental in silencing three enemy 150mm guns which were damaging our installations. Private First Class Collie's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Ernest C. Fama, 33008931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. An assaulting rifle company, in attempting to secure its portion of Kakazu Ridge, had succeeded in getting one platoon to the top when intense mortar and machine gun fire rendered the position untenable. The troops were withdrawn almost to the base of the hill, and carried with them, all of their own casualties except one. Technical Sergeant Fama, and two others serving as litter bearers, went forward to evacuate this casualty over a distance of eight hundred yards. The route was through the town of Uchitomari, across a long open field, and up through a steep, treacherous gully. In the town, they were subjected to a fifteen minute mortar barrage. While running across the open field, they received enemy machine gun fire. The casualty, suffering from a shattered leg, was fifty yards out in front of our lines. Here there was no cover and little concealment. The enemy had excellent observation of the area from his position on the commanding ground, two hundred yards to the left front. Technical Sergeant Fama, crawled out to the casualty, administered first aid, and placed him on the litter. As a precautionary measure, they started to drag the litter back. This entailed a strenuous effort and was further hampered by the slippery ground, caused by the heavy rains. They had just started the return trip when an enemy machine gun fired upon them. Fortunately, this fire was neutralized by the rifle company's light machine gun section. Upon reaching the base of the hill, enemy mortar fire made it necessary to seek cover in a tomb. They remained here while approximately forty-five rounds fell in the immediate area. Soon thereafter, the litter team was able to get the casualty back to the aid station for further treatment and evacuation.

Staff Sergeant George T. Frazier, 36381813, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945 and 12 June 1945. On 19 April when his battalion Observation Post and surrounding personnel were pinned down by severe enemy

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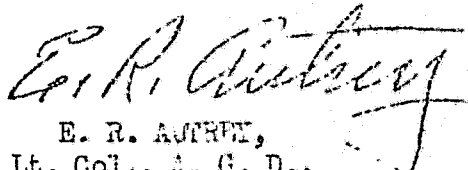
machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Frazier worked his squad to the right flank of his battalion and spotted the gun. Placing himself in a good observation point but exposed to the full fury of the enemy gun Sergeant Frazier continued to direct the fire of his squad until the enemy weapon was silenced. On 12 June when his company was alone on top of the bloody "Big Apple", Sergeant Frazier was in charge of an eight man outpost on the extreme right flank of his company. At 0300, a Jap force of about thirty-five attacked his position and a rifle and grenade duel lasted for about three hours. Standing upright in his foxhole, Staff Sergeant Frazier shouted out the location of the enemy to his men and personally laid down a heavy hail of rifle and grenade fire. His heroic actions spurred his squad on and in the morning, twenty-nine Jap bodies were counted around his position. The heroic actions of Sergeant Frazier reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Pearlle F. Guillory, 34860750, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When a company was held up by the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, a patrol was sent around the west side of the hill to secure the reverse slope. When this patrol had left its last cover, the enemy allowed them to enter an exposed area. Then the enemy by use of small arms, machine gun and mortar fire attempted to isolate and annihilate the patrol. The patrol hastily withdrew a distance of forty-five yards into a shallow draw. One member of the patrol was seriously wounded and could not complete the withdrawal. In answer to a radio message, a litter team consisting of Private First Class Guillory and three other men left the aid station for the front, nine hundred yards away. Their route took them through the town of Uchitomi where they were delayed by mortar fire. As they traversed an open field they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. The entire route was made more difficult by heavy rains. In order to reach the casualty, they followed the same route the patrol had used. This led them up a small draw running parallel to our lines and which was under enemy mortar fire where our patrol had to take cover. Coming into the open area at the head of this draw, they spotted the casualty and dashed out forty-five yards to reach him. After they had placed him on a litter, they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun but paying no heed to this fire they carried the casualty back to the draw where it was possible to administer first aid, before carrying him back to the aid station.

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Staff Sergeant Forrest S. Bassler, 36405119, 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.

Staff Sergeant George C. Bohlig, 37556462, 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.

Private First Class James J. Carolinc, 37586562, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Thomas J. Faeney, Jr., 36383070, 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 Ellis W. Hanna, 36700489, 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.

Technician Fourth Grade Ralph H. Hood, 37233019, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 24 October 1944 to 26 January 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Steve G. Kosak, 36534513, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Theodore C. Kutschinski, 36405142, 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 Fourth Grade Gordon E. Lindahl, 36404123, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 May 1945.

First Lieutenant Edward O. Logan, 01301500, 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.

Staff Sergeant Felix O. Ingdefren, 16141839, 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.

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~~Private First Class David A. Edmondson, 156915470, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 June 1945.~~

First Lieutenant Robert J. Richter, 01304950, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 April 1945.

Private First Class Thomas H. Underhill, 39692882, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Private First Class Francis E. Veihmeyer, 33405175, 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 Joseph H. Wirtz, 39931850, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 May 1945 to 20 June 1945.

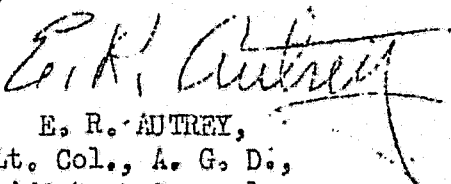
Staff Sergeant John Yednock, 36429902, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Arthur H. Ziemke, 36383265, 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.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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12 September 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 748

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

Sergeant Frank Homolka, 37266330, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. During an advance made by a rifle company, a rifleman was hit by machine gun fire while acting as scout. His position was exposed and considerably in advance of the remainder of the company. Sergeant Homolka's actions in voluntarily going after the wounded man across open, fireswept ground for a distance of seventy-five yards, in bringing him back to a sheltered spot, and in applying first aid, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Rupert J. Johnson, 36539953, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 June 1945. When an anti-tank company patrol engaged in mopping up operations, came upon five enemy soldiers cleverly concealed in high grass, they fired on them and received a return barrage of hand grenades. Staff Sergeant Johnson, armed with a light machine gun slung around his shoulder, unhesitatingly advanced forward alone through these exploding grenades to close within three feet of the enemy and succeeded in killing four of their number. As a result of Staff Sergeant Johnson's actions, the enemy ambush was destroyed and the probability of his own unit sustaining casualties was immediately and effectively reduced.

Private First Class Victor H. Krummenacher, 15313414, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. An assaulting rifle company, in attempting to secure its portion of Kakazu Ridge, had succeeded in getting one platoon to the top but intense mortar and machine gun fire soon rendered this position untenable. The troops were withdrawn almost to the base of the hill and carried with them, all of their own casualties except one. Private First Class Krummenacher, and two others, serving as litter bearers, went forward to evacuate this casualty over a distance of eight hundred yards. The route was through the town of Uchitomari, across a long open field and up through a steep, treacherous gully. In the town, they were subjected to a fifteen minute mortar barrage. While running across the open field, they received enemy machine gun fire. The casualty, suffering from a shattered leg, was fifty yards out in front of our new lines. Here there was no cover and little concealment. The enemy had excellent observation of the area from his position on the commanding ground two hundred yards to the left front. Private First Class Krummenacher crawled out to the casualty, administered first aid and placed him on the litter. As a precautionary measure, he and his two companions started to drag the litter back. This entailed strenuous effort and was further hampered by the slippery ground, caused by the heavy rains. They had just started the return trip when an enemy machine gun fire upon them. Fortunately,

this fire was neutralized by the rifle company's light machine gun section. Upon reaching the base of the hill, enemy mortar fire made it necessary to seek cover in a tomb. They remained here while approximately forty-five rounds fell in the immediate area. Soon thereafter, the litter team was able to get the casualty back to the aid station for further treatment and evacuation.

Corporal Carroll E. Leeth, 39319100, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 and 21 June 1945. When no other position could be found to support the Battalion, Corporal Leeth, as a 57mm anti-truck gunner, placed his gun in action on the front lines. While under intense sniper fire, he brought fire to bear on the Regimental objective, closing many enemy caves and neutralizing many enemy positions. When fired upon by an enemy 75mm gun, Corporal Leeth remained at his gun and continued to fire. On one occasion, Corporal Leeth, leading an eleven man patrol, located twenty-six enemy soldiers two hundred and fifty yards from the Regimental Command Post. While under machine gun and small arms fire, Corporal Leeth threw a grenade, knocking out the machine gun. He then deployed his men, killing twenty-five of the enemy and taking one prisoner. By his actions, he prevented a possible catastrophe in the Regimental Command Post.

Private First Class Ronald F. Linderman, 12216624, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Linderman served as a member of a litter team to evacuate seriously wounded casualties from a rifle company in the assault. In order to accomplish this task, it was necessary for him to cross a three hundred yard stretch of open terrain, which was being subjected to almost constant enemy sniper and mortar fire. In a driving rain storm, Private First Class Linderman and three other men alternately ran and crawled the entire distance. Enemy snipers made numerous attempts to stop them. In bringing the casualties back, as they traversed the open terrain, mortar rounds as well as sniper fire, harassed them continuously. Five such trips were made by Private First Class Linderman and the three other men, until the Battalion Commander ordered no more evacuations because of the extreme danger. Private First Class Linderman's courage and complete disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

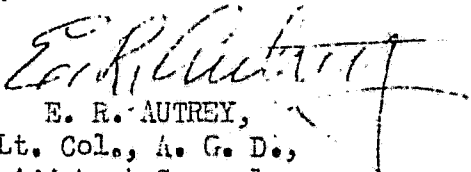
Staff Sergeant William E. Crigger, 36283028, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Samar, and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Alfred H. Hoopii, 10100229, 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 29 June 1945.

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18 May 1952

SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. William E. Origger
2145 North New Jersey Street
Indianapolis 2, Indiana

So much of General Orders 748, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 19 September 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to William E. Origger, service number 38 283 028, which reads "38 283 028" is amended to read "38 283 028".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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Adjutant General

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ORIGINAL ORDER 5-211

19 September 1945.

GENERAL ORDER
NUMBER 749

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 J. McRee, 30246305, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When a company was held up by the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, a patrol was sent around the west side of the hill to secure the reverse slope. When this patrol had left its last cover the enemy allowed them to enter an exposed area. Then the enemy, by use of small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, attempted to isolate and annihilate the patrol. The patrol hastily withdrew a distance of forty-five yards into a shallow draw. One member of the patrol was seriously wounded and could not complete the withdrawal. In answer to a radio message, a litter team consisting of Sergeant McRee and three other men left the aid station for the front, nine hundred yards away. Their route took them through the town of Uchitomari where they were delayed by mortar fire. As they traversed an open field, they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. The entire route was made more difficult by heavy rains. In order to reach the casualty, they followed the same route the patrol had used. This led them up a small draw running parallel to our lines and which was under enemy mortar fire where our patrol had to take cover. Coming into the open area at the head of this draw, they spotted the casualty and dashed out forty-five yards to reach him. After they had placed him on a litter, they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun but, paying no heed to this fire, they carried the casualty back to the draw where it was possible to administer first aid before carrying him back to the aid station.

Private First Class James M. Nielson, 39932114, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 21 April 1945. Private First Class Nielson, a regimental intelligence scout, while attached to the first battalion, volunteered to accompany another member of the platoon, and leave the security of his slit trench during a heavy shelling of the Battalion Command Post, to man an observation post from which to locate and place counter-battery fire on the enemy guns. Although exposed to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, they, with complete disregard for their personal safety, continued to man the observation post and were directly instrumental in silencing three enemy 150mm guns, which were causing much damage to our defense installations. Private First Class Nielson's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Patrick D. O'Gorman, 37150759, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 29 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 11 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Roy E. Oliphant, 36583588, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. When his battalion was launching an attack upon stubbornly contested Yaeju-Dake Escarpment, it was totally dependent upon Technician Fifth Grade Oliphant's SCR-300 radio for communications from the observation post to the companies. Suddenly, the observation post became the target for an intense artillery and mortar barrage, and at the same time, the enemy launched a fierce counterattack against the leading elements of the battalion. Regardless of his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Oliphant, although in an exposed position, fearlessly maintained communications with the beleaguered companies throughout the barrage and was able to order mortar and artillery fire brought to bear upon the enemy, subsequently repulsing the counterattack. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant William F. Peckrul, 01286333, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. At the end of the day as units were preparing the defense for the night, First Lieutenant Peckrul, acting as heavy weapons company commander, upon learning that the third and first battalions were not in physical contact as was believed, unhesitatingly and alone made a personal reconnaissance over terrain not yet passed by friendly troops. As a result of his action, First Lieutenant Peckrul was able to inform both battalion commanders as to the extent of the gap six hundred and fifty yards in width, thereby allowing a readjustment of lines which undoubtedly resulted in the saving of many lives.

Private First Class William J. Polzin, Jr., 36802375, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. During the attack on Yaeju-Dake Escarpment from Hill ninety-nine, Private First Class Polzin, medical aid man in a heavy machine gun platoon, volunteered to assist aid men in rifle companies administer first aid to the wounded. On three occasions with utter disregard for his own life, he dashed across three hundred yards of open terrain swept by machine gun, mortar and rifle fire to give plasma and to evacuate the wounded. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Penziet V. Valkanoff, 39004610, 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.

Private First Class Alvin J. Weinkoin, 37391145, 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 25 April 1945.

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19 September 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 750

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section III, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 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 Lee B. Harris, 39421426, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When a company was held up by the enemy on Karazu Ridge, a patrol was sent around the west side of the hill to secure the reverse slope. When this patrol had left its last cover, the enemy allowed them to enter an exposed area. Then the enemy, by use of small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, attempted to isolate and annihilate the patrol. The patrol hastily withdrew a distance of forty-five yards into a shallow draw. One member of the patrol was seriously wounded and could not complete the withdrawal. In answer to a radio message, a litter team consisting of Private First Class Harris and three other men left the aid station for the front, nine hundred yards away. Their route took them through the town of Uchitomari where they were delayed by mortar fire. As they traversed an open field, they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. The entire route was made more difficult by the heavy rains. In order to reach the casualty, they followed the same route the patrol had used. This led them up a small draw running parallel to our lines and which was under enemy mortar fire. Coming into the open area at the head of this draw, they spotted the casualty and dashed out forty-five yards to reach him. After they had placed him on a litter, they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun but, paying no heed to this fire, they carried the casualty back to the draw where it was possible to administer first aid before carrying him back to the aid station.

Staff Sergeant Elvin P. Schroeder, 36700374, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. After a stiff, close, and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, a rocky escarpment rising in the center of the island, during which an enemy counterattack was repelled and when it was finally necessary to effect a withdrawal, Staff Sergeant Schroeder and another soldier voluntarily and without orders, remained in position to provide covering fire. After the withdrawal of the platoon it was only with great difficulty that Staff Sergeant Schroeder was able to extricate himself. The brave actions of Staff Sergeant Schroeder in holding his position when the rest of the platoon withdrew, in covering enemy positions with fire during the withdrawal, although reducing his own chance of successfully withdrawing, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Mervyn F. Woodard, 6973174, 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 May 1945.

Private First Class Paul H. Schultz, 36705065, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Schultz served in the capacity of a switchboard operator. A terrific explosion of an ammunition dump caused by enemy artillery fire occurred and the brilliant blaze, as a result, attracted continued heavy artillery barrages. When several rounds fell close to Private First Class Schultz's position, all of the men were ordered to withdraw to safer positions. However, Private First Class Schultz remained loyally and bravely at his tasks of relaying messages. Private First Class Schultz's bravery and coolness under fire, his steadfast and loyal devotion to duty, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John R. Super, 32811830, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. During his company's advance over the crest of Conical Hill, Private First Class Super, with two squads, was caught on the open forward slope by machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire. Nine men were wounded and the remainder withdrew. Private First Class Super had the choice of withdrawing or remaining forward with his stricken comrades. He administered first aid to those nearest him and while doing so, was himself wounded. Despite his wound, he insisted on helping to evacuate another casualty. His courage was an inspiration to those who were helpless under fire. Private First Class Super's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

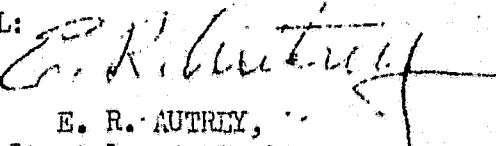
Corporal Joe Wallace, 37316156, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Corporal Wallace served as a member of a litter team to evacuate seriously wounded casualties from a rifle company in the assault. In order to accomplish this task, it was necessary for him to cross a three hundred yard stretch of open terrain, which was being subjected to almost constant enemy sniper and mortar fire. In a driving rain storm, Corporal Wallace and three other men alternately ran, and crawled the entire distance. Enemy snipers made numerous attempts to stop them. In bringing the casualties back, as they traversed this open terrain mortar rounds as well as sniper fire harassed them continuously. Five such trips were made by Corporal Wallace and the three other men until the battalion commander ordered no more evacuations because of the extreme danger. Corporal Wallace's conspicuous courage and complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Luther C. Westor, 38272626, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ieyte 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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ORIGINAL ORDER # 1011

19 September 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 751

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Howard P. Zentz, 35345012, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. Private First Class Zentz, gunner on a 57mm anti-tank gun, received a target from a front line company of the Battalion he was supporting by direct fire. His gun was in an extremely precarious position under direct observation from the enemy. Unfortunately, it was the only position from which to cover the assigned target area. Therefore, the gun was moved into position under cover of an early morning artillery barrage and camouflaged to the extent that the position was fairly safe as long as the gun remained inactive. The target received by Private First Class Zentz was a portion of the south slope of Conical Hill which contained enemy observation posts and snipers who were holding up the advance of the entire Battalion. Private First Class Zentz opened fire on the target and shortly afterwards, enemy artillery began falling in the area. Forty to fifty rounds of enemy artillery fell within a radius of seventy-five yards of the gun position but Private First Class Zentz, despite a hail of shell fragments, continued to fire unhesitatingly. He then aided and directed the crew in taking the gun out of this dangerous position. As a result of this extremely accurate fire, the rifle troops were once again able to advance, aiding the general advance of the entire regiment.

Private First Class Theyne R. Hicks, 39926058, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When an assaulting rifle company, in attempting to secure its portion of Kakazu Ridge, had succeeded in getting one platoon to the top, intense mortar and machine gun fire soon rendered the position untenable. The troops were withdrawn almost to the base of the hill and carried with them, all of their own casualties except one. Private First Class Hicks, and two others, serving as litter bearers, went forward to evacuate this casualty over a distance of eight hundred yards. The route was through the town of Uchitonari, across a long open field, and up through a steep, treacherous gully. In the town, they were subjected to a fifteen minute mortar barrage. While running across the open field they received enemy machine gun fire. The casualty, suffering from a shattered leg was fifty yards out in front of our new lines. Here there was no cover and little concealment. The enemy had excellent observation of the area from his position on the commanding ground, two hundred yards to the left front. Private First Class Hicks crawled out to the casualty, administered first aid and placed him on the litter. As a precautionary measure, they started to drag the litter back. This entailed a strenuous effort and was further hampered by the slippery ground, caused by the heavy rains. They had just started to return when an enemy machine gun fire upon them. Fortunately, this fire was neutralized by the rifle company's light

machine gun section. Upon reaching the base of the hill, enemy mortar fire made it necessary to seek cover in a tomb. They remained here while approximately forty five rounds fell in the immediate area. Soon thereafter, the litter team was able to get the casualty back to the aid station for further treatment and evacuation.

Private First Class Charles E. Holsclaw, 35698240, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When a company was held up by the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, a patrol was sent around the west side of the hill to secure the reverse slope. When this patrol had left its last cover the enemy allowed them to enter an exposed area. Then the enemy, by use of small arms, machine gun and mortar fire, attempted to isolate and annihilate the patrol. The patrol hastily withdrew a distance of forty-five yards into a shallow draw. One member of the patrol was seriously wounded and could not complete the withdrawal. In answer to a radio message, a litter team consisting of Private First Class Holsclaw and three other men, left the aid station for the front, nine hundred yards away. Their route took them through the town of Uchitorari where they were delayed by mortar fire. As they traversed an open field, they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. The entire route was made more difficult by the heavy rains. In order to reach the casualty, they followed the same route the patrol had used. This led them up a small draw running parallel to our lines and which was under enemy mortar fire. Coming into the open area at the head of this draw, they spotted the casualty and dashed out forty-five yards to reach him. After they had placed him on a litter, they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun but paying no heed to this fire, they carried the casualty back to the draw where it was possible to administer first aid before carrying him back to the aid station.

Private First Class Joseph C. Smigiel, 36899301, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 24 June 1945. Private First Class Smigiel, a BAR gunner, continuously distinguished himself by his coolness and aggressiveness under heavy enemy fire and, by the example he set for the other men in his squad. On 20 April, Private First Class Smigiel singularly distinguished himself by remaining in an exposed position under heavy enemy sniper, machine gun, and mortar fire to help neutralize machine gun fire which prevented the second platoon from withdrawing and evacuating its wounded. Again on 21 May, Private First Class Smigiel heroically volunteered to aid a party assigned to destroy enemy positions which were inflicting heavy casualties and preventing the company from taking a final objective. Private First Class Smigiel, at that time, also accounted for an important enemy supporting position by going alone to attempt to seal them in a cave. Failing to completely seal the cave with his first supply of explosives, he returned to his platoon to secure another supply of demolitions and return back up the muddy cliff to complete his self appointed task. Private First Class Smigiel's outstanding service reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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19 SEPTEMBER 1945GENERAL ORDERS
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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. 5, 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 Merle A. Bannwart, 35909061, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When four serious casualties were sustained by front-line troops and immediate evacuation during darkness was required to save their lives, Private First Class Bannwart, as a member of an evacuation party with two vehicles made his way with his companions under enemy artillery and mortar fire a distance of approximately fifteen hundred yards over roads that had not yet been cleared of mines and which required inspection. The vehicles progressed to the evacuation point one hundred and fifty yards from the front-lines. Adding to the dangers already present was the great possibility of fire from infiltrating enemy in the heavy undergrowth of the area. Regardless of the dangers involved the party reached the evacuation point and successfully evacuated the wounded men to a rear aid station. Private First Class Bannwart's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

Private First Class John E. Butcher, 20545680, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 25 June 1945. Throughout the entire campaign Private First Class Butcher, in addition to carrying out satisfactorily his regular duties as cannoneer in an anti-tank platoon, demonstrated courage and initiative in performing many additional duties. When vehicles were unable to reach front line troops Private First Class Butcher hand carried supplies to the front lines and on return trips acted as litter bearer to evacuate wounded to the battalion aid station. On 14 April when battalion rifle companies on the line were understrength due to heavy casualties he remained on the line as a rifleman to hold back an enemy counter attack. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph L. Dunphy, 33478097, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945. Throughout both campaigns until he was wounded 26 April at Needle Rock Private First Class Dunphy, in addition to carrying out his regular duties as a scout and observer, demonstrated exceptional courage and initiative in performing many other tasks. When vehicles were unable to reach the front line troops, Private First Class Dunphy hand carried supplies to them and assisted as litter bearer in evacuating wounded. On one occasion when the rifle companies were understrength due to casualties, he acted in the capacity of a rifleman, occupying a position on the front in face of strong enemy counter-attacks. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty in outstanding action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Sergeant Joseph W. Goudeau, 38313127, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 15 April 1945. Sergeant Goudeau a wire chief in the communications platoon of a battalion headquarters company, worked diligently and courageously in establishing and maintaining telephone communications throughout the battalion. On the battalion's initial attack on 10 April he went forward with the assault companies under intense enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, laying lines and installing telephones. From 11 to 15 April he made numerous trips to the front, checking lines and repairing the ones that had been broken by enemy artillery fire. On the night of 12 April he volunteered to go out in search of a break in a vital telephone line. After checking two hundred yards of wire he found the break, and repaired it, putting the telephone back in use in twenty five minutes after it was reported out. His courageous actions under hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ervin J. Rothe, 36405175, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Private First Class Rothe, assistant gunner in an anti-tank platoon, was often a member of carrying parties that packed supplies as much as fifteen hundred yards to front line troops. On return trips he acted as litter bearer carrying wounded back to the battalion aid station. Often the only available routes were under enemy observation constant enemy artillery and mortar fire. Even under these conditions he never hesitated to take his share of the load. On one occasion, although not a member of a line company, he took a place on the front line and aided the battalion in holding its position against determined enemy counter attacks. The courage and tenacity displayed by Private First Class Rothe reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ernest W. Vogt, 37266632, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 14 April 1945. Private First Class Vogt as a truck driver and a member of a carrying party, packed vital supplies over open terrain and almost impassable roads through enemy sniper, mortar and artillery fire to the front lines. On return trips over the same routes he assisted in carrying wounded back to the battalion aid station. The route was under enemy observation much of the time and was frequently shelled by enemy artillery and mortars. On the nights of 12 and 13 April, he took his place with other men of his platoon on the front lines and was instrumental in helping the battalion repulse several enemy counter attacks, although wounded the latter night by an enemy mortar shell. His unfaltering courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I
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- OK 1. So much of General Orders 712, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 September 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Willard H. Wyeth, 31374489, is rescinded.
- OK 2. So much of General Orders 733, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 September 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant John C. Cook, 02048591, is rescinded.
- OK 3. So much of General Orders 631, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 August 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Joseph C. Sullivan, 36535877, is rescinded.
- OK 4. So much of General Orders 705, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 September 1945, as reads "Private First Class Harold H. Stone, 39422832," is amended to read "Private First Class Howard L. Stone, 422832."
- OK 5. So much of General Orders 456, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Walter C. Tepper, 36378387, is rescinded.

SECTION II
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, Major George Hollister, 0315104, Corps of Engineers, for wounds received in action against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 2 June 1945.

SECTION III
AW. OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Staff Sergeant Willard H. Wyeth, 31374489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his platoon, in an attack against strong enemy positions on Nishibaru Ridge, suffered many casualties, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Wyeth, realizing the grave situation, acted upon his own initiative and took command of his platoon. While under intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire, Staff Sergeant Wyeth reorganized his platoon into a fighting unit, made secure positions already taken and made the necessary reconnaissance to continue the attack. He valiantly directed his platoon while under intense enemy fire, in repulsing an enemy counterattack, and by courageous efforts held the position on the ridge. Previous award per General Orders 639, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 August 1945.

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First Lieutenant John C. Cook, 02048591, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 29 October 1944. First Lieutenant Cook, assistant Battalion Surgeon, with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced under intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire to administer blood plasma and first aid to a seriously wounded man forty yards beyond the front lines. First Lieutenant Cook then removed the casualty to the rear. His administration of first aid and prompt evacuation saved the man's life. First Lieutenant Cook's heroic act was a source of inspiration to the men of his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 668, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 September 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. Previous award per General Orders 38, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

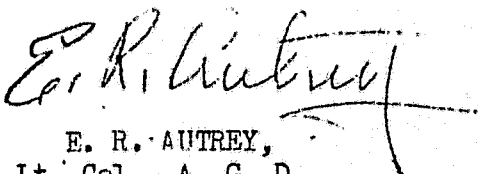
2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received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

Staff Sergeant Walter C. Tepper, 36378387, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 May 1945, near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 13, Headquarters 51st General Hospital, APO 565, 3 December 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:

Staff Sergeant John F. Ansbro, 15096679, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Ansbro, with his squad, occupied a hard position beneath a major ridge line of Conical Hill with enemy foxholes across the divide never less than ten yards distant. The enemy was able to observe the area from a pinnacle two hundred yards to his left flank. As soon as the squad began to prepare the position; heavy mortar fire fell within effective range and a machine gun opened fire from the pinnacle. Staff Sergeant Ansbro held the exposed ground until ordered to withdraw to defilade one hundred yards distant. One known casualty was evacuated, and after they had moved to low ground, Staff Sergeant Ansbro ascertained that another casualty from gunshot wounds received on the ridge, was unable to move. Without hesitation or regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Ansbro returned to the high ground under mortar fire and observation from the enemy machine gun and single-handedly carried the wounded man over one hundred yards to a point from which he could be evacuated.

Private First Class Richard E. Beaulieu, 36911473, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 12 May 1945 to 26 June 1945. Private First Class Beaulieu operated a radio at a Battalion Observation Post during some of the heaviest enemy artillery and mortar fire that the Battalion had encountered. Even though the situation was tense and casualties were heavy and occurring at his side, he kept complete control and constantly kept the Battalion Commanders informed as to the front lines' actions.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph J. Cahill, 33333314, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Cahill served as a member of a litter team to evacuate seriously wounded casualties from a rifle company in the assault. In order to accomplish this task, it was necessary for him to cross a three hundred yard stretch of open terrain which was being subjected to almost constant enemy sniper and mortar fire. In a driving rain storm, Technician Fifth Grade Cahill and three other men alternately ran and crawled the entire distance. Enemy snipers made numerous attempts to stop them. In bringing the casualties back, as they traversed the open terrain, mortar rounds as well as sniper fire, harassed them continuously. Five such trips were made by Technician Fifth Grade Cahill and the three others until the Battalion Commanders ordered no more evacuation because of the extreme danger. Technician Fifth Grade Cahill's courage and complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Kelly J. Caldwell, 37529808, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Caldwell served as a member of a litter team to evacuate seriously wounded casualties from a rifle company in the assault. In order to accomplish this task, it was necessary for him to cross a three hundred yard stretch of open terrain, which was being subjected to almost constant enemy sniper and mortar fire. In a driving rain storm, Private First Class Caldwell and three other men alternately ran, and crawled the entire distance. Enemy snipers made numerous attempts to stop them. In bringing the casualties back, as they traversed the open terrain, mortar wounds as well as sniper fire harassed them continuously. Five such trips were made by Private First Class Caldwell and the three other men until the Battalion Commander ordered no more evacuations because of the extreme danger. Private First Class Caldwell's courage and complete disregard for his personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

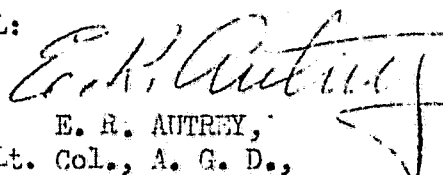
Private First Class Robert J. Campbell, 39622050, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. One platoon of a Peripheral Anti-tank Company was in direct support of an attacking Battalion. While firing from exposed positions on enemy caves and pillboxes in the Yaeju-Dake Escarpment, enemy counter-battery fire registered in on two 57mm anti-tank guns. The enemy then switched fire to a one and one half ton prime mover, loaded with high explosive ammunition. Without orders and unmindful of his own personal being, Private First Class Campbell ran over two hundred yards of open ground to the riddled vehicle. Although the steering mechanism had been rendered partially inoperative, he guided the vehicle to safety. Private First Class Campbell, by his coolness and courage, not only saved the vehicle but also averted a situation of catastrophic possibility, had the truck exploded.

Private First Class Edwin C. Carter, 36472831, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. During an advance made by a rifle company on the afternoon of 1 April, a rifleman was seriously wounded by machine gun fire while acting as a scout. He fell in a position in an exposed field considerably in advance of the remainder of the company. Private First Class Carter and two others voluntarily ran across the open ground which was being swept by small arms fire. He did this in disregard for his own life and succeeded in quickly bringing the wounded man back to a covered position in the face of this heavy fire. Private First Class Carter administered first aid to his wounded comrade. The heroic actions of Private First Class Carter in saving a life by voluntarily going forward under fire across open exposed ground, bringing him back to a concealed position and applying first aid, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Francis G. Annis, 36859900, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 June 1945. Friendly aircraft attacked his company's position by mistake on 8 June 1945 marking the center of the small company area with smoke rockets as a bombing target for six bombers. This happened so unexpectedly that there was confusion and practically all of the men were exposed to merciless bombing. Private First Class Annis, although momentarily dazed by one of the smoke rockets, realized the seriousness of his company's predicament and acted on his own initiative in a brilliant manner. Exposing himself to possible strafing, rockets and bombs, he obtained a red smoke grenade several yards away and exploded the grenade in a cleared spot. Although one of the bombers released a bomb load which killed two men, the five other pilots saw this red smoke signal and did not release their bomb loads. The entire company position would have been wiped out and many lives lost without the timely presence of mind and courageous actions of Private First Class Annis. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

First Lieutenant Robert J. Buck, 01032004, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. With his battalion in a defensive position in which its left flank was exposed to heavy enemy mortar fire and artillery observation and the right flank exposed to enemy penetration, it was contemplated that securing a precipitous rocky cliff fifteen hundred yards to the front from which observation and heavy fire also were being received would place the unit in a position to fire on the enemy from the rear and flank and assist in straightening the lines. No troops had as yet ventured beyond the actual front lines, and vital reconnaissance information was needed. A strong enemy counterattack had been staged during the previous night from this direction, First Lieutenant Buck was selected as leader of a small patrol to reconnoiter a possible route of attack upon the position, and he so capably led the patrol across the open terrain exposed to enemy fire that he was able to venture within two hundred yards of the enemy. He then returned his patrol safely with the needed information. His courageous and heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. ✓

Private First Class Benjamin C. Crago, 33768142, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945. Throughout the entire campaign Private First Class Crago, in addition to carrying out his regular duties as cannoner in an anti-tank platoon, demonstrated courage and initiative in performing many other duties. When vehicles were unable to reach front line troops, Private First Class Crago hand carried supplies to the front lines and on the return trips acted as litter bearer to evacuate wounded to the battalion aid sta- ✓

tion. On 14 April when battalion rifle companies on the line were understrength due to heavy casualties, he remained on the line as a rifleman to hold back an enemy counterattack. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions reflect great credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roland R. Cruces, 37711623, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. In order to provide a smoke screen to cover the withdrawal of five of his comrades, Private First Class Cruces, on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety, left a covered position to which he had previously withdrawn and exposing himself, he successfully covered the withdrawal of his five comrades. During the action, a defective white phosphorus grenade exploded in his hand and seriously wounded him. Despite his injuries, Private First Class Cruces, rather than expose the aid men to the danger of the enemy fire returned unaided to a position from which he could be evacuated. The extreme courage as exemplified by his actions in covering the withdrawal of his comrades inspired the platoon throughout the remainder of the campaign.

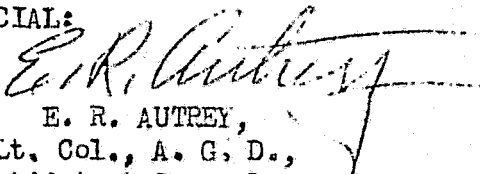
Technician Fifth Grade Foster B. Fletcher, 38329573, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Fletcher worked continuously during the time, keeping the battalion telephone lines intact. On 10 April, when his battalion made an attack in the face of heavy enemy opposition, he laid lines from the command post to the front line companies. From 11 to 15 April he made several trips a day to the front under enemy observation and artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, laying new lines and repairing old ones that had been broken. On one occasion when enemy snipers had him pinned down in an open field, he crawled along a shallow ditch to a broken section in the line, brought the wire back to a partially covered position and repaired it. His devotion to duty and exceptional initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Oscar R. Romero, 39591405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. When an enemy counterattack threatened to overrun the company position, Private First Class Romero's actions were highly responsible in repulsing the enemy. Without regard for his own life he remained by his gun and delivered a constant heavy volume of fire on enemy positions. His position was exposed to small arms and mortar fire which fell dangerously close. His pack was ripped due to fragments from these close rounds. Private First Class Romero's actions saved many lives and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Major Harry H. Hewitt, Jr., 0274759, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When, during the progress of an attack, the consolidated Command Posts of two Battalions of an Infantry Regiment were struck by a 150mm artillery round, the First Battalion executive officer and his radio operator were killed, six of the personnel were wounded and the entire command communication system of the Battalion was destroyed. Major Hewitt, although himself painfully wounded, instantly and without hesitation, exposed himself to the barrage then in progress, directed the evacuation of the wounded, supervised the restoration of the communication system and, by personal example and calm demeanor in the face of heavy fire established order and restored the command post network at this critical juncture in the attack. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charlie E. J. Pruitt, 38599623, 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 Pruitt, a company runner, promptly volunteered to carry casualties from the front lines back to the battalion aid station, a distance of almost seven hundred yards over steep terrain. It was at night and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire was falling in this area but Private First Class Pruitt continued his brave and untiring efforts until all casualties were evacuated. His heroic actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant James P. Rigg, Jr., 17146442, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. While fulfilling his mission of sealing caves and neutralizing enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Rigg was always at the head of his squad and personally placed the charges in advantageous positions after exposing himself to enemy fire in order to do so to the best advantage. In placing one of these charges, a shot fired from the interior of the cave, struck Staff Sergeant Rigg in the helmet, grazing his scalp and causing a deep cut in the back of his neck. Disregarding his wound, Staff Sergeant Rigg immediately assaulted and entered the cave destroying the enemy within it. Not until he was satisfied that the position was neutralized did Staff Sergeant Rigg give any attention to the seriousness of his wound. The courageous action and leadership of Staff Sergeant Rigg in placing his mission and the safety of his men ahead of thoughts of his own safety was an inspiration to his comrades; a credit to the military service.

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Private First Class Samuel M. Flores, 39425247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Working his automatic rifle into a firing position and getting the jump on the enemy, Private First Class Flores killed twenty-one enemy soldiers on Conical Hill. Continuous enemy observation and sniper fire was causing casualties in the different platoons of his company and in the unit on the left, preventing movement by our troops. Private First Class Flores crawled onto the crest of the ridge and, exposing himself with utter disregard for his personal safety, put his weapon into action. No further casualties were sustained in his company or in the unit on the left. He was an inspiration to all of the men of his organization who witnessed his daring act. His active part in reducing the numerical strength of the enemy shortened the battle and saved many more lives.

Private First Class Gordon H. Sinn, 39203427, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his unit was subjected to a fierce counter-attack, Private First Class Sinn, with four others, moved to an advantageous but exposed position in front of his own front lines. Although Private First Class Sinn was eventually wounded and forced to withdraw, he remained in this position for twenty minutes killing several of the enemy and frustrating them in an attempt to set up a machine gun. The heroic and aggressive action of Private First Class Sinn was highly instrumental in repulsing the enemy attack. When wounded, he disregarded his own pain to move to a covered position where the aid man could treat his wounds with a minimum risk. Private First Class Sinn's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

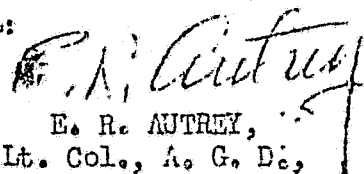
Private First Class Rudolph K. Wagoner, 36383007, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Wagoner, a company runner, promptly volunteered to carry casualties from the front lines back to the battalion aid station, a distance of almost seven hundred yards over steep terrain. It was at night and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire was falling in this area, but Private First Class Wagoner continued his brave and untiring efforts until all casualties were evacuated.

Private First Class Vernon C. Gillett, 36534656, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Private First Class Gillett, a cook, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire, to the front line. Private First Class Gillett's daily performance of this hazardous duty and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Charles R. Hoot, 36472349, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 June 1945. Private First Class Hoot on his own initiative and with disregard to his own safety left a covered position to advance twenty yards in the face of enemy fire to aid a wounded comrade. Although completely exposed to enemy fire during the entire action, Private First Class Hoot carried the wounded man to safety where he administered first aid until the man could be evacuated to an aid station. The heroic actions of Private First Class Hoot in bringing a wounded comrade to safety although exposing himself to enemy fire was an inspiration to his comrades and a credit to the military service. ✓

Private First Class James E. Johns, 33292609, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 June 1945. When the front line companies supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Private First Class Johns volunteered to act as driver of one of the vehicles carrying grenades to the companies. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by enemy artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of this trip enabled the battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy. Private First Class Johns' complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is a credit to himself and to the military service. ✓

Private First Class Jerome K. Johnson, 37317719, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During a close, stiff, and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, Private First Class Johnson, a company aid man, observed several of his platoon's riflemen hit by enemy gunfire. Although he was approximately seventy-five yards from the position where the men were hit and the intervening terrain was covered by intense and accurate enemy fire, Private First Class Johnson, with utter disregard for his personal safety, worked his way by crawling, creeping and a final dash to the wounded men and gave them first aid. When the rest of the platoon was forced to withdraw, Private First Class Johnson remained with the wounded men, giving them protection and care. He then aided in their evacuation when covering smoke was laid over the area. The brave actions of Private First Class Johnson, in going to the aid of the wounded men, in working through heavy fire to reach them, and in remaining to protect and care for them when the rest of the platoon withdrew, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

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Private First Class Dennis L. Kilpatrick, 36471537, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Sawtooth Ridge, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his unit was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack, Private First Class Kilpatrick moved, with four others, to an advantageous but exposed position in front of his own lines. Although Private First Class Kilpatrick was eventually wounded and forced to withdraw, he remained in this position for twenty minutes, killing several of the enemy and frustrating them in an attempt to set up a machine gun. The heroic and aggressive action of Private First Class Kilpatrick was highly instrumental in repulsing the enemy attack and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Edward J. McKay, 36300704, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant McKay risked his life to lead two other men beyond the front line in the face of heavy enemy sniper, machine gun, and mortar fire to evacuate a man who had been wounded by machine gun fire. On another occasion, Staff Sergeant McKay led a small group of volunteers to attack and knock out three fortified enemy positions with flame throwers and satchel charges. On still another occasion, Staff Sergeant McKay distinguished himself by taking over his platoon to lead it in an attack against a strong enemy position, after both the platoon leader and platoon sergeant had been removed from action. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

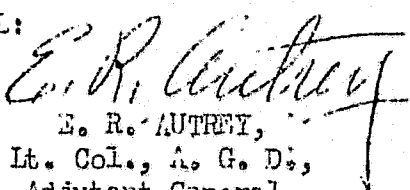
Private First Class Joseph O. Perron, 31415420, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945. Private First Class Perron worked continuously during this time, keeping the battalion telephone lines intact. On 10 April 1945, when his battalion made an attack in the face of heavy enemy opposition, he laid lines from the command post to the front line companies. From 11 to 15 April, he made several trips a day to the front under enemy observation and enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, laying new lines and repairing old ones which had been broken. On one occasion when enemy snipers had him pinned down in an open field, he crawled along a shallow ditch to a broken section in the line, brought the wire back to a partially covered position and repaired it. His devotion to duty and exceptional initiative reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Irving C. Chase, 01300601, 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.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 100-15 (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:

Staff Sergeant Earl Blowing, 17264493, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. During an advance made by a rifle company on the afternoon of 1 April, a rifleman was hit by machine gun fire while acting as scout. His position was exposed and conditionally in advance of the remainder of the company. Staff Sergeant Blowing volunteered as one of the party who ran forward and evacuated him to a covered position. The brave actions of Staff Sergeant Blowing in voluntarily going after the wounded man across open, fire-swept ground for a distance of seventy-five yards, in bringing him back to a sheltered spot, and in applying first aid are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 513, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

Private First Class Edwin C. Carter, 36472831, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When the squad of which Private First Class Carter was a member occupied a hazardous position, exposed to enemy observation and fire, east of a major ridge line of Central Hill, as soon as the position was organized, effective enemy mortar fire fell within the area, and intense machine gun fire was directed upon the troops from a pinnacle two hundred yards distant, thus raking the position, which offered no cover, whatsoever. The squad leader ordered his men to move down the hill one hundred yards into defilade. One man had been seriously wounded, and although Private First Class Carter, by the squad leader leaving him, and knew that he was under observation of the enemy machine gunner, he risked his life with the wounded man. He called for medical assistance and then applied first aid. The squad leader came back up the hill to render help, and Private First Class Carter carried the casualty to a position down hill where he could be evacuated with safety. Previous award per General Orders 754, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 September 1945.

First Lieutenant George A. Cook, 01291932, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. First Lieutenant Cook, one of a group of three liaison officers, who in order to contact and tie in the front line with the unit on the right were traversing territory but recently taken and as yet only partially secured, personally led an attack upon an enemy position manned by several Japs, who had opened up with rifles and grenades upon the party. In the initial fighting one of the officers was seriously wounded and by First Lieutenant Cook's unflinching organization and brave leadership of an attack on the enemy, even though wounded himself by a Jap grenade, the casualty was evacuated and the enemy position wiped out. Previous award per General Orders 316, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

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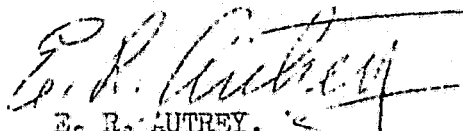
Captain Roy A. Davis, 01286615, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Captain (then First Lieutenant) Davis by his heroic actions and his superior tactical direction of the leading elements of his company, played a decisive part in the success of the assault on Sawtooth Ridge. Acting as platoon leader of an assault platoon as well as Executive Officer, Captain Davis directed the assault of the ridge over difficult open terrain. When his company commander was delayed in reaching the top of the escarpment by heavy enemy fire, Captain Davis took control of the company and repulsed an enemy counterattack. In the accomplishment of this action, it was necessary for him to take position on exposed fire-swept, high ground where he could observe and direct the action. Even though a man at his side was blown from the cliff by mortar fire, he remained in position until the enemy was driven back. He later organized and supervised an evacuating party which went out after wounded men who had been left behind when one of the assault platoons was forced back to the edge of the escarpment. At the completion of this evacuation, he reorganized the company's position, emplacing the supporting weapons and defending their sectors of fire personally, and built up a company position strong enough to withstand the hail of artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire which later fell upon it. Previous award per General Orders No. 101, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Elvin C. Schroeder, 36700374, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When the platoon of which Staff Sergeant Schroeder was guide, endeavored to occupy a hazardous position under a major ridgeline of Conical Hill, much of the platoon area was under enemy observation and heavy mortar fire was effectively placed on the positions. One enemy machine gun, firing with surprise effect from a pinnacle two hundred yards to the south, effected three casualties. Two of the wounded were evacuated and the platoon made a temporary withdrawal into defilade. Staff Sergeant Schroeder and his companion, without regard for personal safety, returned to high ground under mortar fire and observation by the enemy machine gunner, carried the remaining wounded man to the nearest cover, administered first aid, and bore him to a point one hundred and fifty yards away where he could be evacuated to safety. Staff Sergeant Schroeder's courage and disregard for his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 750, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 September 1945.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class James L. Beckham, 36301028, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945. Private First Class Beckham was often a member of a carrying party which packed supplies as much as fifteen hundred yards over open terrain to the frontlines. On return trips over the same route he acted as litter bearer carrying wounded back to the battalion aid station. The route, frequently being without cover or concealment, was often under enemy observation and shelling by enemy artillery and mortars. In spite of these hazards he always got through to the front with vitally needed supplies. On the nights of 12 and 13 April when the battalion had an open sector in the line, he occupied the position along with other men who were also not members of line companies and aided in holding that position, besides his usual duties of battalion intelligence scout which involved dangerous reconnaissance for trail nets, stream systems, and enemy activity over an almost impassable terrain, through inclement weather, and under much heavy enemy fire. Private First Class Beckham's long period of outstanding service and devotion to duty continued until he was fatally wounded and reflects lasting credit to himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Gwendlyn A. Beckham, (Wife), 226 Sproston Courts, Orange, Tex

Private First Class Richard B. Billmeyer, 36916041, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. The squad of which Private First Class Billmeyer was a member defended an almost untenable area under a major ridgeline of Conical Hill. Enemy lines were about twenty yards away on the reverse slope of the sharp ridge. Under extreme darkness and covering machine gun fire which forced the squad into cover, enemy elements infiltrated and threw hand grenades into the squad area. After they had withdrawn, Private First Class Billmeyer rolled over to the adjacent foxhole ten yards away and ascertained that a grenade had landed in the hole, killing two and seriously wounding a third. Without regard for personal safety, Private First Class Billmeyer crawled to the foxhole and found that prompt medical attention was needed. Thinking only of helping his wounded comrade by the most direct method, Private First Class Billmeyer ran towards the Platoon Command Post to obtain aid, risking the great danger of passing through the area occupied by other elements of his unit in the dark and exposing himself to heavy intermittent enemy mortar and sniper fire. In so doing he received a mortal wound when only about five yards from the Command Post. The heroic action of Private First Class Billmeyer demonstrated great courage and unselfishness to a degree which cost him his life, and his heroism exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Lucille H. Billmeyer (Mother), Route 2, Brooklyn, Michigan.

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Private First Class Douglas K. Corbin, 16149640, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When his platoon was engaged in a stiff, close, and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge after receiving an enemy counterattack, Private First Class Corbin, as platoon messenger, kept in contact with his company commander informing him of the platoon's position and action. He frequently had to expose himself to fire in order to ascertain the information requested. He reported to his platoon leader that supporting artillery and mortar fire was to be laid two hundred yards to the platoon's front and was told to ask that it be placed one hundred yards to the front as the enemy had moved in close to the platoon's position and very close supporting fire would be required if it were to be effective. In order to observe this fire and report the results to the company commander, Private First Class Corbin was forced to move to an exposed position. As he was engaged in this action the antenna on his radio apparently focused the enemy's attention on him as a sudden burst of gunfire from the left flank struck him, killing him instantly. The brave actions of Private First Class Corbin in maintaining communications with company commander, advising him of the situation and action, even exposing himself to gain the information desired, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Hazel Corbin, 5841 Main Street, Sylvania, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Vernon R. Dillard, 38329314, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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 25 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Dillard, a squad leader in an Anti-Tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Staff Sergeant Dillard made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Staff Sergeant Dillard's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Wesley Dillard (Father), Route 1, Coushatta, Louisiana.

Private First Class Ruben E. Gonzales, 39424802, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. From an exposed position, Private First Class Gonzales with utter disregard for his personal safety, neutralized the fire from an enemy position, allowing his comrades to advance toward their objective. He had held this position for twenty minutes when his weapon had a malfunction. He continued to hold his position, hoping to clear his weapon before the enemy discovered his predicament. The actions of Private First Class Gonzales, in neutralizing the fire of an enemy position, in exposing himself while doing so, in allowing his platoon's attack to proceed, and in keeping heavy flanking fire off his unit, provided an inspiration to his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Josephine E. Gonzales (Mother), 905 Washington Street, Madera, Calif.

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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), 23 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 William H. Cravens, 16142237, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. On 21 May when the platoon of which Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Cravens was a rifleman endeavored to occupy a hazardous position under a major ridgeline of Conical Hill, much of the platoon area was under enemy observation and, at about 0900, heavy mortar fire was effectively placed upon the position and one enemy machine gun, firing with surprise effect from a pinnacle two hundred yards to the south, effected several casualties, two of which were evacuated as the platoon made a temporary withdrawal into defilade. Staff Sergeant Cravens who, with his platoon guide, was bringing up the rear, was crouched in the cover offered by a shellhole when he heard the cries of the third wounded man about fifty yards up the hill. Staff Sergeant Cravens voluntarily and without hesitation sacrificed his personal safety and returned with the guide to high ground under mortar fire and observation by the enemy machine gunner, assisted in carrying the wounded man to the nearest cover from flat trajectory fire, administered first aid, and helped bear him downhill approximately one hundred yards to a point from which he could be evacuated safely.

Private First Class Burtis R. White, 34800252, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Private First Class White, a cannoneer in an anti-tank platoon, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire continuously fell in the open area when any movement was noted. Private First Class White's daily performance of this hazardous fete and his profound devotion to duty, despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter J. Deutsch, Jr., 35727285, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Deutsch, an ammunition bearer in an ammunition and pioneer platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Deutsch made approximately forty trips, hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Deutsch's daily performance of this hazardous fete, and his profound devotion to duty at all times despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. - 1 -

Private First Class Donald O. Price, 36595454, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Private First Class Price, a cannoneer in an anti-tank platoon, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in the open area when any movement was noted. Private First Class Price's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Warren H. Anderson, 37318534, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Anderson, a second runner in an anti-tank platoon, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire continuously fell in the open area when any movement was noted. Private First Class Anderson's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond A. Bayer, 42178275, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Conical Hill, Okinawa Island, on 18 May 1945. Private First Class Bayer, while under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and under enemy sniper observation, laid three hundred yards of telephone wire to an assault company which was holding the important reverse slope of Conical Hill. Smoke grenades had to be used to aid concealment. Private First Class Bayer's courage under fire and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Frank F. Baiz, 36431790, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

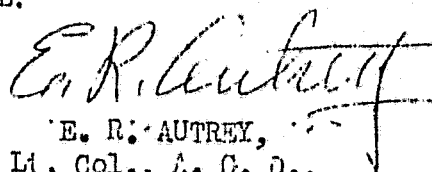
Private First Class Oscar C. Brown, 38300645, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945.

Sergeant Jasper D. Burton, 36536134, 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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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 to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Technician Fifth Grade Willie Bannister, 36272581, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Bannister, a Communications lineman, made prompt and efficient repair of the telephone line between two front line companies and the Battalion Command Post, under heavy fire and adverse conditions. Technician Fifth Grade Bannister's daily performance of hazardous services and his personal devotion to duty at all times, despite grave dangers, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 28, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 February 1945.

Private First Class Walter J. Deutsch Jr., 35727285, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line companies supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Private First Class Deutsch volunteered to act as a guard on one of the vehicles carrying a load of grenades to the company. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of this trip enabled the Battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Private First Class Deutsch's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is a credit to himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 760, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 September 1945.

Private First Class Donald O. Price, 36595454, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 June 1945. Private First Class Price, a cannoneer in an anti-tank platoon, distinguished himself when, with disregard for his own safety, he unhesitatingly and voluntarily went out under heavy enemy sniper fire to bring in a wounded comrade. In order to get this casualty medical attention, he and another member of the platoon carried him through the town of Madeera which was infested with enemy soldiers hiding behind stone walls and in crevices, armed with grenades. This courageous action, carried out under extremely hazardous conditions was a credit to himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 760, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 September 1945.

Technical Sergeant Arthur H. Reis, 36381616, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Reis, while under heavy enemy mortar, artillery, and sniper fire disregarded his own safety, in order to repair and maintain the telephone communications line between the Battalion and the Regimental Command Posts. Due to his heroic actions, the line remained intact, and the Battalion was able to get word of an expected counterattack in time to prevent

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its success. Technical Sergeant Reiss' daily performance of hazardous services and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 31, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 February 1945.

Private First Class Burtis R. White, 34800252, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 June 1945. Private First Class White, cannoner in an anti-tank platoon, distinguished himself when, with disregard for his own safety, he unhesitatingly and voluntarily went out under heavy enemy sniper fire to bring in a wounded comrade. In order to get this casualty medical attention, he and another member of the platoon carried him through the town which was infested with enemy soldiers hiding behind stone walls and in crevices, armed with grenades. This courageous action, carried out under extremely hazardous conditions, was a credit to himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 760, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 September 1945.

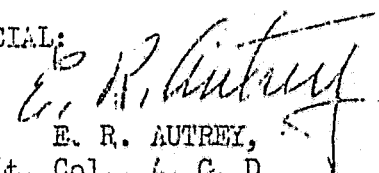
2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant Earl Blevins, 17164403, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When Staff Sergeant Blevins' squad occupied a hazardous ridgeline of Conical Hill, as soon as the position was organized, enemy mortar fire fell with effect upon the area and intense machine gun fire was directed upon the squad from a pinnacle two hundred and fifty yards distant. Staff Sergeant Blevins ordered his men, who were without available cover to withdraw into defilade one hundred yards down hill. After he had reached a safe area, Staff Sergeant Blevins heard a soldier calling from above for medical help for a wounded man. Without hesitation or regard for personal safety, he returned to the dangerous area, under mortar fire and observation of the enemy machine gunner and assisted in carrying the wounded man to a point from which he could be safely evacuated. Sergeant Blevins' constant valor, aggressiveness, and consideration for his men reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 513, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 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 Dalton L. Hunt, 36539612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Sergeant Hunt, an assistant rifle squad leader during the opening days of the Okinawa operation, proved his outstanding qualities as a leader by encouraging and aiding the men of his squad to perform their hazardous tasks while in the face of the enemy fire. On 8 April Sergeant Hunt singularly distinguished himself by heroism in giving up his own life that the lives of others might be saved and that the advance of the battalion might not be impeded by enemy fire. Sergeant Hunt, without order and upon his own initiative, left his position of shelter to direct the fire of three Browning Automatic Rifle teams when it became apparent that their immediate deployment and fire power would be necessary to prevent heavy casualties from being inflicted by an enemy machine gun which had opened fire on two platoons while in an exposed position. Due to the quick action on the part of Sergeant Hunt, the machine gun was knocked out before casualties could be inflicted. It was while looking for additional targets against which he might direct the automatic fire that Sergeant Hunt was killed by enemy sniper fire. The immediate, unselfish, and heroic action of Sergeant Hunt, in exposing himself to knock out the fire from the enemy machine gun reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mary E. Hunt (wife), 15430 Chatham Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

✓ Private First Class Ainar E. Kelwick, 31323469, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Upon injury to his squad leader, Private First Class Kelwick assumed command of his squad and led his men forward on their mission until the safety of his squad was imperiled by heavy sniper fire. Private First Class Kelwick then maneuvered his squad to the left, searching out the enemy riflemen. Unhesitatingly, upon drawing fire, he deployed his squad in advantageous positions in a ditch and moved forward alone to locate the source of fire. Private First Class Kelwick located and destroyed the enemy. During this action he was sighted by an enemy machine gun which opened fire, killing him instantly. Private First Class Kelwick's constant cheerfulness, dependability, and cool efficient judgement in a crisis will long be remembered by the men who were fortunate in working with him. His courage in placing the safety of his men before his own personal safety was an inspiration to the men of his squad and a credit to the military service. Next of Kin: Hilda Kelwick (Mother), Vinalhaven, Maine.

Private First Class Titus Laney, 34644523, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During a stiff, close, and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, Private First Class Laney courageously moved into position to give all possible aid in repelling an enemy counterattack and remained there until driven out by heavy flanking fire. He helped a wounded man to a more sheltered position and remained atop the ridge with the wounded man when the rest of the platoon withdrew until an evacuating party covered by smoke could reach them.

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The brave action of Private First Class Titus Laney, in moving out courageously to a position from which he could deal with the enemy, in remaining in that position, although exposed, to aid in repelling a counterattack, and in remaining with the wounded men, when the rest of the platoon withdrew, giving them care and protection, reflects great upon himself and the military service.

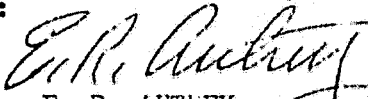
Next of Kin: Minor Laney (Father), Pageland, South Carolina. ✓

Private First Class Myron J. Lutterbeck, 35884925, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and with a generous desire to aid a wounded comrade, Private First Class Lutterbeck risked his life to remain at the side of, care for, and encourage a wounded comrade, through four hours of intense enemy sniper, machine gun and mortar fire, fifty yards beyond the front lines of his platoon and protected him from an attack by an enemy soldier. By so doing and by helping to evacuate the wounded man Private First Class Lutterbeck exhibited outstanding heroism which reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ruth S. Lutterbeck (Wife), 228 1/2 E. Vine Street, Lima, Ohio.

Private First Class Wilbur L. Mecklenburg, 20934259, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945 and 20 May 1945. Private First Class Mecklenburg, a rifleman, exhibited great courage on two occasions during the opening days of the Okinawa campaign by volunteering for hazardous assignments in the face of almost certain death, that his platoon could carry out their missions without undue loss of life. On 22 April, Private First Class Mecklenburg materially aided the displacement of his platoon by voluntarily taking a position exposed to heavy enemy gun fire from which he could help keep the enemy pinned down. On 20 May he gave his life after making it possible for his platoon to effect an envelopment of an important position which was holding up the progress of the battalion. Private First Class Mecklenburg's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Ella Mecklenburg (Mother), 4124 S. E. Holgate Avenue, Portland, Oregon. ✓

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Jack P. Gates, 39078554, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Nishibaru Ridge on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. In the attack on Nishibaru Ridge when his company's initial surge took it well up the forward slope of the ridge it was suddenly raked by enemy machine gun fire from both flanks, and by knee mortars and hand grenades from the front. Momentarily stunned by this murderous fire, the advance of the company was halted. Quickly sizing up the situation, Private First Class Gates selected as his target an enemy light machine gun emplacement in one of the caves on the face of the ridge. Using hand grenades and bayonet, he charged the emplacement and was successful in killing the Jap gunner, but not before he himself was mortally wounded. So inspired by Private First Class Gates' gallant action, the rest of the platoon, despite continuous heavy enemy resistance, cleared the enemy from the forward slope and gained the crest of the ridge. Next of Kin: Lillie A. Gates (Mother), 408 East 14th St., San Leandro, California.

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:

Private First Class Francis E. Rawlings, 36431303, Infantry, United States Army For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945. Private First Class Rawlings was often a member of a carrying party which packed supplies as much as fifteen hundred yards over open terrain to the front lines. On return trips over the same route he acted as litter bearer carrying wounded back to the battalion aid station. The route, frequently being without cover or concealment, was often under enemy observation and shelling by enemy artillery and mortars. In spite of these hazards he always got through to the front with vitally needed supplies. On the nights of 12 and 13 April when the battalion had an open sector in the line, he occupied the position along with other men who also were not members of line companies and aided in the holding of that sector besides his usual duties of battalion intelligence scout which involved danger.

reconnaissance for trail nets, stream systems, and enemy activity over an almost impassable terrain, through inclement weather, and under much heavy enemy fire. Private First Class Rawlings long period of outstanding service and devotion to duty continued until he was fatally wounded and reflects lasting credit to himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mary Rawlings (Mother), R. D. 2, Franklin, Ill

SECTION III
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Willard J. Clary, 37775244, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. During a night assault by the enemy, during the drive on a well fortified position atop the Big Apple Escarpment and although seriously wounded, Private First Class Clary remained in position defending a wounded comrade until it became apparent that the attacking enemy would overrun his fox hole, at which time Private First Class Clary, with utter disregard for his own life and safety, left his place of cover to assault the oncoming enemy with fixed bayonet. After driving the enemy from his position, Private First Class Clary returned to the aid of his wounded comrade to administer first aid. After which he materially aided to drive the enemy back by pointing out targets to fellow Infantrymen in adjacent positions and throwing grenades with his ~~wounded~~ arm. Altogether, Private First Class Clary killed five and wounded three of the enemy within close range of his position. His gallant action saved his unit many casualties and inspired his platoon to defend their position with new inspiration and vigor. His gallantry was a distinct credit to the military service.

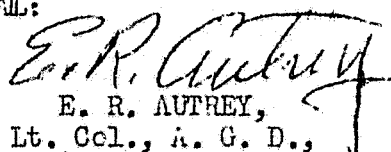
SECTION IV
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Carl A. Betsch, 35241611, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Private First Class Betsch, while under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and under observation by enemy snipers, laid with the use of smoke grenades, about three hundred yards of telephone wire to companies while it was holding the important reverse slope of Conical Hill. His courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Earl D. Bowers, 37392774, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 29 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 June 1945. Private First Class Bowers an ammunition bearer in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Bowers made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Bowers' daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ralph Boyce, 35783991, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Conical Hill, Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Private First Class Boyce, a Battalion Messenger, volunteered to go over the crest of Conical Hill which was constantly under enemy sniper and mortar fire and through the smoke screen laid down by smoke grenades which were thrown to cover their run and helped evacuate casualties from another company. His courageous action under enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roy A. Brammer, 35284368, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Conical Hill, Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Private First Class Brammer, a Battalion Messenger, volunteered to go over the crest of Conical Hill which was constantly under enemy sniper and mortar fire and through the smoke screen laid down by smoke grenades which were thrown to cover their run, helped evacuate casualties from another company. His courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Warren L. Brown, 36431870, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Private First Class Brown, a Cannoneer, in an anti-gank Platoon, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire to the front lines. Private First Class Brown's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Fourth Grade Leamon V. Burgess, 37061344, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operation against the enemy on Okinawa from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Burgess a cool hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Technician Fourth Grade Burgess' daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Saverio Calderera, 32243506, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operation against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Private First Class Calderera, a cannoneer in an Anti-Tank Platoon, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in the open area when any movement was noted. Private First Class Calderera's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

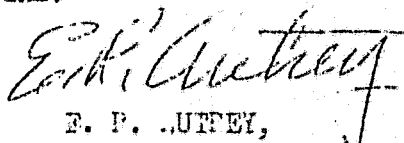
Private First Class Willard L. Howen, 35700554, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 26 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant Carl W. Kuzmow, 36383296, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

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Private First Class Eugene E. Cope, 35047730, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Cope, a cannoneer in a battalion anti-tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Cope made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open field whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Cope's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite this grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Corporal Larry G. Davis, 36856139, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Corporal Davis, a gunner in an anti-tank platoon performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Corporal Davis made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Corporal Davis' daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. J

Corporal Louis R. Dell'Aquila, 36381546, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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 25 April 1945. Corporal Dell'Aquila, a gunner in an anti-tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Corporal Dell'Aquila made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Corporal Dell'Aquila's performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. J

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Private First Class James C. Deere, 38291144, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Private First Class Deere, a cook, hand-carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire, making over forty trips. Private First Class Deere's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade John A. Eck, 37438142, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line companies' supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Technician Fourth Grade Eck volunteered to act as a guard on one of the vehicles carrying a load of grenades to the companies. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of this trip enabled the battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Technician Fourth Grade Eck's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is a credit to himself and the military service.

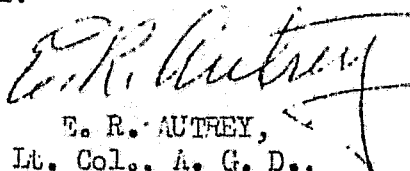
Technician Fourth Grade Cyril R. Enget, 37312831, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Enget hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire continuously fell in the open area when any movement was noted. Technician Fourth Grade Enget's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George P. Speranza, 36650006, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Speranza, a cannoneer, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire continuously fell in the open area when any movement was noted. Private First Class Speranza's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Elmor L. Shady, 37439447, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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 25 April 1945. Private First Class Shady, an ammunition bearer in an ammunition and pioneer platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Shady made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Shady's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Earl J. Wall, 7031174, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945. Corporal Wall was a member of a carrying party which hand-carried supplies to the front lines. On return trips, he acted as a litter bearer, carrying wounded back to the battalion aid station. The only available route was under enemy observation and constant enemy artillery and mortar fire. Even under these conditions, he never once hesitated to take his share of the load. On the nights of 13 and 14 April, although not a member of a line company, he took his place on the front line and aided the battalion in holding its position against fierce counterattacks. As a driver hauling critical supplies to the front lines, he was often subjected to enemy artillery fire and his vehicle was pierced by flying shell fragments. The courage and tenacity displayed by Corporal Wall reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph Weiss, 32935796, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. Private First Class Weiss, despite being wounded, repaired and maintained the telephone communication line between the Battalion Command Post and the Regimental Command Post while under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge. Private First Class Weiss' performance of this hazardous deed and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Joseph B. Cook, 35698710, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

First Sergeant James A. Williams, 20741804, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. First Sergeant Williams, of a battalion headquarters company, displayed such distinguishing qualities of leadership, initiative, and courage, that his men held great admiration and respect for his decisions. On 13 April 1945, he led a group of men over an arduous route under enemy observation and mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire to evacuate casualties from the front lines. On the night of 17 April, when enemy artillery fire was falling directly in the battalion command post area, First Sergeant Williams, with disregard for his own safety, left his foxhole to aid a wounded man. Seeing that the man could be moved without injuring him further, Sergeant Williams carried him to a safer position, notified the medics and directed them to the position where they administered treatment immediately. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

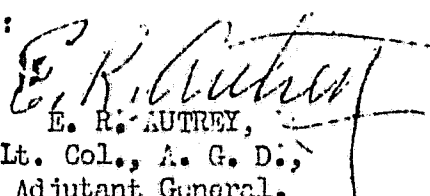
Captain Robert E. Rector, 01286704, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Captain Rector's company, together with other units from the battalion, had, after several fierce engagements, secured the important Zebra Hill which was the commanding ground in the entire sector and was of such great importance to the enemy that, on the night of 10 May, they launched a fanatical counter-attack aimed at the complete annihilation of our forces holding the hill. The attack, which was launched immediately after a furious mortar and grenade barrage, was one of utmost ferocity and many casualties were caused in Captain Rector's company by scattered charges and grenades which were thrown into his front line positions. Captain Rector, paying no attention to the mortar shells and bursting grenades, left his foxhole and covered his entire company front, observing and adjusting his disorganized perimeter. He built up his defenses and secured the exposed flanks of the elements that remained on the hill. Captain Rector's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Fred Witteveen, 36174896, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line company's supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Private First Class Witteveen volunteered to act as a guard on one of the vehicles carrying a load of grenades to the companies. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of this trip enabled the battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Private First Class Witteneen's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is a credit to himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Jerome C. Karch, 36843005, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Karch, an ammunition bearer in an ammunition and pioneer platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Karch made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three-hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Karch's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Arthur R Koch, 37587857, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Koch, an ammunition bearer in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Koch made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Koch's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter J Kostenski, 36486849, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Kostenski, a cannoneer in a Battalion anti-tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not possible to employ their anti-tank guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over an extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Kostenski made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Kostenski's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Sergeant Herbert W. Lefavier, 33433101, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 29 June 1945. Sergeant Lefavier, a wire chief, was constantly leading his wire team forward of the Battalion Command Post to maintain wire communications. On Leyte, in the vicinity of Kiling, Sergeant Lefavier not only took the responsibility of wire communications but on two occasions took a radio and delivered it to the front-line companies after theirs had been damaged by enemy action. Sergeant Lefavier, on the Okinawa Beachhead, took over his wire team and organized them on the beach during the assault landing and installed the wire lines and led his men forward, following the front lines. His efficient and technical ability and his physical stamina enabled the Battalion Commander to keep in contact with units on the beach and requests for ammunition as it was unloaded could promptly be filled. Sergeant Lefavier repaired and maintained the telephone communication line between the Battalion Command Post and the Battalion Observation Post while heavy enemy artillery, mortar and sniper fire was falling without regard for his own safety. As a result the Battalion Commanding Officer called for supporting fire and was able to maneuver his reserve company, permitting the Battalion to move forward.

Private First Class Miles Maxwell Jr., 38571991, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 12 May 1945 to 22 June 1945. Private First Class Maxwell operated a radio at the Battalion Observation Post and while on Conical Hill made two trips forward of the Observation Post to the front line companies while enemy mortar and artillery rounds were falling within fifty yards from him and at the same time being fired upon by enemy snipers. Private First Class Maxwell was the Battalion radio operator with a Battalion Observation Post party which scaled an escarpment in the vicinity of Tomii, within an hour after the assault company had reached the top. He proved his ability to think quickly and logically while under fire by the enemy, when he on numerous occasions was asked to relay fire orders back to mortar positions and he did it correctly. Through his active part in the coordination of the front line companies and their supporting weapons and the Battalion Command Post during the period, the objectives of the Battalion were reached with little confusion and the Battalion Commander was able to control each of his units in an efficient manner.

Major Edward G. Elliott, 0364850, 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.

First Lieutenant Hunter L. Fleming, 01286625, 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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Staff Sergeant J. C. Bolton, 34324976, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Bolton, a squad leader in an Anti-Tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ heavy armor and indirect fire against the enemy he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Staff Sergeant Bolton made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun fire and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Staff Sergeant Bolton's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Kenneth K. Ricketts, 37232760, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. In the battle for Nishibaru Ridge when his company had fought its way to the top of the ridge, heavy enemy fire from both exposed flanks made it necessary for the company to consolidate its position on the forward slope of the ridge in order to hold its advanced position until elements came up on its flanks. Upon withdrawing from the crest of the ridge, one member of the third platoon was left seriously wounded, lying in an area exposed to enemy fire. Seeing the plight of his wounded comrade, Private First Class Ricketts, without regard for his own personal safety, ran to the top of the ridge, threw the man over his shoulder and carried him back to the comparative safety of the bottom of the slope. First aid was administered immediately. Private First Class Ricketts' heroic act was observed by nearly all the men in the company and remains an inspiration to them in the following days of combat.

Private First Class Herman J. Rohde, 37254321, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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 May 1945. Private First Class Rohde, an ammunition bearer in an ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Rohde made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Rohde's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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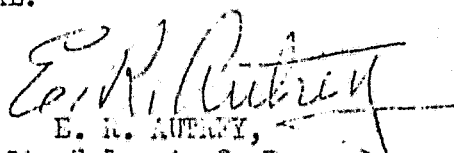
Sergeant Guy A. Scarbrough, 14001566, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Sergeant Scarbrough, a squad leader in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over an extended period on Okinawa, Sergeant Scarbrough made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movements of our troops was noted. Sergeant Scarbrough's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Albert F. Scherger, 35243210, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Scherger, a cannonier in an Anti-Tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over an extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Scherger made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Scherger's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Morris F. Scler, 18150676, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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 25 April 1945. Private First Class Scler, a gunner in an Anti-Tank platoon performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Scler made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Scler's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger 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 Alton E. Minger, 37439404, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Minger, a cook, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire to the front lines. Private First Class Minger's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Technician Fifth Grade Sylvan L. Merritt, 19019344, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Merritt, a cannoner, in an anti-tank platoon, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Technician Fifth Grade Merritt's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Staff Sergeant John Obal, 37265511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Obal, a squad leader in an anti-tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Staff Sergeant Obal made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Staff Sergeant Obal's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Corporal Robert V. Peterson, 35563983, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945. Corporal Peterson demonstrated courage and initiative in carrying out many additional tasks and also performed his own duties as gunner and later, acting squad leader in an anti-tank platoon, in a highly efficient manner. When vehicles were unable to reach the front lines Corporal Peterson hand carried supplies to the front. After carrying supplies to ✓

the battalion on Kakazu Ridge on 14 April. Corporal Peterson with others of the carrying party remained to reinforce the front line as all companies were under strength from heavy casualties. That night he and five others were wounded during a heavy artillery barrage but he was able to assist in evacuating another wounded man to the battalion aid station before receiving treatment himself. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Robert Phillips, 35168438, Infantry, 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 Phillips, a mess sergeant, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Staff Sergeant Phillips made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Staff Sergeant Phillip's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Stephen D. Remlinger, 36703085, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Sergeant Remlinger, a squad leader, in an ammunition and pioneer platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Sergeant Remlinger made approximately forty trips, hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Sergeant Remlinger's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

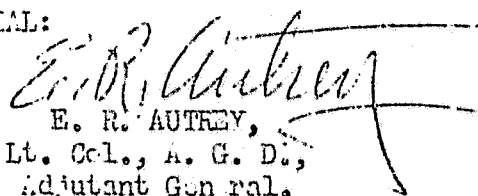
Private First Class Elmore E. Evans, 36522625, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Private First Class Donald J. Finlayson, 39284689, 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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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 300-45 (Decorations), 25 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class John C. Arnold, 38256563, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Arnold, a member of a Field Artillery Ammunition Train was at an ammunition dump on an ammunition run, and while in the process of completing the loading of the ammunition the dump was subjected to an enemy air attack. Although under fire from strafing enemy planes and low bursting anti-aircraft, Private First Class Arnold willingly exposed himself to this fire to evacuate his loaded truck from the area. Again on the same day on a second trip to the dump while in the process of loading the ammunition the dump was subjected to an enemy mortar barrage. Although one of the enemy mortar rounds hit one of the trucks in his section, Private First Class Arnold voluntarily remained and completed the assigned task of loading the ammunition before evacuating the area. The heroic service displayed by Private First Class Arnold on these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Thomas R. Barker, 36615144, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When his section was suddenly subject to a heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage and was pinned down, Technician Fourth Grade Barker remained faithfully at his post and successfully and fearlessly transmitted fire commands sent down to him by the forward observer officer, thus leading to the completion of the mission of directing counter-battery fire on the enemy position. Technician Fourth Grade Barker carried out his assigned tasks in commendable manner and was an inspiration to all the men in his section. His devotion to duty and his care and accuracy under the most trying circumstances reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade James E. Bertasso, 16150453, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945 and on 22 June 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Bertasso, a member of a medical detachment assigned to a Field Artillery Battalion, was suddenly subjected to a severe shelling from three 150mm enemy guns which inflicted casualties in one firing battery. Technician Fourth Grade Bertasso proceeded three hundred yards through total darkness to the area where

the wounded men were and proceeded to assist in rendering first aid. With the artillery barrage still continuing he evacuated them by truck to the clearing station. On the night of 22 June enemy troops infiltrated the Battalion perimeter and succeeded in inflicting some casualties. Technician Fourth Grade Bertasso with complete disregard for his own personal safety assisted in bringing the wounded to the aid station and assisted in performance of first aid. All this was done with the knowledge that the enemy was still present in the immediate vicinity. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Bertasso reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

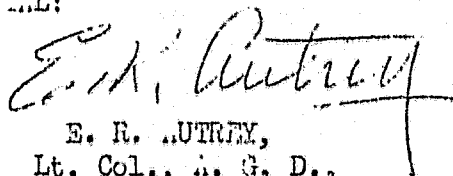
Private First Class, Walter F. Bopp, 37435996, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Bopp, a member of a Field Artillery ammunition train, was at an ammunition dump on an ammunition run and while in the process of completing the loading of the ammunition, the dump was subjected to an enemy air attack. Although under fire from strafing enemy planes and low bursting anti-aircraft fire, Private First Class Bopp willingly exposed himself to this fire, to evacuate his loaded truck from the area. Again on the same day on a second trip to the dump, while in the process of loading the ammunition the dump was subjected to an enemy mortar barrage. Although one of the enemy mortar rounds hit one of the trucks in his section Private First Class Bopp voluntarily remained and completed the assigned task of loading the ammunition before evacuating the area. The heroic service displayed by Private First Class Bopp on these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Raymond W. Bugaro, CL133253, Field Artillery United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. First Lieutenant Bugaro, an artillery forward observer, was detailed to an Infantry company which was on that date engaged in the assault and seizure of the village of Momoberu. In the early afternoon the advance of this company was stopped by intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire and intermittent mortar barrages, all of which appeared to be forthcoming from an enemy strong point approximately three hundred and fifty yards to the company's left front. Being aware of this situation, First Lieutenant Bugaro, unmindful of the danger of the enemy's strong fire through which he had to move, voluntarily advanced to an exposed position in order to gain maximum observation, and called for emergency fire missions from his artillery battery. He remained in this vulnerable observation post and adjusted fire until this strong point was neutralized. First Lieutenant Bugaro's unswerving devotion to duty and his indomitability and fearlessness while under enemy fire was an inspiration to all 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. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 27 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 Edward E. Baxstrom, 36381801, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Sergeant Lee E. Bringard, 16063853, 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.

Staff Sergeant Evelyn A. Brown, 36616487, 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 Jack D. Brown, 33277116, 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.

Staff Sergeant Mortimer L. Curtis, 19095903, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 8 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Corporal Edward T. Drees, 34831564, 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 Fourth Grade James F. Gleason, 11071157, 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.

Corporal Rheinart J. Harronstein, 37265379, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 April 1945.

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Private First Class Merrill S. Kundig, 33502802, 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. ✓

Master Sergeant Jack W. Kenney, 35251465, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 21 October 1944 to 3 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant Donald D. Kenoyer, 6578412, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 21 November 1944 to 8 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 11 May 1945 to 25 June 1945. ✓

Sergeant John W. Lyons, 36431354, 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. ✓

Master Sergeant Daniel W. McKenna, Jr., 39159823, 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 Andrew C. Mareko, 35312282, 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. ✓

Corporal Alvin Nelson, 36271668, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 21 November 1944 to 8 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 11 May 1945 to 25 June 1945. ✓

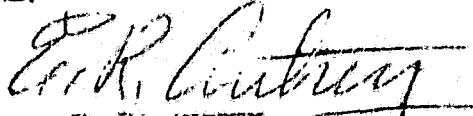
Technical Sergeant Frank C. Palecek, 36271750, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. ✓

Technician Fifth Grade George H. Palm, 15076484, 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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Technician Fourth Grade Adam J. Ernst, 37335864, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Ernst, a cook, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire to the front lines. Technician Fourth Grade Ernst's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Gary L. Fisk, 17150823, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Corporal Fisk, a gunner in an anti-tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Corporal Fisk made approximately forty trips hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Corporal Fisk's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave dangers reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Johnny O. Gemmecke, 37647152, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and with thoughts only for the safety of his wounded comrade, Private First Class Gemmecke risked his life to remain at the side and care for a wounded man after his platoon had withdrawn to a position fifty yards to the rear. Remaining three hours under intense rifle and machine gun fire, Private First Class Gemmecke protected his comrade. After three hours alone, help was able to reach him and his companion. While this aid was forthcoming and during the evacuation of the wounded man, Private First Class Gemmecke aided the party by helping keep the enemy in the immediate area pinned down by a terrific volume of fire. It was also through the information given by Private First Class Gemmecke that the enemy machine gun operating in the area was put out of action. Private First Class Gemmecke's heroism and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jesse B. Good, 35884914, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the front line companies supply of grenades had become almost exhausted and other weapons could not be used without endangering our own troops, Private First Class Good volunteered to act as a guard on one of the vehicles carrying a load of grenades to the companies. The vehicles had to pass through an area covered by artillery and mortar fire and infiltrators were numerous. The result of this trip enabled the Battalion to hold the highest point on the southern half of Okinawa and kill forty of the enemy with grenades. Private First Class Good's complete disregard for his own safety and voluntary action was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is a credit to himself and to the military service.

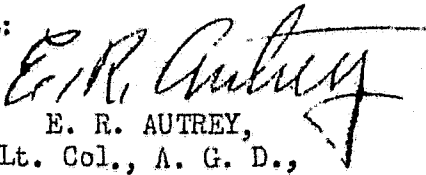
Private First Class George L. Griffith, 38294208, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Private First Class Griffith, a cook, hand carried supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire making over forty trips. Private First Class Griffith's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty despite the grave danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas J. Heller, 32838203, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 April 1945. Private First Class Heller, an ammunition bearer in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Heller made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in the area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Heller's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Elwin S. Johnson, 01307975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 May 1945. First Lieutenant Johnson exercised exceptional initiative and forcefulness throughout both the Leyte and Okinawa campaigns. It was when a job of supply or construction seemed impossible that First Lieutenant Johnson exerted his superior ability to improvise and expedite matters and supervise or personally lead his men to a successful completion of the tasks. His personal courage was a by-word in his battalion and he distinguished himself on numerous occasions by his unhesitating assumption of great risks in order to fulfill his mission of getting supplies to the forward units.

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Private First Class Sylvester J. Heinen, 37233228, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Heinen, an ammunition bearer in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Heinen made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Heinen's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Private First Class Le Fair M. Hall, 39933588, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Hall, an ammunition bearer in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Hall made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Hall's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Private First Class Raymond H. Holderman, 39931822, Infantry, 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. Private First Class Holderman, an ammunition bearer in an Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Holderman made approximately forty trips, hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Holderman's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound ✓

devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roger R. Gulick, 12204990, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Gulick, a cannoneer in Anti-Tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Gulick made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Gulick's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times despite the grave dangers reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Technical Sergeant Jack D. Ifversen, 39159990, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Technical Sergeant Ifversen, an Anti-Tank platoon sergeant, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Technical Sergeant Ifversen made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and mortar fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Technical Sergeant Ifversen's daily performance of this hazardous feat, and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave dangers, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

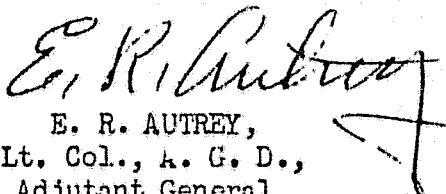
Technician Fourth Grade Steve Pavlich, 39179603, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 21 October 1944 to 8 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945. ✓

Private First Class Glenn R. Poe, 33510610, 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. ✓

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant William H. Bass, 38227732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Bass acting upon his own initiative, directed the fire of the battalion's mortar and artillery support. This action occurred after the enemy had killed the battalion observers by laying down a heavy volume of mortar, machine gun and sniper fire across the top of the position. In order to observe these fires, it was necessary for Staff Sergeant Bass to expose himself upon the skyline in full view of the enemy positions immediately drawing the enemy fire. In spite of the deadly fire, he remained at his task until the protective fires of the entire battalion were zeroed in. The heroic action and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Bass reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alexander Charette, 37586634, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Charette, a member of a Field Artillery Ammunition Train, was at an Ammunition Dump on an Ammunition run, and while in the process of completing the loading of the Ammunition the dump was subjected to an enemy air attack. Although under fire from strafing enemy planes and low bursting Anti-aircraft Fire, Private First Class Charette willingly exposed himself to this fire, to evacuate his loaded truck from the area. Again on the same day on a second trip to the dump, while in the process of loading the ammunition the dump was subjected to an enemy mortar barrage. Although one of the enemy mortar rounds hit one of the trucks in his section, Private First Class Charette voluntarily remained and completed the assigned task of loading the Ammunition before evacuating the area. The heroic service displayed by Private First Class Charette on these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Francis K. Claggett, 35223456, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When the forward observer under whom he was fighting, was mortally wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Technician Fifth Grade Claggett rapidly proceeded thirty yards across an open field under murderous enemy machine gun and small arms fire and administered first-aid to the dying man. With the aid of a fellow observer, Technician Fifth Grade Claggett dragged the wounded man back across the field to safety from the increasing enemy opposition attracted by their movements. Not until the wounded man had been taken to the Aid Station did Technician Fifth Grade Claggett relieve himself of the duty he had so willingly and courageously undertaken, and seek cover from

the enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Clagett's courage, perseverance and coolness under hazardous circumstances reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Raymond B. Conkling, 3676298, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. While participating in an attack on a heavily fortified enemy position, Corporal Conkling's section was forced to move to a remote spot on a sandbank in order to maintain accurate Artillery fire upon the enemy. They were forced to cross an open area which was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Three of the section was pinned down, but through Corporal Conkling's coolness and skill the men reached their objective without mishap. A wireman was forced to go out under heavy enemy fire to repair a wireline for the section, and while carrying out his duties was seriously wounded. Seeing this, Corporal Conkling left his shelter and moved across the open terrain at the risk of his own life in order to rescue the wounded man. After dragging the wireman back to safety, Corporal Conkling administered first aid and called for the unit's medical aid which could be obtained to evacuate the wounded man. Corporal Conkling's heroic service reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Abraham David, 36534476, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class David, as a wireman in a Forward Observer section, repeatedly and willingly exposed himself to extreme danger in his constant efforts to maintain superior wire communications for his section. On the night of 4 April when it was found urgently necessary to establish a new line of communication after the old one had been disrupted by incessant enemy artillery fire, without hesitation, at the risk of his own life, Private First Class David dashed across fifty yards of open terrain through a hail of machine gun and artillery fire, and restored this vital link of communication that was urgently needed for the transmission of artillery fire missions. Private First Class David's devotion to duty and his bravery and calmness under fire was a constant credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Billy R. Elkins, 35769431, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Private First Class Elkins volunteered to repair a wire line which had been broken as a result of enemy action. This line was the only means of communication which the Infantry Battalion had with the artillery. Realizing the value of close supporting artillery fire, Private First Class Elkins left the comparative safety of his foxhole and amid a withering hail of enemy artillery and small arms fire successfully repaired this line. The heroic service displayed by Private First Class Elkins reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Technician Fifth Grade Cloyde E. Dent, 37232818, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Dent, a member of a Field Artillery Ammunition Train was at an Ammunition Dump on an Ammunition run, and while in the process of completing the loading of the Ammunition the dump was subjected to an enemy air attack. Although under fire from strafing enemy planes and low burtsing Anti-Aircraft Fire, Technician Fifth Grade Dent willingly exposed himself to this fire to evacuate his loaded truck from the area. Again on the same day on a second trip to the dump while in the process of loading the ammunition, the dump was subjected to an enemy mortar barrage. Although one of the enemy mortar rounds hit one of the trucks in his section, Technician Fifth Grade Dent voluntarily remained and completed the assigned task of loading the ammunition before evacuating the area. The heroic service displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Dent on these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Arthur G. Goers, 36853599, Field Artillery United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While participating in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan Mura, Corporal Goers was faced with an enemy counter attack. He remained at his position in a remote spot and although subjected to direct enemy artillery and small arms fire continued to direct urgent fire missions. He moved across open terrain under direct enemy fire carrying his radio equipment with him, and in the process was seriously wounded by fragments from an enemy shell. He set up his equipment in a new position, and even though wounded, he continued transmitting vital fire missions until a replacement could be secured. Corporal Goer's heroic service reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Stanley J. Gush, 36617305, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While participating in an attack in the vicinity of Ginowan Mura, Technician Fifth Grade Gush moved across open terrain under intense enemy shelling in order to set up and operate his radio in a remote position from which better Artillery observation could be obtained. Through his efficient performance of duty under heavy enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Gush was responsible for the transmission of urgent fire missions which permitted laying down of an effective artillery barrage that relieved the critical situation for the Infantry unit. Although wounded in the leg from an enemy shell fragments, he insisted on remaining at his post directing fire until the emergency was over. He aided materially in caring for four wounded members

of the section, and by his devotion to his comrades maintained high morale and added to their comfort. Technician Fifth Grade Gush's heroic service reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

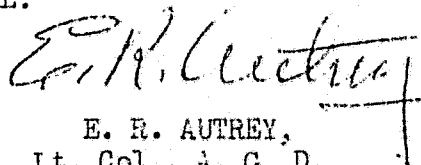
Private First Class Grady L. Lovell, 32318984, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. After volunteering for a patrol to rescue a wounded man in an open field sprayed by enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Lovell ran along a trail and met an enemy soldier who turned and fled. Private First Class Lovell, pursuing the man, met another enemy lying in ambush, shot him and ducked some bullets which were coming over his head. Turning around, he determined the source of the bullets, fired, and killed another enemy soldier. Still another enemy sniper appeared and was disposed of by Private First Class Lovell in the same manner. The first enemy soldier, who had been chased up the trail by Private First Class Lovell, took a position of fire and before he could shoot, was killed by Private First Class Lovell, who was then able to reach the wounded man and carry him to safety. Private First Class Lovell's heroism and complete mastery of the situations he encountered reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Henry J. Mikulencak, 36294292, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 8 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Mikulencak as a radio operator in a Forward Observer Section exercised superior courage, thought and diligence, making excellent radio communication possible. On 8 April at Kakazu Ridge, when the Infantry Company to which he was attached was subjected to an intense barrage of machine-gun and mortar fire, pinning down the Company and inflicting many casualties, Technician Fourth Grade Mikulencak, although suffering from a foot wound, gathered up his radio and proceeded across fifty yards of open terrain through a hail of machine-gun fire, getting the radio to a comparatively safe area in the rear. In the accomplishment of this daring act he was struck again, this time receiving a serious head wound, making evacuation immediately necessary. As a result of this heroic service displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Mikulencak, artillery fire missions were adjusted on the enemy enabling our troops to withdraw with a minimum of casualties. Technician Fourth Grade Mikulencak's unflinching courage, bravery and coolness under fire was a source of encouragement to the men about him and a definite credit to 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. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Loyal O. Rhynes, 38292534, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Rhynes, ammunition and pioneer platoon Sergeant, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint, carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Staff Sergeant Rhynes made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Staff Sergeant Rhynes' daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private Hugh Ross, 36705199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When a mortar shell scored a direct hit on a machine gun crew, covering two of the occupants and seriously wounding another, Private Ross, assisted by his platoon guide, at great risk to personal safety, rushed to give assistance, despite the continuing barrage. Two men were quickly uncovered and freed from suffocation and the critically wounded man was given first aid and carried by Private Ross and his platoon guide to the aid station for further medical care. Private Ross' heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant John E. Thill, 36700257, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Sergeant Thill, a member of a Field Artillery Ammunition Train, was at an ammunition dump on an ammunition run and while in the process of completing the loading of the ammunition, the dump was subjected to an enemy air attack. Although under fire from strafing enemy planes and low bursting anti-aircraft fire, Sergeant Thill willingly exposed himself to this fire, to evacuate his loaded truck from the area. Again on the same day on a second trip to the dump, while in the process of loading the ammunition, the dump was subjected to an enemy mortar barrage. Although one of the enemy mortar rounds hit one of the trucks in his section, Sergeant Thill voluntarily remained and completed the assigned task of loading the ammunition before evacuating the area. The heroic service displayed by Sergeant Thill on these occasions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade Jerald C. Turner, 38230224, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Turner, a wireman and telephone operator for a Field Artillery Liaison Section, was working with a front line Infantry Regiment during a strategically important relief of front line troops. Because a defensive system of Field Artillery night fires for protection of the Infantry had been delayed until late in the afternoon, it was necessary to immediately establish an Observation Post on the top slope of a hill which was being heavily shelled by enemy artillery and mortar fire. Technician Fifth Grade Turner, with extreme courage in the face of devastating mortar barrages layed a telephone wire across a fifty foot clearing on the peak of the hill while under direct observation of enemy machine gun and sniper positions. Once established the Observation Post had to be hurriedly abandoned because of an intense enemy mortar barrage, and Technician Fifth Grade Turner, at the risk of his life, tried to retrieve the wire line and telephone but was wounded during the attempt, necessitating his evacuation from the hill. The heroic performance of Technician Fifth Grade Turner was inspirational and his cool courage and willingness to perform his duties despite threat to his personal safety, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ray G. Williams, 16122817, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Private First Class Williams, a cannoneer in a battal anti-tank platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. When it was not feasible to employ thirty-seven millimeter guns against the enemy, he worked diligently carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Private First Class Williams made approximately forty trips hand carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun fire and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Private First Class Williams' daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Henry V. Bailey, Jr., 01286587, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Suar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant John H. McHenry, Jr., 38020850, Cavalry, 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.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Edward R. Bradley, 37629513, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 27 November 1944 to 29 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade John C. Bergdall, 18191319, 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 23 June 1945.

Captain Francis R. Grandall, 01297689, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 29 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Curtis A. Hohle, 38232660, 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.

Technical Sergeant Clair L. Jarvis, 6837290, 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 Fourth Grade Jack A. Prescott, 36407516, 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 Everette A. Pringle, 36761754, Infantry, 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.

Sergeant Mortimer Rappaport, 32701891, 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.

Private First Class Clarence L. Ratzel, 36700285, 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 Fourth Grade Fred C. Roberts, 39828137, 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.

Captain Sigismand E. Rovinski, 0533241, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Paul G. Slayle, 37266378, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 21 November 1944 to 8 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 11 May 1945 to 25 June 1945.

Sergeant Fred C. Schnirring, 37433735, 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.

Captain Lavern C. Watrud, 0404903, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

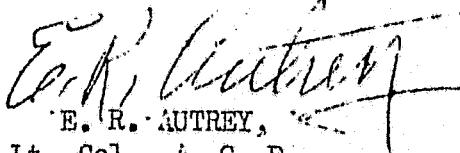
Technical Sergeant Gene B. Westergaard, 33447068, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Jessie R. White, 36610651, 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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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 Rodolfo Gallardo, 38678382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When the battalion was entrenched on a key position, one thousand yards east of Shuri, intense enemy infiltration exhausted the forward companies grenades supply and Private First Class Gallardo and ten other men, with utter disregard for 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 severe enemy fire. Private First Class Gallardo 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. Previous award per General Orders No. 503, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945.

Major Virgil W. Thompson, 0304036, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. The battalion, after three days of savage fighting, had finally managed to secure a foothold on hotly contested Yaeju-Dake Escarpment, but were unable to make contact with the battalion on their right, thus leaving a perilous gap in the lines. Major Thompson, a battalion commander, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled across the four hundred yard gap which was covered by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and reached the battalion on the right. He then coordinated positions for the night between the battalions, and made plans for repulsing any possible enemy counter-attacks. Having successfully accomplished this vital mission, he once again crawled through the intense fire, and although pinned down for a long period, finally made his way back to the battalion. Not content, he went forward again to the leading elements of the battalion, and at a great risk to himself, personally designated positions for the coming night's defense. Only after darkness had fallen, did Major Thompson return to the command post. Previous award per General Orders No. 101, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 April 1945.

Corporal Howard E. Gatenby, 36381835, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945 and 13 May 1945. On 8 April 1945 the Infantry Company to which Corporal Gatenby was attached suffered heavy casualties during an advance. As no first aid men were immediately available, Corporal Gatenby volunteered to assist in the evacuation of casualties. With three other members of his party Corporal Gatenby left his position and advanced through the front lines over rocky, open terrain under enemy machine gun and mortar fire. A seriously wounded Infantryman in need of immediate medical attention was soon located forward of the front lines. Corporal Gatenby administered first aid and evacuated him to the Battalion Aid Station for further medical treatment.

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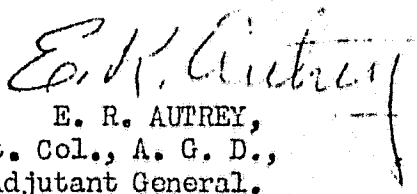
Through his act Corporal Gatenby saved the life of the wounded man. On 13 May 1945 while Corporal Gatenby's section was attached to an Infantry Company, the Forward Observer Officer of his section was killed and the Company Commander was seriously wounded by sniper fire. Although the sniper had not been located and the Observation Post was still under fire, Corporal Gatenby crawled forward to the Observation Post, assumed command of the section and coolly continued directing fire upon the enemy. Corporal Gatenby's courage, superior performance under fire, and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 622, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant William H. Cravens, 16142237, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 23 June 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Cravens was acting for the first time in capacity of squad leader when his squad was assigned the mission of wiping out a pocket of enemy resistance at Madeera, in extremely difficult terrain comprised of a neck of woods which afforded practically no observation of the enemy and yet permitted the enemy to deliver flanking and grazing machine gun fire across a field over which two rifle companies were seeking to advance. Staff Sergeant Cravens' squad was under sniper fire from the same point, and intervening cave positions were suspected to exist in the heavy bush and walled areas. One tank was attached to neutralize fire from the point and assist the squad's advance. The tank was, however, isolated in the adjacent field and under control of the platoon leader. As soon as the attack was initiated the tank had to be withdrawn in order to evacuate casualties. Staff Sergeant Cravens, left to his own resources, took the initiative in conducting his squad forward in the attack, personally destroyed three dugouts and killing at least three enemy who were lying in wait, and also detonating a satchel charge. While enemy elements forty yards to the front frantically attempted to halt the attacking forces with grenades and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Cravens built up a line and established a base of fire which kept all resistance under cover and rendered their fire ineffective for a period of forty-five minutes until a flamethrowing tank could be employed to reduce the strongpoint. Staff Sergeant Cravens' demonstration of initiative and strong, fearless leadership in a task new to him was a vital factor in destroying the last major resistance surrounding a division command post, exemplified the highest standards of military conduct. Previous award per General Orders No. 760, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 September 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 11, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in all 60-45 (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:

Staff Sergeant Charles E. Cerny, 36610658, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945 and 15 June 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade) Cerny, Radio Operator and Chief of a Forward Observation section of a Field Artillery Battery demonstrated outstanding heroism in carrying men of his section who had been wounded to safety. On 2 June, during an assault on a small hill near Kaminata, when the Forward Observer was seriously wounded while directing artillery fire from an exposed position, at the risk of his own life, Staff Sergeant Cerny crawled to the exposed position under machine gun and sniper fire, and carried the man to safety. On 15 June, during an attack on the last escarpment in the hands of the enemy, his party crossed an open field which was under enemy fire. Upon reaching a position of comparative safety Staff Sergeant Cerny saw one of his men lying on the field. Seeing that the wounded man was too seriously hurt to be able to reach safety unassisted, Staff Sergeant Cerny dashed across the open field and carried the wounded man to a defiladed position. He then retraced his steps across the field in order to get back to his radio. His coolness under fire and his utter disregard for his own personal safety in his sense of responsibility for the welfare of the men in his section won for Staff Sergeant Cerny the respect and admiration of every man in his section. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Clifford K. Gertsch, 37341657, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When the platoon to which Technician Fourth Grade Gertsch was attached was subjected to extremely heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, as well as cross fire from enemy machine guns, two soldiers in one of the advance squads were wounded and fell in an exposed position. Technician Fourth Grade Gertsch immediately moved forward to give first-aid. Due to the fact that the wounded men had fallen in an exposed position, it was advised that Technician Fourth Grade Gertsch wait until the unit could push farther to the front before he exposed himself to reach the wounded men. At this point Technician Fourth Grade Gertsch, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled across the open area to the position where the men lay. He gave first-aid to the two wounded men, carried the first to a defiladed area where a latter squad might pick him up in comparative safety, and returned to get the second man whom he carried to the rear. Technician Fourth Grade Gertsch's courageous actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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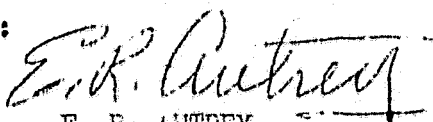
Private First Class James J. McGuire, 37585447, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class McGuire, a radio operator for a Field Artillery Liaison Section, was instrumental in the rescue of valuable radio equipment under extremely hazardous conditions. When the section with which Private First Class McGuire was working was forced to hurriedly withdraw from their forward position because of intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, a packboard containing the only batteries to the radio and the only telephones was left behind. Private First Class McGuire, after reaching safety, voluntarily returned, alone, across a machine gun swept road, through one hundred yards of open field and over a court-yard wall to the spot where the packboard lay. His return to the party was particularly hazardous because his position was known to the enemy and the terrain features offered no avenues of protection. Private First Class McGuire succeeded in bringing the equipment safely back. His heroic actions which enabled the section to resume communications for the direction of artillery fire on enemy installations and to provide security for our front line troops, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Denver A. Robinson, 38237117, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945 and 12 May 1945. Private First Class Robinson a member of a Forward Observer party for a Field Artillery Battery, volunteered to go through the front lines over rocky, open terrain and assist in the evacuation of wounded personnel. With courage and great regard for his comrades' lives, Private First Class Robinson and three other members of his party soon located a casualty who was seriously wounded. Private First Class Robinson assisted in administering first aid and evacuating the wounded man under intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire to a Battalion Aid Station. In another instance, Private First Class Robinson was instrumental in giving our troops protective fire by adjusting in the Infantry mortars. Private First Class Robinson and his party had crawled over rough, open terrain to a hazardous position to observe the enemy and bring artillery fire upon them. It was too dangerous to use artillery fire at this time because of the proximity of our own troops. Private First Class Robinson and his party directed effective mortar fire upon the enemy which enabled our troops to retain their position throughout the day and withdraw at night under the cover of darkness. While still in this hazardous position, Private First Class Robinson and another member of his party were wounded by an enemy mortar shell, but he refused to leave until his companion had been given first aid and safely evacuated. His courageous acts, initiative, and great regard for the lives of his companions 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. 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 Charles E. Harrison, 58227750, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. When the men in his patrol had come under intense fire from a well concealed Japanese machine gun, Private Harrison, displaying outstanding initiative and aggressiveness, unhesitatingly crawled one hundred and fifty yards through an open field to summon the assistance of a platoon of tanks on the road. After attempting to attract their attention without success, Private Harrison fearlessly raised from a covered position and exposed himself to the enemy fire. By doing this, Private Harrison was mortally wounded. His steadfast devotion to duty and courageous actions were responsible for saving the lives of the men in his section and the successful destruction of the enemy's position. Private Harrison's display of heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Fannie Harrison, Mother, Route #1, Box 150, Strong, Arkansas.

Staff Sergeant Levi LeBeau, 37315845, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 21 October 1944 to 26 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945. Next of Kin: Victoria N. Ducheneaux, Mother, Bremerton, Washington.

Private First Class Edward G. Martin, 33557380, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945. Next of Kin: Helen S. Martin Mother, Route #2, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Private First Class John L. York, 38227552, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 30 June 1945. Next of Kin: Emma York, Mother, Route #2, Bearden, Arkansas.

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:

Sergeant Ivan E. Van Houten, 36703084, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service 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. Sergeant Van Houten, a squad leader in an ammunition and pioneer platoon, performed his duties in a superior manner at all times. He worked diligently and without complaint carrying supplies to the forward companies. Over one extended period on Okinawa, Sergeant Van Houten made approximately forty trips, hand-carrying supplies across three hundred yards of open field under enemy observation and completely covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Artillery and mortar fire fell in this open area whenever movement of our troops was noted. Sergeant Van Houten's daily performance of this hazardous feat and his profound devotion to duty at all times, despite the grave danger, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Ronald W. Beaty, 01166226, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Carl L. Houston, 36534808, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Wilbur S. McKinstry, 39005243, 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 1 July 1945.

SECTION III

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded Posthumously to the following named Enlisted Man per Section I, General Orders No. 780, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 September 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Sergeant Levi J. LeBeau, 37315345, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Sergeant LeBeau, as section leader of a machine gun section of the weapons platoon, on 20 May 1945 knowingly exposed himself to enemy fire in order to cover the evacuation of wounded men. While so exposed, he was struck by enemy mortar fire and mortally wounded. Sergeant LeBeau's actions in his disregard of personal safety, in his endeavor to give the company all possible supporting fire, in his superlative work in directing the employment of his weapons and in personally conducting fire to cover the evacuation of wounded men, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Victoria H. Ducheneaux, Mother, Bremerton, Washington.

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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

Private First Class Robert Analla Jr, 38350959, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. Private First Class Analla worked courageously with the other members of his section and without regard for his own personal safety, to eliminate a fiercely raging fire caused by powder bags which had ignited near and spread fire to the 105mm howitzer section of which he was a cannoneer. The fire, endangering the lives of the members of the guns section and of the entire battery, also ignited shell containers which would probably have ended in an ammunition explosion had it not been for the remarkable courage displayed by Private First Class Analla and the other members of his section. By this prompt action, the fire was put out and the artillery fire missions, so vitally necessary at that time were resumed. Private First Class Analla's heroism and quick action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Nicholas C. Benjamin, 36374718, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed at Telegrafe, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 22 February 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Benjamin, investigating a fire alarm at an ammunition dump, discovered a smoking 155mm phosphorous shell amidst a stack of similar ammunition. Knowing the hazards involved in such a task, he picked the shell up in his hands and attempted to carry it to a well approximately fifty yards away. Despite painful burns from the phosphorous, Technician Fourth Grade Benjamin, aided by another man, managed to deposit the sputtering projectile in the well, and immediately sprayed it with a chemical fire extinguisher and filled the well with sand. Technician Fourth Grade Benjamin's quick-wittedness and heroic actions undoubtedly saved many lives and prevented the loss and destruction of a large stock of ammunition. His disregard for personal welfare and self sacrifice in his attempt to save his companions from danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Carl Light, 34367982, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed in the vicinity of Kanika, Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. When a fire accidentally started in the camouflage net over the gun which Corporal Light and his section were working during a firing mission, he remained at his post fighting the fire and directing the section in removing equipment, even though he was severely burned on his hands and face. Only when the fire had spread into the ammunition, causing several rounds to explode, did Corporal Light evacuate the area and seek cover. Since there were large quantities of ammunition in the battery area at the time, Corporal Light's courageous and speedy action saved the entire battery personnel and equipment from possible disaster or destruction. During the absence of the chief of section, Corporal Light assumed these duties and performed them in a superior manner. The heroism and courage displayed by Corporal Light on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant William B. Murray, 36383597, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. Sergeant Murray led his section valiantly, without regard for his own personal safety, to extinguish a fierce, raging fire caused by powder bags which ignited near and spread fire to the 105mm howitzer section of which he was chief. The fire, endangering the lives of the members of the gun section and the entire battery, also ignited shell containers which would probably have resulted in an ammunition explosion had it not been for the courageous action displayed by Sergeant Murray and the others of his section. By this prompt action, the fire was immediately extinguished and the fire missions, so vitally important at that time, were resumed. Sergeant Murray's heroism and quick action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

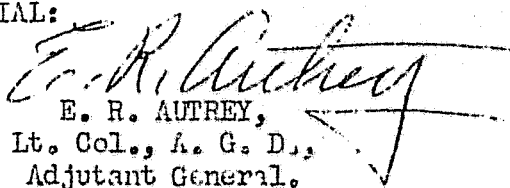
Private First Class Francis C. Lowe, 6946280, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Private First Class Lowe with several other members of his section, was clearing an area for a battalion ammunition dump, when suddenly and without warning, gasoline that had been poured in the area was ignited and the flames completely engulfed a member of his section and set fire to his clothing. The man whose clothing was ignited, was terror stricken and began to run, thereby causing the clothing to burn more fiercely. Private First Class Lowe seeing what had happened, quickly and coolly with the aid of another member of his section ran after the stricken man. With complete disregard to his own life and with no available resources at hand with which to extinguish the flames, he quickly and forcefully threw the man to the ground and by using his own body, extinguished the flames. Undoubtedly Private First Class Lowe's quick thinking and complete control of the situation at hand was responsible for saving the life of his comrade. The heroism and courage displayed by Private First Class Lowe on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Vernon M. Olivieri, 16135837, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. Private First Class Olivieri worked courageously with the other members of his section and without regard for his own safety, to eliminate a fiercely raging fire caused by powder bags which had ignited near and spread fire to the 105mm howitzer section of which he was a cannoneer. The fire, endangering the lives of the members of the gun section and of the entire battery, also ignited shell containers which would probably have ended in an ammunition explosion had it not been for the remarkable courage displayed by Private First Class Olivieri and the other members of his section. By this prompt action, the fire was immediately extinguished and the artillery fire missions, so vital at that time, were continued. Private First Class Olivieri's heroism and quick action 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, Part II, No. 3, War Department 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:

Staff Sergeant Harry J. Carter, 32691295, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 8 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant Ellis D. Claflin, 39385064, 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 1 July 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Theodore Collins, 36449759, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 15 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Captain Claude J. Connally, 01286610, 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.

First Lieutenant J. H. Froeman, 01182252, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade John M. Gilday, 33129544, 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.

First Lieutenant August A. Imholtz, 01300804, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant John G. Milanak, 6901044, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Corporal Charles M. Montet, 34003130, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 26 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 May 1945.

First Lieutenant John Horton, 01173720, 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 10 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Isadore J. Paul, 36381579, 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.

Sergeant James E. Phillippe, 36430203, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Marvin J. Pruitt, 38300974, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 9 April 1945.

Second Lieutenant Howard E. Robison, 02012442, 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.

Sergeant Albert V. Sanders, 36429759, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Major Thomas S. Teague, 0347805, 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.

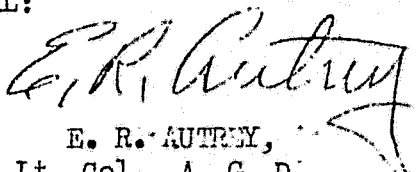
Sergeant Hans M. Van Waert, 37267511, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 21 June 1945.

Private First Class Ralph F. Will, 35233005, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 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 AF 69-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, As amended by Change No. 4, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Weldon G. Heeter, 382831/2, 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 attacking Tombstone Ridge, a well fortified enemy position, it was able to get one platoon part way on the ridge, but this platoon was ordered to withdraw because the rest of the company could not advance. During the withdrawal, a member of the platoon was seriously wounded. Staff Sergeant Heeter, with disregard for his own personal safety exposed himself to enemy fire to reach the wounded man and carry him to safety for medical treatment. Due to quick action by Staff Sergeant Heeter a man's life was saved. Staff Sergeant Heeter's devotion to duty, and courage, reflects great credit upon himself and his organization.

Second Lieutenant Roy D. Walton Jr., 0537723, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945 and 24 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Walton was a forward observer with an Infantry company at the time the unit to whom he was attached was pinned down in a creek bottom by intense machine gun and mortar fire. Second Lieutenant Walton and two members of his section were wounded from a burst of an enemy mortar shell. Still under intense fire, Second Lieutenant Walton administered first aid to the two wounded men in his section and then evacuated them to an aid station along a creek bottom that was subjected to machine gun and sniper fire at all times. Having evacuated the wounded men, Second Lieutenant Walton returned to the forward observation post and observed the positions. Second Lieutenant Walton directed artillery fire so expertly that the enemy's guns were silenced and the Infantry was able to continue its advance and take its objective. On 24 April while occupying a hazardous and exposed position, Second Lieutenant Walton was instrumental in knocking out a machine gun nest, a mortar position, and by direction of effective fire deprived the enemy of two observation posts from which fire was being directed upon our Infantry troops. His great regard for his comrades and self sacrificing devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Richard C. Corcoran, 01124474, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945 and 22 April 1945. First Lieutenant Corcoran, commander of a Field Artillery Forward Observation Section attached to front line troops, demonstrated outstanding heroism and courage. In one instance First Lieutenant Corcoran crawled through enemy artillery and mortar barrages to an exposed position in full view of enemy troops and directed artillery fire upon an enemy concentration of troops who were preparing to counterattack. Disregarding the enemy sniper fire directed at his position, First Lieutenant Corcoran remained at his radio until the enemy troops had been effectively dispersed. In another instance, while at an Infantry Observation Post, he was unable to locate an enemy dual purpose

gun which was causing many casualties. He left the comparative safety of the observation post and ran up the slope under enemy sniper and machine gun fire. After gaining a vantage point First Lieutenant Corcoran quickly directed our artillery in a barrage which effectively silenced the enemy weapon. His utter disregard for his own personal safety in his determination to give our assault troops the maximum artillery protection was a contributing factor in the success of the Field Artillery mission. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Anthony G. Wanschura, 01182493, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945 and 13 April 1945. First Lieutenant Wanschura, acting as commander of a Field Artillery Forward Observer party attached to front line troops, displayed outstanding courage and heroism. In one instance First Lieutenant Wanschura established an advance observation post at night, disregarding enemy defensive mortar barrages which were falling in his area. His route brought him close to enemy positions, and he narrowly avoided being discovered by an enemy infiltrating unit. The next morning when First Lieutenant Wanschura's observation of a strong concentration of enemy troops preparing to counterattack became obstructed he left the comparative safety of the observation for a new position in full view of the enemy which afforded excellent observation. He remained in his exposed position for over two hours while enemy sniper and mortar fire were directed at his position. His expert direction of artillery fire effectively dispersed the enemy troops and relieved the front line Infantry companies. His outstanding heroism, courage, and exceptional leadership ability reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Herbert E. Smith, 6991012, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Smith, Chief of a Forward Observer Section, volunteered to go to the front lines over rocky, open terrain and assist in the evacuation of wounded personnel, because there were no first aid men available at the time. With outstanding initiative and exemplary valor, Staff Sergeant Smith soon located a casualty who was seriously wounded and with the aid of three other men, he administered first aid, placed the wounded man on a litter and took him back to the aid station under continuous enemy machine gun fire where he was given further medical treatment. His courage and disregard for his personal safety in the performance of his heroic act reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Everett L. Bull, 01175059, Field Artillery, 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 and from 10 May 1945 to 14 June 1945.

Captain Leroy P. Collins Jr., 024031, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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SECTION I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 2, 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 Archie F. Hall, 33230280, 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.

Private First Class Rudolph Shelnett, 34823003, 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 Shelnett's company was pinned down by an intense barrage of artillery and mortar fire, and receiving heavy casualties, without regard for personal safety, Private First Class Shelnett moved from his covered position, administered first aid to many wounded and helped evacuate the more serious cases to safety. Although nearly exhausted, Private First Class Shelnett returned to his platoon and helped carry on the attack. Private First Class Shelnett was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions including the wounded who had given up all hope of obtaining early medical attention. Private First Class Shelnett's courage and heroic action was instrumental in saving several lives.

SECTION II
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Fourth Grade Archie F. Hall, 33230280, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945 and 20 May 1945. As a radio operator of a forward observer section, Technician Fourth Grade Hall and three other members of his section volunteered on the 8th of April to go through the front lines and evacuate wounded personnel. They left their observation post in search of casualties over rough, rocky, and open terrain that was under enemy machine gun and sniper fire. One of the members of the section soon located a casualty who was seriously wounded and needed immediate medical attention. Technician Fourth Grade Hall assisted in giving first aid and evacuating the wounded man over a route that was still under enemy fire to the Battalion Aid Station where he was given further medical treatment. On 20 May, after the Infantry had advanced to the top of a ridge, an observation post was established and artillery fire was being directed upon the enemy. The enemy counterattacked and forced our troops to withdraw.

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to the reverse slope of the hill where their lines were again established. Technician Fourth Grade Hall, under enemy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire, crawled to a position beyond the limits of our lines to get a radio that was vitally necessary for preparation fires for our troops to retake their important objective. His courageous acts, coolness under fire, regard for his companions and great devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 783, this headquarters, 21 September 1945.


Private First Class Rudolph Shelnett, 34823003, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ozato, Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. During an assault on the strongly defended enemy held town of Ozato, the company was subjected to a fusillade of vicious small arms and mortar fire inflicting many casualties. Private First Class Shelnett, a runner in the company observation post, procured a litter and, aided by three of his comrades, evacuated six seriously wounded men a distance of three hundred yards through intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to safety. Private First Class Shelnett carried much needed bandoleers of rifle ammunition and grenades to the rifle platoons each time he went forward to evacuate another casualty. Not until all the wounded had been evacuated and the crucial ammunition shortage lifted, did he relax his efforts. Private First Class Shelnett's courageous conduct in extremely hazardous circumstances, resulted in the saving of several lives as well as assisting in the prevention of an acute ammunition shortage. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 783, this headquarters, 21 September 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert J. Edwards, 36594490, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. When a man from an adjacent unit was injured by artillery fire, Technician Fourth Grade Edwards ran two hundred yards across a ridge upon which heavy artillery fire was falling to dress his wounds. Although exposed to the artillery fire of the enemy and in great personal danger, Technician Fourth Grade Edwards remained with the wounded man, rendering necessary treatment, until he could be evacuated. The courage and professional skill displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Edwards in assisting a wounded man when the aid men of his own unit believed it too dangerous to go out to the spot, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 35, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 October 1944.

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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 Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade John M. Gilday, 33129514, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Gilday, by his presence of mind, courage, initiative, and extreme valor under hazardous conditions was instrumental in saving the lives of two members of his Field Artillery Forward Observer party. Long, steady rainfall had soaked the hill in which the Forward Observer had dug a cave and on the morning of 26 May the cave began to crumble. Technician Fourth Grade Gilday and another member of the party managed to jump clear, but two members of the party were nearly buried by the heavy wet clay. After successfully digging out one man, Technician Fourth Grade Gilday sent the rescued man for help and continued digging furiously in an effort to free the other before the rest of the cave could collapse and bury them all. While two men were digging, another large portion of the bank fell, covering the man completely. Working with dogged determination, using their hands, helmets, and entrenching tools, Technician Fourth Grade Gilday and his companion redoubled their efforts and cleared breathing space for the trapped man. Despite the constant danger of sliding mud which threatened to bury them all, Technician Fourth Grade Gilday remained at his task until the man was free. The outstanding heroism displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Gilday on this occasion was exemplary and by his actions undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men.

Private First Class Sam Parris, 38271541, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Private First Class Parris with several other members of his section, was clearing an area for a Battalion Ammunition Dump, when suddenly and without warning, gasoline that had been poured in the area was ignited and the flames completely engulfed a member of his section and set fire to his clothing. The man whose clothing was ignited was terror-stricken and began to run, thereby causing the clothing to burn more fiercely. Private First Class Parris seeing what had happened, quickly and coolly with the aid of another member of his section ran after the stricken man. With complete disregard to his own life and with no available resources at hand with which to extinguish the flames, he quickly and forcefully threw the man to the ground and by using his own body extinguished the flames. Undoubtedly Private First Class Parris' quick thinking and complete control of the situation at hand was responsible for saving the life of his comrade. The heroism and courage displayed by Private First Class Parris on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal George N. Tiner, 38271771, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. When his battalion was engaged in a fire mission, Corporal Tiner worked courageously with the other members of his section and with utter disregard for his own personal.

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safety, to extinguish a fierce, rapidly spreading fire caused by powder bags which had ignited near and spread fire to the 105mm Howitzer section of which he was Gunner. The swiftly moving fire, endangering the lives of the members of the gun section and of the whole Battery, also ignited shell containers which would probably have resulted in an explosion of the ammunition had it not been for the courage displayed by Corporal Tiner and the other members of his section. By this prompt action, the fire was immediately put out and the artillery fire missions, so very important at that time, were continued. Corporal Tiner's heroism and quick action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Oscar F. Wyatt Jr., 34623506, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 18 April 1945. Private First Class Wyatt worked valiantly with the other members of his section and without regard for his own personal safety, to extinguish a fierce, raging fire caused by powder bags which had ignited near and spread fire to the 105mm Howitzer Section of which he was a Cannoneer. The fire, endangering the lives of the members of the gun section and of the whole Battery, also ignited shell containers which would probably have resulted in a violent explosion of the many cases of ammunition had it not been for the courageous action displayed by Private First Class Wyatt and the other members of his Section. By this prompt action, the fire missions, so vitally important at that time, were continued. Private First Class Wyatt's heroism and quick action reflect great credit upon himself and the Military service.

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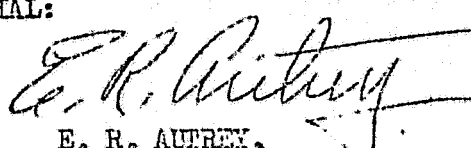
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant Donald E. Sturm, 35212901, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Sturm at the risk of his life, and with utter disregard for his own safety, dashed to an exposed position in order to divert enemy fire and allow a litter party which was pinned down by fire, to continue its evacuation of wounded. His diversionary tactics were successful and the litter party proceeded to safety without further casualties. Staff Sergeant Sturm's initiative, devotion to duty, and loyalty to his comrades reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 8, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 January 1945.

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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 Officers:

Captain Rollin F. Harlow, O1175146, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Captain Harlow, Battery Commander in a Field Artillery Battalion, displayed exemplary force and determination in the performance of outstanding actions during an extremely hazardous phase of an Infantry assault. Forward Infantry elements had advanced close to the peak of an escarpment when they were threatened by devastating machine gun fire originating from vantage points on the ridge. Captain Harlow, who had joined his Forward Observer Section at their Observation Post, immediately called for a covering barrage of artillery fire and without regard for personal safety during the dangerous undertaking, crawled forward to the crest of the escarpment where he observed the exact location of the enemy emplacements. While he was adjusting effective artillery fire on two enemy machine gun positions within three hundred yards away, an Infantry company commander who had accompanied him to the crest, was seriously wounded and fell exposed to enemy fire. Captain Harlow left his position of concealment and, still relaying fire commands to his Forward Observer, exposed himself to the enemy in an effort to return the wounded man to safety. During this attempt, he was mortally wounded but he told the Forward Observer the location of the remaining enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance. Next of Kin: Mrs. Nona C. Harlow, Mother, 1915 Alta Vista Drive, Bakersfield, California.

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:

Private First Class Phillip A. Guiot, 17006845, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Private First Class Guiot, a company aid man, left a position of comparative safety and exposed himself to withering enemy machine gun fire by dashing seventy-five yards across open terrain to administer first aid to a seriously wounded man. After administering first aid, Private First Class Guiot, cognizant of the fact that he was familiar with the lanes of enemy machine gun fire, personally led a litter squad to his wounded comrade and effected his safe evacuation to the aid station. Private First Class

Guiot's heroic service and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Emil J. Guiot, Father, 3928 North 21st Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant John J. Kwiccien, 35242871, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Kwiccien, a squad leader, voluntarily left his foxhole and dashed through a heavy enemy concentration of mortar and artillery fire to personally direct a litter team around this impact area to a safer route to the aid station. Staff Sergeant Kwiccien then returned in total darkness and through intense enemy fire to his foxhole. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Josephine Kwiccien, Mother, 2793 East 59th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Second Lieutenant Walter O. Schwienher, 02012439, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 May 1945. Second Lieutenant Schwienher was a Forward Observer for a Field Artillery Battery occupied in a forward Observation Post on the front lines which was not yet secure from enemy small arms fire. This position offered the only observation on the enemy to direct defensive artillery missions for the front line units to whom he was attached. Second Lieutenant Schwienher moved his Observation Post a short distance to another position so that he could observe the enemy better to get the most effective defensive fire possible. In this position, after the successful completion of his missions, Second Lieutenant Schwienher lost his life from enemy sniper fire. Second Lieutenant Schwienher's devotion to duty, courage and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Marie Schwienher, Mother, 5000 Murdock Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

SECTION III

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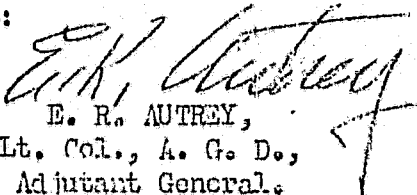
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Chief Warrant Officer Edward G. Robinson, W2109014, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Charles H. Beckfeld, 36434119, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. When tanks supporting the advance of his company were held up by coordinated enemy defensive positions consisting of a mine field and anti-tank gun fire, Staff Sergeant Beckfeld voluntarily and on his own initiative crawled sixty yards under the anti-tank gun fire and small arms fire covering the minefield to a position from which, with his M1 rifle, he was able to snipe at the mines. He detonated nearly a dozen, unmindful of the intense fire in the area to which was added the terrific blast of steel and earth as each mine exploded. Staff Sergeant Beckfeld's initiative, professional knowledge and resourcefulness under the most hazardous circumstances were an inspiration to his comrades. His heroic action contributed greatly to the subsequent successful assault. ✓

Private First Class Joseph Dattolico, 35247406, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Oboc Hill, Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. At the height of an enemy counterattack north east of Shuri, Private First Class Dattolico, a rifleman, occupied a foxhole with three other men. During an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage, an enemy mortar shell landed in the foxhole. Two of the occupants were instantly killed, the third was seriously wounded and Private First Class Dattolico was shaken by the blast. Unmindful of his injuries, Private First Class Dattolico rendered first aid to the wounded man, called for a litter team and led them back. After the evacuation of the wounded man was completed, Private First Class Dattolico returned to his position refusing to be relieved and defended his sector of the perimeter during continuous enemy infiltrations, until morning. His devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Private First Class Joseph M. Drake, 37233375, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Acting as squad leader, Private First Class Drake volunteered to neutralize a machine gun emplacement which was causing casualties and hampering the advance of his platoon. He was able to move his squad within effective range only by the most skillful observation and use of professional knowledge. He was not at all hesitant to expose himself to the deadly small arms fire and knee mortar bursts when he deemed it necessary. Just as the emplacement was being assaulted, the machine gun wounded him in the right shoulder and broke his right arm. Regardless of his severe pain, he remained until he was assured of the squad's success, exposing himself to the fire. Then, refusing to leave his equipment behind, he carried it to the aid station. Private First Class Drake's heroism in action, his devotion to duty and his loyalty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

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Staff Sergeant Johnny Freeman, 38291251, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Freeman and two of his men occupying a listening post at the crest of a steep ridge when the enemy started shelling the area with heavy mortar fire and were attempting to climb the cliff fifteen yards forward of the position. The enemy was held back by the three men's hand grenades. A mortar shell landed in their hole seriously wounding the two other men but Staff Sergeant Freeman continued the defense against increasing numbers of the enemy. After throwing more than a hundred grenades, he called for more. Before he was resupplied he fired his rifle at the enemy as they reached the crest of the ridge. A second time, he sent the men back for more grenades rather than have them help him. Soon the enemy withdrew and the mortar barrage ceased. The two men were evacuated to safety. The heroic actions of Staff Sergeant Freeman in remaining alone at his post under a deadly barrage of mortar fire and in the face of ever increasing numbers of the enemy, defeated the stubborn counterattack and effected the safe evacuation of his comrades.

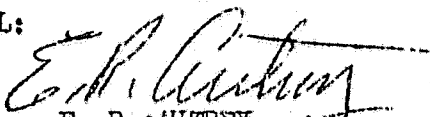
Private First Class Carl J. Pennica, 32551225, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 June 1945. On 12 April, the battalion was clinging to a precarious foothold on Kakazu Ridge when Private First Class Pennica observed a Japanese soldier killed by a rifleman. Realizing that valuable information could possibly be gained from the enemy dead, Private First Class Pennica exposed himself to deadly sniper and mortar fire and crawled forward to a dangerously exposed position to carry out his mission. The dead Japanese soldier had a diary and notebook containing the moves of his unit as well as the names of his commanding officer and members of his squad. On 20 April, the battalion was attacking a strong enemy position on Nishibaru Ridge when Private First Class Pennica saw an enemy mortar shell hit and wound a fellow member of the battalion intelligence section. Unable to procure the services of an aid man, and realizing the extremely dangerous position his comrade was in, Private First Class Pennica exposed himself to reach the wounded man, administered first aid and placed him in a covered position before socking a litter team. On 18 June while the battalion observation post was located on Hill 153, Private First Class Pennica observed six Japanese soldiers crawling into a ditch to a firing position which would threaten the forward elements. Private First Class Pennica, without hesitation, killed two of the soldiers and wounded one causing the others to withdraw. The devotion to duty and courage displayed by Private First Class Pennica exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Gerald Safferman, 01286898, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 23 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), 2 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant James E. Horstman, 35242723, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 June 1945. When the advance of his platoon was held up by enemy machine gun and sniper fire from a cave position in the coral escarpment near Ozato, Staff Sergeant Horstman volunteered to obtain a flame thrower and carry it over the open, fire swept ground to eliminate the enemy. He was successful in flanking the enemy after creeping, running, and crawling over a hundred yards under their observation and fire, to the very mouth of the cave. Operating the flame thrower he flushed out four of the enemy who were killed by his comrades. While returning to his unit, Staff Sergeant Horstman was struck by sniper fire and died of his wounds a few days later. The courage, initiative, and devotion to duty which Staff Sergeant Horstman displayed in personally removing this obstacle contributed greatly to the success of his company and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Emma Horstman, Mother, Route 4, Cadiz, Ohio.

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 to them in Lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Private First Class William H. Harmon, 35243247, 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 was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire and all means of communication had been lost, Private First Class Harmon, without regard for his own personal safety, made several trips across open terrain for approximately one hundred yards under extremely heavy enemy fire to deliver messages. As a result of this contact thus maintained through Private First Class Harmon's devotion to duty and prompt, heroic action, the platoon leader was able to direct the deployment of the platoon to an alternate position and continue the attack. The courage displayed by Private First Class Harmon is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 179, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 May 1945.

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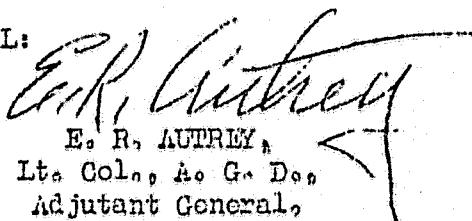
Technician Fifth Grade George Sego Jr., 39591567, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Shuri, Okinawa Island, on 24 May 1945. While bitter fighting was raging on Hen Hill, the occupants of two foxholes were buried when an enemy heavy artillery shell landed close by. Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Sego, realizing the gravity of the situation, immediately rushed to their aid. In the darkness, with the aid of two other men, he proceeded to dig the victims out before they would suffocate. Meanwhile, mortar and artillery fire were dropping dangerously close, a small fragment wounding him slightly in the mouth, but he continued his work feverishly. In a short time the men were dug out. The act of heroism performed by Technician Fifth Grade Sego was an indication of great courage and loyalty and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 575, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

Sergeant Roland S. Smithers, 37315803, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. While the mortar section, led by Sergeant Smithers was being shelled by enemy mortar and artillery, he left his foxhole and disregarding the intensity of the enemy fire, dashed to a wounded man who was injured from the fire. While carrying him to a nearby foxhole an enemy mortar shell which landed near his position seriously wounded Sergeant Smithers. The loyalty and devotion to duty manifested by his heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 426, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 July 1945.

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I. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Rudolph J. Koci	36700215	Inf	21 Nov 44
Pfc	Harold E. Leithausen	36547909	Inf	21 Oct 44
X Pfc	Seborn E. Thornton	38562178	Inf	26 Oct 44

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

Pfc	Graham A. Baker	44012901	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	John A. Barbosa	39422360	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald E. Blair	35250566	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Calvin J. Bradshaw	39394596	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Dennis C. Briley	44013142	Inf	28 May 45
Pfc	Harold W. Brown	36945993	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Donald G. Cardon	39480226	Inf	18 Jun 45
S Sgt	Harry J. Carter	32591295	Inf	10 May 45
Pfc	Raymond M. Chavez	39597158	Inf	22 May 45
Sgt	Charles W. Clark	36915983	Inf	26 May 45
Pvt	Willie B. Clifton	35910963	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Christopher C. Danner	38570383	Inf	6 Jun 45
Pfc	George W. Deyhuff	37699247	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Albert S. Dominguez	39866472	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Lester D. Donald	38229698	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Orval A. Douglas	39933076	Inf	28 May 45
1st Jct	Eldon E. Duffy	37438247	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pvt	James D. Eatmon	38663472	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Russell D. Eaton	39596134	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Antonio S. Federico	39600382	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Richard E. Fisher	39931946	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert F. Gallagher	15301873	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Frank J. Gamba	39053688	Inf	28 May 45
Pfc	Max H. Gaston	37747536	Inf	16 Apr 45
S Sgt	Juan R. Gonzales	39239600	MD	30 May 45
S Sgt	Frank J. Gruss	35919591	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Antonio Guajardo	38293116	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Nolar Hirsch	38678951	Inf	12 Apr 45
Pfc	Howard L. Johnson	34435261	Inf	14 Apr 45
Sgt	Burman L. Kelley	37229028	Inf	20 May 45
Pfc	Joseph S. Keyos	38422616	Inf	7 Apr 45
Pfc	Ralph E. Laramie	36990654	Inf	10 May 45
S.	William J. LeVasseur	16148298	Inf	11 May 45

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Pfc	William G. Moorhead	38551416	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Henry M. H. Parkinson	10650011	Inf	27 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles W. Prosser	35846507	Inf	27 May 45
Pfc	Nicholas Reius	37599753	Inf	28 May 45
Pfc	John L. Roman	33942551	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Richard K. Rooke	39125495	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	William H. Rose	39366653	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Clark V. Rude	37774334	Inf	15 May 45
T Sgt	Joseph J. Salmon	39226265	Inf	28 Apr 45

II. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of GP 500-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated; a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Charles T. Bealmer, 37647381, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 419, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Carl A. Bond, 36429528, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

Private First Class Warren L. Brown, 36431870, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 31 May 1945 near Conical Hill, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 306, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 June 1945.

Private First Class Harold Davis, 39053656, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 1945.

First Lieutenant Maurice E. Douthit, 01317282, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Nishibaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Lonnie B. Evans, 38294193, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 21, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 November 1944.

Private First Class Wheeler A. Rowell, 44025609, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 May 1945 near Gaja, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

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Sergeant Fred A. Crespin, 37558071, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 32 May 1945. When his platoon was momentarily held up during an attack on Dick Hill, Sergeant Crespin, a rifle squad leader, disregarding all thoughts of personal safety, dashed one hundred yards across ground swept by enemy fire to enlist the support of a tank. Climbing upon the tank he pounded on the turret with his rifle butt until he attracted the attention of the crew, and though still under heavy and accurate enemy fire he remained atop the tank, directing the fire of its seventy-five millimeter gun until it had knocked out the enemy machine gun which was holding up his platoon's advance. Sergeant Crespin's courageous act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Richard J. Claussen, 17132237, Infantry, U.S. Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When Private First Class Claussen's company was pinned down by a murderous crossfire of machine gun and mortar fire and suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class Claussen, without regard for personal safety, moved into the intense enemy fire to administer first aid. Later the platoon medical aid man was mortally wounded and Private First Class Claussen picked up the medical supplies and stayed in the area giving medical attention to many wounded. He then organized litter teams to evacuate all wounded personnel. Private First Class Claussen's action was instrumental in saving several lives. His coolness and courageous action in the face of heavy enemy fire was an inspiration to all present and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas E. Dobbins, 37711611, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ozato, Okinawa Island, on 18 June 1945. During an assault on the strongly defended enemy-held town of Ozato, the company was subjected to a fusillade of vicious small arms and mortar fire, inflicting many casualties. Private First Class Dobbins, a radio operator in the company observation post, procured a litter and, soliciting the aid of three of his comrades, evacuated six seriously wounded men a distance of three hundred yards through intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire to safety. Private First Class Dobbins carried much needed bandoleers of rifle ammunition and grenades to the rifle platoons each time he went forward to evacuate another casualty. Not until all the wounded had been evacuated and the crucial ammunition shortage lifted, did Private First Class Dobbins relax his efforts. Private First Class Dobbins' courageous conduct in extremely hazardous circumstances resulted in the saving of several lives as well as assisting in the prevention of an acute ammunition shortage.

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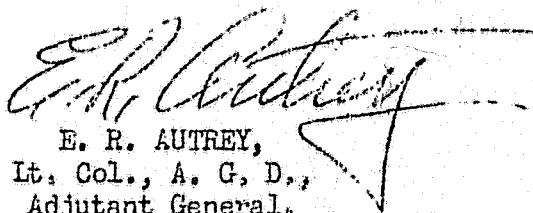
Private First Class Frank Dombroski, 33059047, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Private First Class Dombroski's company was momentarily held up and sustaining heavy casualties when he moved from a covered position and, without regard for his own personal safety, administered first aid to his wounded comrades. Improvising a litter from his poncho, he also aided in evacuating the wounded some two hundred yards to the rear across a field swept by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire. Private First Class Dombroski exposed himself to this vicious fire several times while he moved about aiding the wounded. Private First Class Dombroski was largely responsible for saving several lives and his action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert G. Claus, 35243230, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When two platoons of a rifle company were pinned down in a tank trap during the drive for Tombstone Ridge, and were suffering heavy casualties, Private First Class Claus made several trips across open terrains for a distance of approximately two hundred yards, exposing himself to heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire while evacuating wounded members of the trapped platoons. Private First Class Claus' heroic action greatly aided in saving several lives and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Ralph W. Clairmont, 37 485 967, 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 Clairmont, pinned down in a tank trap with the rest of his platoon, left the comparative safety of the tank trap to travel two hundred yards to the rear, exposing himself to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, to procure a litter. Returning through the same field of fire with the litter, he helped evacuate the more severely wounded of his comrades, saving several lives. Private First Class Clairmont's heroic action is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Max E. Harding, 39 920 454, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa on 8 April 1945. When Private First Class Harding's platoon was momentarily held up by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, and suffering heavy casualties, among which was his platoon leader, Private First Class Harding, without regard for his personal safety, rushed to his platoon leader's side and administered first aid. After calling for a litter team and finding none available, Private First Class Harding made an improvised litter and helped evacuate his badly wounded platoon leader through a hail of enemy fire. Then returning through the fire-swept field, Private First Class Harding helped evacuate several other casualties. His courageous action was largely responsible for saving many lives and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Albert J. Mixan, 37 463 746, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During an enemy counter attack, Private First Class Mixan crossed an open field in the face of heavy machine gun and sniper fire to retrieve a 60 millimeter mortar and ammunition. In a new position, to which he had dragged the gun, Private First Class Mixan set up, and fired the mortar at the enemy who were forced to withdraw. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Mixan in this heroic action are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Donald W. Donovan, 39 196 831, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When his company was forced to withdraw from a valley by a numerically superior force, Private First Class Donovan, on his own initiative, remained at his forward position alone with his machine gun to cover the withdrawal and to protect his comrades-in-arms. Regardless that his rapid firing was beginning to draw mortar fire, he remained until his last belt was empty. Only then did he grab up his gun and withdraw to his company.

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Private First Class Donovan's use of professional knowledge and his devotion to duty was material in the successful withdrawal of his company.

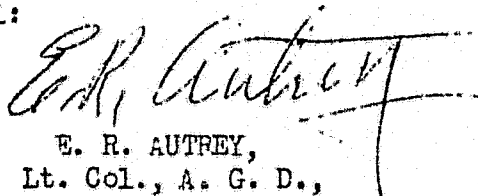
Sergeant George J. O'Brien, 13 114 848, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. As his platoon, supported by tanks, advanced against formidable enemy positions in caves and pillboxes it received continuous mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire from the front and right flank. Due to unfavorable terrain the tanks were unable to closely support the platoon. At that time the platoon was ordered to hold up in covered positions until the enemy pillboxes could be neutralized by other supporting heavy weapons. After the platoon had moved to cover, Sergeant O'Brien observed a seriously wounded man lying in an open area under considerable enemy small arms and mortar fire. Alternately creeping, crawling, and dashing across seventy five yards of ground which offered practically no cover or concealment, Sergeant O'Brien reached the wounded man. After giving him first aid, unmindful of the intensity of the fire in the exposed position, Sergeant O'Brien assisted the wounded man by partly carrying and dragging him to a position of comparative safety. Then Sergeant O'Brien left him, and under sniper fire, ran one hundred yards to the nearest tank and guided it to where the wounded man lay. The movement of the tank drew more fire toward Sergeant O'Brien but he remained with it until it had reached the wounded man. Sniper and machine gun fire was so accurate, striking the tank and all around it that the tank crew was unable to assist Sergeant O'Brien except by dragging the wounded man into the tank through the escape hatch after Sergeant O'Brien had worked him into position under the tank. Only after the wounded man was inside the tank and enroute to medical aid did Sergeant O'Brien return to his position of comparative safety.

Staff Sergeant Roy Holmes, Jr. 34 502 524, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When Staff Sergeant Holmes' company was momentarily held up in an enemy tank trap and suffering heavy casualties, he organized litter teams to go forward and evacuate the wounded. Working his way over fire-swept terrain, Staff Sergeant Holmes dug positions in the side of the tank trap to provide cover for them, and then supervised their removal to these covered positions. He also acted as litter bearer to help evacuate the wounded. Staff Sergeant Holmes' action was largely responsible for saving many lives and was in keeping with the highest military traditions of the military service.

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Technical Sergeant William H. Ballard, 38281763, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. While his company was repelling a heavy enemy attack, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Ballard left his position just after midnight to move through the heavy concentration of mortar shells and grenades which was falling the area, to aid two wounded men. He moved them twenty yards to the rear then placed other men in their foxhole. Since evacuation was not possible due to the heat of the battle, he began to aid them with all possible means. Crawling from foxhole to foxhole, disregarding the intensity of the enemy fire, Technical Sergeant Ballard gathered ponchos, blankets and bandages with which to aid the wounded men. Using every ounce of his energy and mastering all of his professional knowledge, Technical Sergeant Ballard, unmindful of the enemy activity bandaged and rebandaged the wounds, covered the men to keep them warm and restore circulation impaired by shock. Shortly before dawn, the wounded men died despite his efforts to save them. Technical Sergeant Ballard's loyalty to his men, devotion to duty and disregard of personal safety under the most hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant William R. Bradley, 38329693, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his machine gun squad was given the mission of guarding the right flank of his company during an attack, Sergeant Bradley placed his machine gun by a stone wall which was being raked by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. The same fire was causing casualties and impeding the attack. In the face of the deadly fire, Sergeant Bradley exposed himself over the wall to locate the enemy emplacement. He refused to seek shelter when spigot mortars started falling and throwing stones and debris in the area. Observation was poor because of a slow rain and effective enemy camouflage. When he finally located the enemy, Sergeant Bradley, with professional skill, soon neutralized the emplacement by fire from his own gun. His efficient use of professional knowledge while under fire and in great danger, and his intrepid devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Emil J. Ostry, 37266329, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Ostry crossed open, fire-swept ground to render first aid to his wounded squad leader. After directing him to a safe route of withdrawal, he crawled to a second wounded man who suffered from shock and was hysterical. Staff Sergeant Ostry dressed his wounds and assisted him for two hundred yards under fire to a place of safety. Only then did he return to his squad in the face of intense fire to assume the duties of

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assistant squad leader for the remainder of the day. Staff Sergeant Ostry's courage, loyalty to his comrades and devotion to duty were a constant source of inspiration to his fellowmen and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Clarence O. Royner, 36530702, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When one of the men of Sergeant Royner's machine gun squad was seriously wounded by an enemy mortar shell, he immediately stopped the heavy bleeding by holding a pressure point. Although the second round fell within a few feet of the two exposed men, Sergeant Royner remained at the wounded man's side. The following barrage which lasted for fifteen minutes, was so heavy that no aid man was able to come to them but he did not move to the shelter of a nearby foxhole knowing that he alone could not safely move the wounded man. After the barrage, the soldier was attacked by an aid man and eventually recovered only because of Sergeant Royner's quick thinking and intrepidity. His loyalty and his heroic action in complete disregard of his own safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

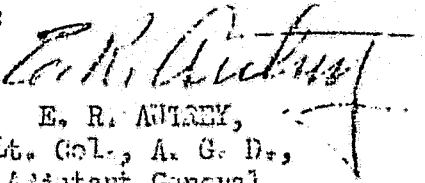
Private Burdette A. Savage, 37642919, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 May 1945. When the front line platoons of his company were momentarily held up in an enemy tank trap and suffering heavy casualties, Private Savage, without regard for personal safety, waded across fire-swept terrain a distance of two hundred yards to help his wounded comrades. After reaching his comrades, he administered first aid and then organized a litter team and helped evacuate the more seriously wounded. Returning to the scene many times, he aided in evacuating the remaining wounded. Private Savage's courageous action was instrumental in saving several lives. His coolness and heroic action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant R. L. Sharp, 38230243, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 11 November 1944. When Staff Sergeant Sharp's company was surprised by a counter attack of numerically superior forces and forced to withdraw to a more advantageous position, he noted a spearhead of the attack and recognized the jeopardy of his comrades who were being subjected to heavy small arms fire. Taking an automatic rifle, he called for three men to cover him while he moved forward to a vantage point. The using his weapon to the greatest advantage, he fired on the enemy and killed at least fifteen of them, temporarily halted the counterattack until the organization had withdrawn to safety. Staff Sergeant Sharp's initiative, his unflinching devotion to duty and his heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class James Burke, 38551239, 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 Burke'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. Although the risk was explained to the group, Private First Class Burke 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 Burke's unhesitating courage and intrepid devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edwin O. Daniels, 38711384, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his company's advance was slowed down by heavy fire from well prepared enemy positions on Tombstone Ridge, Private First Class Daniels volunteered to carry his flame-thrower forward to neutralize or destroy the resistance. Unmindful of the heavy enemy fire in the area, Private First Class Daniels courageously assaulted the nearest pillbox and with his flame thrower drove its crew into the open where they were killed by supporting riflemen. He then burned out three other occupied caves before he was forced to retire, his flame-thrower exhausted. The heroic work of Private First Class Daniels contributed greatly to his unit's advance and subsequent capture of this important position. Private First Class Daniels' courage, energy and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Bruce E. Hartwell, 37678872, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Shortly before midnight on Zebra Hill Private First Class Hartwell, acting as an assistant squad leader, voluntarily left his fox-hole during a heavy enemy counterattack on his unit's position to direct and assist in the evacuation of seriously wounded men of his squad. While he was about fifteen yards from the nearest fox-hole and before all of the wounded had been evacuated, Private First Class Hartwell was struck by enemy machine gun fire, and seriously wounded. With one leg broken and the other injured, he refused to be evacuated until he had directed litter parties to the remaining wounded men. Shortly after his men had been evacuated the enemy fire became so intense that other litter men were unable to reach his position. Private First Class Hartwell then spent the night, alone, in a small fold in the ground. Private First Class Hartwell's heroism in action, loyalty and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.

Technical Sergeant Frank Hartzler, 6984105, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 12 May 1945. During the attacks by our forces upon the key enemy defense line north of Shuri, the company in which Technical Sergeant Hartzler served as a platoon Sergeant, was given the mission of securing Dick Hill. As his platoon moved through a heavy barrage of enemy mortar and small arms fire toward its objective, Technical Sergeant Hartzler was hit by shell fragments in his right leg. In spite of the intense pain, he continued leading his men and after securing his portion of the ridge he reported to his company commander giving him the situation. Technical Sergeant Hartzler's desire was to return to his platoon, but his company commander, seeing the seriousness of his wounds, ordered him to the rear for medical treatment.

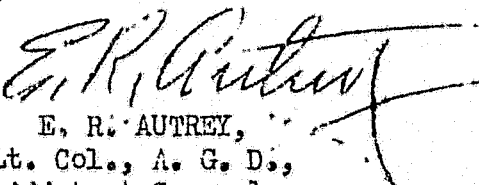
Staff Sergeant Peter B. Henz, 32644683, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When his company was moving out of a trap under smoke, Staff Sergeant Henz, rather than moving with them in safety, ran forward out of the smoke to one of his gunners who had detached himself from the company and had been seriously wounded. Staff Sergeant Henz successfully removed his gunner from the dangerous position; through deadly machine gun fire to a tank in which the wounded man was placed, effecting his safe evacuation to the aid station. The loyalty and devotion to duty exhibited by Staff Sergeant Henz were solely responsible for the wounded man's evacuation. His heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant John F. Kaercher, 36807329, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Realizing the strategic importance of an enemy machine gun which was delaying his company's attack and causing casualties, Staff Sergeant Kaercher, on his own initiative, crawled to the top of a bare knoll directly in the face of the deadly fire to locate the gun, the position of which could be seen from no other place in the area. From his perilous observation post, he located the enemy gun and adjusted the fire of his 60mm section on it. Not until he was positive the enemy emplacement had been neutralized did he withdraw from his exposed position. Staff Sergeant Kaercher, by his demonstration of initiative and courage and quick employment of professional knowledge, materially reduced the danger of more casualties among his comrades and permitted the continued advance of his company.

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Private First Class Abraham Sitcov, 12131053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When his company was unable to move forward in an attack on a heavily defended hill because of heavy mortar fire, Private First Class Sitcov, a 60mm mortar assistant gunner, was called upon to fire his gun against an enemy observation post. As he started firing, the enemy placed a heavy barrage in his area. Realizing the importance of neutralizing the enemy's mortars, he remained at his gun, firing at a rapid rate and exposing himself to the danger of concussion and shell fragments. After ten minutes, the enemy barrage ceased and his mission had been completed. Subsequently, the enemy mortar fire on his position was ineffective and apparently unobserved. Private First Class Sitcov's heroic action in remaining at his gun through the deadly shelling was a material factor in permitting the company's successful attack.

Private First Class Dewey D. Smith, 38603343, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. While on guard in his foxhole with two of his comrades, an enemy hand grenade landed in their hole. Private First Class Smith with complete disregard for his own personal safety, unhesitatingly, located the grenade and threw it from their hole. As it left his hand it exploded causing Private First Class Smith the loss of his right hand and other wounds. The intrepid courage, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Smith, unquestionably saved his comrades from serious injury or death as they slept, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Marvin R. Strickland, 35243066, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When Staff Sergeant Strickland observed disorganized groups of enemy troops withdrawing before the attack of the battalion on his left, he quickly, on his own initiative, organized a group of five experienced snipers to cut them down. He led the snipers to a good covered position on his company's left flank and at a range of from three hundred to five hundred yards, they began to fire. Staff Sergeant Strickland, with binoculars, located targets and adjusted and directed the fire of his group achieving excellent results. Fifteen of the enemy were confirmed killed and possibly ten more wounded in an hour. The enemy then attempted to annihilate his group by placing a heavy mortar barrage on them. Staff Sergeant Strickland then displaced his men one by one, directing them to safe routes of withdrawal. After all his men had left the danger area, did Staff Sergeant Strickland leave. In doing so he was seriously wounded. The high degree of initiative, resourcefulness and professional skill which Staff

Sergeant Strickland displayed on this occasion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roy E. Whitfield, 38282752, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When his company was unable to move forward in an attack of a heavily defended hill because of heavy mortar fire, Private First Class Whitfield, a 60mm mortar gunner, was called upon to fire his gun against an enemy observation post. As he and his assistant gunner started firing, the enemy placed a heavy barrage in their area. Realizing the importance of neutralizing the enemy's mortars, he remained at his gun firing at a rapid rate, exposed to the danger of concussion and shell fragments. Because of the ground he could not fire from defilade. After ten minutes the enemy barrage ceased and his mission had been completed. Subsequently the enemy mortar fire on his company was ineffective and apparently unobserved. Private First Class Whitfield's heroic action in remaining at his gun through the deadly shelling was material factor in permitting the company's successful attack.

Staff Sergeant Ludwig O. Zoch, 38678971, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When the leading platoons of his company were momentarily held up in a tank obstacle by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant (the Private First Class) Zoch, without regard for his own safety, left his covered position to aid the many wounded. He first administered medical aid to the wounded and then assisted in carrying the serious cases to safety across open and fire-swept terrain. His prompt and courageous action was an inspiration to his comrades and aided materially in the saving of many lives.

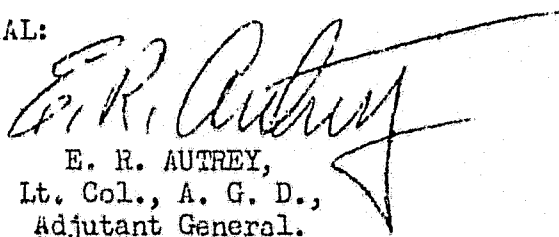
Chaplain (Captain) Draper Bishop, 0542126, Chaplains' Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Sergeant Daniel E. Huffman, 38227539, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 24 June 1945.

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Private First Class J. R. Altum, 44 020 370, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. The company in which Private First Class Altum served as runner in the observation post, attacked a bitterly defended enemy village and was subjected to a heavy concentration of machine gun and mortar fire. Private First Class Altum aided in the evacuation of six casualties through three hundred yards of difficult terrain which was under continual enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Each time he went forward to evacuate another seriously wounded man, he carried much needed rifle ammunition and grenades to the rifle platoons. Private First Class Altum's brave action in extremely hazardous circumstances resulted in the saving of several lives as well as maintaining a flow of vitally needed ammunition at a crucial time. The courage displayed by Private First Class Altum reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Robert G Anderson, 37 024 747, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When his company received heavy casualties during an assault of an enemy held ridge, Technical Sergeant Anderson volunteered and formed a litter team which he led, over rough terrain exposed to enemy fire, to a seriously wounded man. As the casualty was being placed on the litter, fire from an enemy machine gun killed one man. Technical Sergeant Anderson, with the aid of one man and heedless of the enemy fire, remained with the casualty and succeeded in evacuating him to the rear by alternately carrying and dragging the litter over the rough terrain. The courage and unselfish determination displayed by Technical Sergeant Anderson was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action.

Staff Sergeant Asa L. Averill, 36 524 405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. When his platoon's advance up a hill in its zone of action was halted by intense fire from an enemy machine gun on the top of the hill, Staff Sergeant Averill immediately emerged from his place of cover and moved forward by crawling sixty five yards through the deadly fire to a position from which he could throw hand grenades into the position. After throwing three grenades into it and seeing that this method would not completely neutralize it, he charged the enemy emplacement and single-handedly killed the four Jap d with rifle fire and his bayonet. Staff Sergeant Averill's courageous and selfless act allowed his platoon to continue its advance and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant Samuel E Bird, OI 586 636, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. When his platoon scout was seriously wounded and lying in an exposed area, First Lieutenant Bird, heedless of his own safety, ran forward fifty yards in the face of intense enemy machine gun fire. At the side of the wounded man he administered first aid and evacuated him to the safety of the rear lines. The courageous and unselfish action on the part of First Lieutenant Bird was instrumental in saving the life of a soldier and was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action. His courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

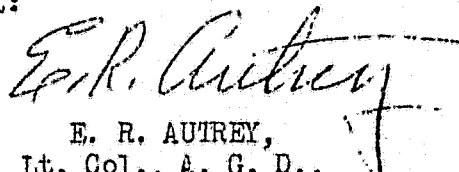
Private First Class Sam J Bonacci, 37 462 554, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. In the vicinity of Yuza, the platoon of which Private First Class Bonacci was a member, was sent to give protection to the right flank of the adjoining company as it attacked a heavily fortified enemy emplacement. Private First Class Bonacci crawled to such a position that he was able to observe to the rear of the enemy strongpoint and although his position was clearly exposed to enemy observation and fire, Private First Class Bonacci remained there and fired at the pillbox. Several Japs attempted to crawl up to the emplacement in order to help the defenders, but Private First Class Bonacci killed them before they could gain the position. The heroic service performed by Private First Class Bonacci on this occasion kept the enemy pinned down and enabled the adjoining company to accomplish its mission.

Technician Fifth Grade Alonzo L. Bowden, 31 208 238, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Zebra Hill, Okinawa Island, on 12 May 1945. While driving an M-7 self-propelled assault howitzer on its way to a mission in an area heavily mined and covered with intense artillery and mortar fire, Technician Fifth Grade Bowden's vehicle was hit directly by a mortar shell, wounding and temporarily stunning all members of his crew. Realizing the hazardous fate of his fellow members, he carefully maneuvered his vehicle to safety to assist in first aid to a critically wounded comrade. After receiving treatment for wounds, Technician Fifth Grade Bowden and crew returned to assist the troops in their advance upon their objective. His act of courage and heroism saved his M-7 and crew from certain destruction and reflects great credit upon himself, and the military service.

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Private First Class George B. Brooks, 12087363, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When the wire which he was laying, proved too short to reach his company's new command post, Private First Class Brooks, at great risk of life, elected to move alone along a shorter route but over an exposed ridge subjected to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire from both flanks and to the front. Despite the extreme danger and hardship involved, Private First Class Brooks completed his mission and established communications between his company and battalion headquarters. The outstanding courage, initiative, and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Brooks was an inspiration to his entire company and is in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Jeff M. Brooks, 38230053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Brooks left a covered position to drag one of his men that had been wounded by a sniper to safety. He was fully exposed for several yards as he dragged his wounded comrade with him, pausing only to place fire on the sniper's positions. He finally reached a tomb and treated the man's wound. Rifle fire began to come through apertures in the tomb but Staff Sergeant Brooks piled rocks in the apertures and continued to care for the wounded man. Due to the man's serious condition Staff Sergeant Brooks decided to make a dash for safety. Placing the wounded man across his shoulders, he ran one hundred yards through a fire-swept clearing to safety. His daring and complete disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Cecil R. Brown, 38550966, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When his machine gun section was running low on ammunition, Private First Class Brown, using his own initiative, moved from a covered position, exposing himself to heavy machine gun and sniper fire, to secure more ammunition. Moving across open terrain he brought back ammunition for his squad. While Private First Class Brown's gun was in action it drew heavy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire from the enemy. Later, when the company was forced to withdraw, he remained at his position to cover their withdrawal. After the company had reached cover, Private First Class Brown again exposed himself to heavy enemy fire and carried his gun to safety. Private First Class Brown's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Sergeant Eddie U. Bull, 38634489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. As Sergeant (then Private First Class) Bull's squad, supported by tanks, was making an attack on the town of Aragachi seven Japanese soldiers carrying demolitions and grenades rushed from a concealed position in an attempt to destroy the tank. Sergeant Bull was the only man who observed the attack as the other squad members were masked by the tank. Sergeant Bull, without hesitation, opened fire with his rifle killing four and causing the remainder to retreat to their original positions. From these positions the Japs continued to throw grenades at him, but Sergeant Bull remained where he was and continued to fire until the tank could eliminate the danger. The heroism displayed by Sergeant Bull on this occasion was instrumental in saving the lives of several men and in maintaining the continued advance of his company.

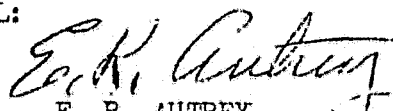
Staff Sergeant Aberham Coffman Jr., 37233239, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kamiyama, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. A coordinated tank-infantry advance was launched against a heavily fortified enemy position. Three tanks had been attached to Staff Sergeant Coffman's company and he acted as liaison man for the tank working with his platoon. Shortly after the attack began, a heavy barrage of forty-seven millimeter anti-tank fire was directed at the tank by the enemy. Exposing himself to this fire in order to direct the tank, Staff Sergeant Coffman was slightly wounded. Disregarding his wound, he continued to shout orders to the tank crew directing them to a position of comparative safety. He was once more wounded, more seriously this time, but before he accepted medical care, he gave last minute directions over the tank phone enabling the crew to take cover in a defiladed position which afforded safety from the incessant anti-tank fire. By doing so, Staff Sergeant Coffman averted what would have resulted in a disabled tank and possible loss of life to the tank occupants. His heroic actions were instrumental in the successful advance of his organization.

Staff Sergeant Edward M. Doak, 17087719, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 3 November 1944. During the battle for Bloody Ridge, Staff Sergeant Doak volunteered to assist in the evacuation of four wounded men from the front lines. Using litters improvised from ponchos and rifles he four times crossed a five hundred yard rice paddy waist deep in mud and covered by accurate and intense enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire. He worked constantly under these conditions for an hour and a half just before nightfall, and succeeded in saving the lives of his wounded companions. His heroic action was a credit to himself and an inspiration to his comrades.

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SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Loren E. Fredenburg, 36915252, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. When his company was momentarily held up by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Fredenburg ran seventy-five yards through enemy machine gun and sniper fire to destroy the enemy position with hand grenades, killing six of the enemy, allowing the company to advance and fulfill their mission.

Second Lieutenant James H. Spalding, 02012810, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Leyte Island on 14 November 1944. When a reconnaissance patrol in which Second Lieutenant (then First Sergeant) Spalding was a member, was pinned down by intense rifle, mortar, and machine gun fire from a well concealed and fortified enemy position, quickly locating the strongest enemy position to his left flank, he charged across fifty yards of clear ground that was being covered by withering machine gun and sniper fire. Second Lieutenant Spalding was seriously wounded in this gallant charge but crawled the last fifteen yards to close with the enemy pillbox. With hand grenades and rifle, he killed the crew of the enemy machine gun and continued to fire on the enemy snipers located near the position, killing four of them. Second Lieutenant Spalding's action allowed the successful withdrawal of the patrol and evacuation of the wounded; then with the help of a comrade, he crawled back to a covered position and rejoined the patrol. Second Lieutenant Spalding's gallant and daring action saved the lives of many of his comrades and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

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Private First Class Julius P. Hansman, 38312965, 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 Hansman, a wire lineman, was sent out to repair a wire line between battalion and regiment and while tracing the line through a destroyed village, he was asked by a marine to enlist his aid in killing some Japs in a cave nearby. Going with him to the cave, Private First Class Hansman noticed movement inside and quickly fired a clip, killing one Jap. As he pressed the attack to the caves entrance, a second Jap threw a fragmentation grenade which exploded and wounded Private First Class Hansman slightly and also seriously wounded two marines. Private First Class Hansman, although wounded, fired a second clip and killed the remaining Jap. He then immediately sent a man to stop a jeep on a nearby road. In a matter of minutes, the jeep arrived and he helped place the wounded men in the jeep for the trip to the aid station.

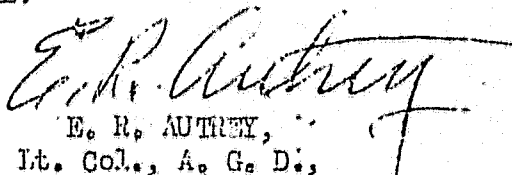
Private First Class Ricardo G. Hernandez, 39706017, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. With casualties mounting while he and his platoon were pinned down in a tank trap by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Private First Class Hernandez volunteered to return to the rear to guide a litter team back to the wounded. He crossed two hundred yards of fire-swept terrain, returning over the same route and courageously assisted the litter team evacuate the more severely wounded. This action saved several lives and remains in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Richard E. Howard, 31261928, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. When the Battalion Corpsmen suffered many casualties necessitating the call for volunteers to carry back the wounded from the forward rifle companies, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Howard, an Intelligence Scout, volunteered and went forth several times across a rice paddy waist deep in mud to evacuate the wounded over a route of one thousand yards. The depth of the mud and intensity of rifle and machine gun fire necessitated dragging the wounded on ponchos across the dangerous areas. Staff Sergeant Howard's heroic action done with the utmost courage and devotion to duty, undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and proved to be an inspiration to all the men of his unit.

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