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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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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:

Technician Fifth Grade Glen L. Johnson, 17 007 182, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. While his company was attacking heavily fortified Item Hill, several casualties were caused by intense mortar and sniper fire. Technician Fifth Grade Johnson with complete disregard for his own safety led a litter team forward through the intense and accurate mortar and sniper fire, and directed the team's activities in evacuating all of the wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Johnson remained in this forward position, exposed to the mortar and sniper fire until all of the wounded were removed to the safety of our lines. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who were with him and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Harvey S. Jones, 38 230 489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. When one of Staff Sergeant Jones' men was seriously wounded, he ran through fifty yards of intense mortar fire to the injured man's side. He placed the injured man on his back and carried him back through the intense mortar fire to safety. Staff Sergeant Jones' act of heroism reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant C. L. Moore, 38 292 125, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When the forward observation post of a rifle company received a vicious mortar barrage killing the company commander and wounding several others, Sergeant Moore retained organization within the observation post and helped administer first aid to the wounded. Although himself wounded, he remained at his post maintaining communications between the company and battalion until the company executive officer arrived to take control. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Moore are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Maurice A Kistner, 36 757 542, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island, on 19 April 1945. When Private First Class Kistner's platoon reached the base of Tombstone Ridge the enemy, by effective machine gun crossfire and a heavy mortar barrage, forced it to temporarily hold up its advance. A scout lay seriously wounded in the open area under fire. Private First Class Kistner and another rifleman, disregarding the machine gun and mortar fire, by creeping and crawling seventy five yards, reached the wounded man, gave him first aid, and then removed him to safety over the same hazardous route.

Then Private First Class Kistner made his way using available concealment to the rear and guided an aid man with a litter team forward, directing the evacuation of the wounded man. Private First Class Kistner's heroic action unquestionably contributed to the saving of the man's life, and is in keeping with the traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Thomas Y. Palmer, 37 530 419, 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 Palmer, acting as messenger, performed his duties with courage and zeal, throughout the Okinawa campaign. When his company was deep in enemy territory and receiving intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire, word was received that an air strike was imminent and that front line panels had to be displayed at once. Private First Class Palmer volunteered and traversed five hundred yards over exposed terrain to properly display the panels. Moving daringly from position to position, Private First Class Palmer was constantly exposed to the heavy enemy fire. His courage and determination was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.


Private First Class John C. Caldwell, 36 914 513, 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 Caldwell's company was fighting its way forward on Oboe Hill when one of the men was seriously wounded. Private First Class Caldwell raced across one hundred yards of exposed slope which was under heavy machine gun fire and brought the wounded man to safety.

Private First Class John W. Glenn, 38 343 933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island, on 10 April 1945. When his company was held up by enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Glenn, without regard to his own safety, left his covered position and carried a mortar and ammunition across two hundred yards of fire-swept terrain to a front line position. From this new position he placed heavy devastating fire on the enemy machine gun and neutralized its fire, permitting the company to move to more maneuverable positions and continue the attack. The intrepidity and courage displayed by Private First Class Glenn was an inspiration to all and is in keeping with highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART
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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Harold J Bell	39933955	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Jack Calcagno	6566022	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Orville R. Caspers	37774872	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Anthony J. Castry	42181252	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Harold L. Cobb	38551456	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Lee J. Collins	39423820	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Edgar M. Connor	15346633	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	Howard XXXXXX H. Creel 12045	38315133	Inf	29 Dec 44
Pfc	Joseph V. Crippen	39149633	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Chester J. Davis	38711998	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Leonard S. Deutsch	35063361	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	William E. Dixon	38670019	Inf	21 May 45
Pfc	Garonimo Dominguez	38251509	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pfc	Jack P. Doran	39346809	Inf	11 May 45
Pfc	Thomas M. Evans	37540006	Inf	28 Apr 45
1st Lt	John B. Groom	01319276	Inf	15 June 45
Pfc	Willet A. Guest	16150450	Inf	10 Apr 45
Pfc	Mildren M. Henney	39594530	Inf	21 May 45
Fvt	Jakie L. Henson	39595609	Inf	29 Apr 45
Pvt	Joseph Herrera	39596420	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pvt	Robert R. Herring	39470688	Inf	28 Apr 45
Pfc	Savoy D. La Flante	39595578	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Jose Moran	39728402	Inf	17 May 45
Pfc	Ford Satterfield	39730272	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Robert A. Smith	38691264	Inf	10 May 45
Sgt	David R. Toner	37652214	Inf	6 Apr 45
Pfc	Robert A. Wynant	39149129	Inf	28 Apr 45

SECTION II

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

Private First Class Raymond E. Boyle, 35898405, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 May 1945 near Yonagasaku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Richard E. Fisher, 39931946, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 790, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 September 1945.

Second Lieutenant Charles A. Houck, 02017505, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Omeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 271, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Norbert J. Clehr, 37317396, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 May 1945 near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 510, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 July 45.

Sergeant Elmer R. Madsen, 37313149, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 June 1945 near Imamine, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 Aug. 1945.

Private First Class Mitchell A. LaBoda, 36571645, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 107, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 April 1945.

Private First Class Rudolph J. Kooi, 36700215, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 790, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 September 1945.

Private First Class Harold E. Leithauser, 36547909, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 April 1945 near F. Tema, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 790, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 September 1945.

Sergeant Jesus Ramos, 38254090, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 June 1945 near Kamizato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 10, Headquarters 54th General Hospital, 5 December 1944.

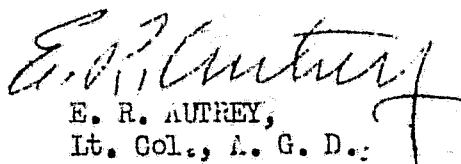
Private First Class William H. Rose, 39866653, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 790, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 September 1945.

Private First Class Harold J. Smith, 36761956, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 26, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 November 1944.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Sergeant George J. Greifer, 36429603, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 June 1945 near Chan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 565, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945. ✓

Private Charles S. Huska, 37747287, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 572, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945. ✓

Private First Class Jesse C. Kirby, 35243266, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 539, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 August 1945. ✓

Private First Class Joseph M. O'Donnell, 16005772, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 April 1945 near Oneda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 585, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 August 1945. ✓

Sergeant Charley B. Starkey, 38294243, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 247, Headquarters Central Pacific Base Command, 20 June 1945. ✓

Private First Class Charles M. Starr, 38292590, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 376, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945. ✓

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* Second Lieutenant John E. Smith, 01327894, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 April 1945 near Chatan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 85, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 April 1945. ✓

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

Private First Class George M. Ault, 35243192, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Ozito, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 4, Headquarters 334th Station Hospital, 27 November 1944.

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Staff Sergeant Richard E. Fisher, 39931946, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Ooato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 790, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 22 September 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant Michael R. Martz, 36384120, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 June 1945 near Shindawaku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945. ✓

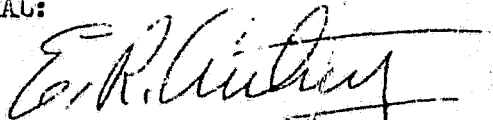
Private First Class David M. Munson, 36749104, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 2 June 1945 near Chan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 50, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944. ✓

Private First Class Wilmar G. Tucker, 38291108, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 455, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 July 1945. ✓

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Roy P. Putnam, 37626326, 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 Putnam's company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, suffering heavy casualties without enough aid men and litter teams available, Private First Class Putnam, without regard for his personal safety, moved into the fire-swept field and administered first aid and helped carry the wounded to covered positions. He then organized litter teams and made improvised litters out of ponchos. Private First Class Putnam then moved about the area finding wounded and carrying them to covered positions so that further medical aid could be given them. His actions were responsible for saving several lives. His coolness and courageous actions are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Ernest Chavez, 39422149, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When the enemy made a fierce counter attack on Oboe Hill forcing a withdrawal to an alternate position, Private First Class Chavez spotted a man who had been seriously wounded lying about seventy-five yards in front of the alternate position. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own safety he crawled to the wounded man through intense machine gun and sniper fire and carried him back to safety. Later that same evening, Private First Class Chavez repeated his first heroic deed to bring another wounded man back for evacuation to the Battalion aid station. His courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who were with him and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Osceola P. Daniel, Jr., 37748750, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. While on guard in his company's night defense and noticing four enemy soldiers charging another man's position, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Daniel left his place of cover and dashed forward and killed all of them with fire from his B.A.R. Later on in the evening, when he noticed three Jap soldiers moving a machine gun into position fifty yards outside the company perimeter, by standing up in his fox-hole, he destroyed the weapon and killed its crew with three well aimed hand grenades. Sergeant Daniel's deep devotion to his work and display of courage undoubtedly saved his company from many casualties resulting from fire from the enemy machine gun had it gotten into position, and brought great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant Eldon E. Duffy, 37438247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 29 October 1944. First Sergeant (the Staff Sergeant) Duffy displayed great initiative and courage leading his mortar section to a more forward position, and then crossing an area of two hundred yards covered by enemy fire. He went forward and personally directed the fire of his mortars, which in order to do

effectively, he had to expose himself constantly to the enemy fire. First Sergeant Duffy's actions were responsible for the destruction of three enemy machine guns and two knee mortars, as well as killing an estimated fifteen Japs. The intrepid courage and devotion to duty displayed by First Sergeant Duffy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

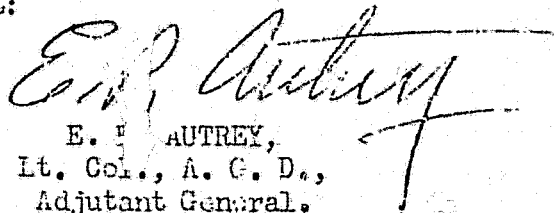
Private First Class Frank S. Hallowell, 17084630, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. When the Battalion Medical Corpsmen suffered many casualties, necessitating the call for volunteers to carry back the wounded from the forward rifle companies. Private First Class Hallowell, 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 area. Private First Class Hallowell'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.

Staff Sergeant David G. Watson, 36533802, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When one of the men of his squad was seriously wounded and left lying in an open space fifty yards from a ridge his company was attacking, Staff Sergeant Watson, without regard for his own personal safety, emerged from his place of cover and dashed through intense enemy artillery fire to where the injured man lay. Staff Sergeant Watson then worked his way underneath the man and lifted him onto his shoulders. By using the fireman's carry, he brought the man back behind the ridge to where medical personnel could render treatment. Staff Sergeant Watson's intrepid courage and devotion to duty and his men were instrumental in saving the man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Sergeant Robert C. Rice, 38 548 329, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When his company was pinned down by machine gun and mortar fire and suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant Rice, without regard for his own personal safety, moved into heavy enemy fire to administer first aid. He also organized litter teams and helped evacuate many casualties. Then, observing a wounded man approximately one hundred yards away in open terrain, Sergeant Rice again moved into the face of heavy fire and administered first aid. Sergeant Rice himself was wounded while carrying the wounded man back to safety but delayed medical attention until after the wounded man had been evacuated. His courage and heroic action under extremely heavy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Anthony A. Shock, 38 293 592, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When Technical Sergeant Shock's company was establishing their perimeter on Tomstone Ridge, they began to receive heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire followed by a counter-attack. Technical Sergeant Shock immediately worked his way forward to a position from which he could observe this enemy fire. Although constantly under sniper and mortar fire he remained in this position directing the fire of his mortars until the attack was repulsed.

First Lieutenant Pennel E. Snowden, O 540 778, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 10 May 1945. First Lieutenant Snowden was leading his platoon in a flanking movement on a hill, when they received heavy machine gun fire from the right rear. When the platoon suffered many casualties First Lieutenant Snowden, although exposed to heavy enemy fire, dragged many of the men to cover. After evacuating his wounded, First Lieutenant Snowden was ordered to move to a more favorable position. When his platoon suffered two more casualties in this movement, First Lieutenant Snowden secured stretchers and exposed himself again aiding in their evacuation. His resourcefulness and daring in the face of heavy enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Frank J. Troha, 35 242 989, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by heavy mortar and artillery fire and suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Troha, without regard for his own safety, left his covered position and administered first aid to many wounded men. He then evacuated the serious cases to safety over two hundred yards of open, fire-swept terrain. Sergeant Troha's coolness and prompt, heroic action was an inspiration to his entire company and aided greatly in the saving of several lives.

Technical Sergeant A. J. Ward, 3E 319 974, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. After the company, of which Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant) Ward was a squad leader, was pinned down by heavy mortar and machine gun fire and was suffering heavy casualties, Technical Sergeant Ward, without regard for personal safety, moved into open terrain and administered first aid to many wounded, determining which of the more seriously wounded were to be first evacuated. Technical Sergeant Ward moved three times into the intense enemy fire to evacuate casualties. His courageous and heroic action were an inspiration to all present and was largely responsible for saving several lives.

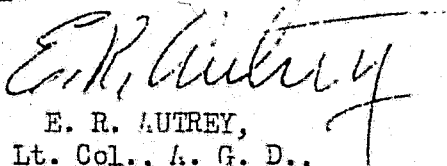
Private First Class Wilbur P. Varman, 3G 404 155, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. During the advance on Tombstone Ridge, Private First Class Varman, Radio Operator, became separated from the company commander. When it became obvious that his radio was desperately needed, he dashed across one hundred and fifty yards of open field while being fired upon by an enemy machine gun and a sniper, and while artillery shells were falling about him. His exemplary devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Chester K. Weller, 3G 384 195, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When his company had taken its initial objective and was re-organizing to resume the attack when it began to receive heavy fire from an enemy 47 millimeter gun, Staff Sergeant Weller, machine gun section leader, moved to a position to observe this enemy position. Although constantly under fire, he moved his machine guns into position and opened fire, killing two Japs and driving the rest away from the gun. He then directed Anti-Tank fire on the position knocking out the gun itself, allowing the company to resume the attack. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 26 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 Ralph G. Evenson, 37312044, 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 Evenson 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 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 reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Elvira Evenson (Wife), Iacota, North Dakota.

Private First Class Darell E. Pettus, 39054876, 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 Pettus volunteered to help rescue several badly wounded men who were cut off from the company. Advancing one hundred and fifty yards through a mine field and heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire to reach his comrades, he organized other volunteers, and administered first aid and directed the successful evacuation of the wounded on improvised litters. Private First Class Pettus' courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Pearl A. Fallott (Mother), 326 Jefferson, Watsonville California.

Private First Class Robert O. Phillips, 37504119, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with operations against the enemy near Keniku, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When Private First Class Phillips' platoon reached the base of Tombstone Ridge the enemy, by using effective machine gun cross-fire and a heavy mortar barrage, forced it to temporarily hold up its advance in cover. A scout lay seriously wounded in the open area under fire. Private First Class Phillips and another rifleman, disregarding the machine gun and mortar fire, by creeping and crawling seventy five yards reached him, gave him immediate first aid and then dragged him to safety over the same hazardous route. In cover his wounds were redressed. Private First Class Phillips then made his way, using available concealment to the rear and guided an aid man with a litter team forward directing the evacuation of the wounded man. Private First Class Phillips' heroic action unquestionably contributed to the saving of the man's life, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: William Phillips (Father), Route 8, North Kansas City, Missouri.

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Private First Class Hyman Snitkofsky, 31292046, 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 in imminent danger of moving into the path of an enemy machine gun, Private First Class Snitkofsky unhesitatingly ran forward from his place of cover and exposed himself to the view of the enemy gunners and drew their fire to himself. He was instantly killed by the murderous fire but his warning had alerted his company and they were able to move forward, knock out the machine gun and continue on to their objective. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Snitkofsky was an inspiration to his entire company and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Peter Snitkofsky (Father) 37 Dartmouth Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

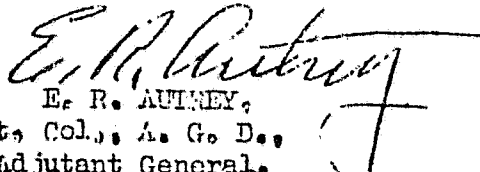
Private First Class Warren D. Stitt, 36758570, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 21 June 1945. During this period Private First Class Stitt served with courage and distinction as radio operator for his company commander. He maintained constant communications between the component units of his organization and, in addition, volunteered for several hazardous tasks. On 29 October on Leyte while under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire he carried a wounded man two hundred yards from the extreme front lines to a place of safety. On 21 June on Okinawa he volunteered to climb to the top of a twelve foot rock, fifty yards in front of our troops and completely exposed to the enemy, in order to lay out an identification panel. He spread out the panel and began to descend the rock when he was killed instantly by an enemy sniper. His devotion to duty and his heroism in voluntarily undertaking dangerous tasks were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Ruth Stitt (Mother), 1525 Adams Street, Charleston, Illinois.

Second Lieutenant Frank J. Wiegel, 01323375, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 7 May 1945. When a patrol which he was leading came under heavy fire from enemy machine guns, Second Lieutenant Wiegel located the nearest gun and by creeping and crawling, approached it while an exchange of fire was going on between his riflemen and the enemy gun. Then in a dash of fifty yards he closed with the enemy and with grenades and his carbine he knocked it out, killing the four men in the position. Then Second Lieutenant Wiegel turned his attention to another machine gun which had been firing in support of the knocked out weapon. Reaching it with grenades and firing his carbine, he was struck by an enemy sniper and mortally wounded. His patrol, inspired by his courage and heroism, proceeded to knock out the enemy machine gun and two snipers in the area before returning to their organization. The information furnished by the patrol was invaluable in the planning of the next day's successful assault on the enemy lines. Second Lieutenant Wiegel's heroism and courage under the most hazardous conditions remains as an inspiration to his fellow men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Eunice Lee Wiegel (Wife), Nickerson, Kansas.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Staff Sergeant Aaron Agranowitz, 38243536, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Agranowitz volunteered to advance to a forward position, through intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, to a point where he could observe and direct a screening mortar smoke to cover the evacuation of numerous casualties. Having reached his observation post, Staff Sergeant Agranowitz remained in the position throughout an unusually heavy enemy mortar barrage until all the wounded had been evacuated. By his determination and cool efficiency, Staff Sergeant Agranowitz undoubtedly saved several lives. His courageous efforts reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Henry G. Armstrong, 39344029, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. While in a defensive perimeter for the night, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Armstrong's company was subjected to intensive artillery and mortar fire. An effort to bring the counterbattery fire of our 81mm mortars upon the enemy disclosed the fact that the enemy concentration had severed the wire to the Battalion Command Post. Sergeant Armstrong left his foxhole without regard for his personal safety, traced the wire to the break and spliced it while exposed to falling shells and flying shell fragments. The return to his perimeter was fraught with the danger of fire from his own company who might mistake him for an enemy. Sergeant Armstrong returned to his hole only to find that the line had been parted in another place. Again, with full realization of the dangers involved, he left the perimeter to trace the wire. He found several breaks which were repaired while exposed to the enemy shelling. His heroic actions enabled his company to bring effective 81mm mortar fire upon the enemy gun emplacements and to neutralize and destroy them.

Private First Class Alvin J. Blinka, 38550794, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. As the company of which Private First Class Blinka was a member, approached the town of Aragachi, the advance was temporarily slowed by fire from a Japanese position in a heavily fortified tomb on the reverse side of a hill. Although the enemy was throwing many grenades, Private First Class Blinka crawled to within a few feet of the opening and threw in twenty-five grenades. This action stopped the fire from the Jap stronghold until a satchel charge was thrown in to seal the tomb's entrance. Later, the bodies of ten Japs were found in the rubble. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Blinka's heroic deed enabled his company to advance with comparative safety as soon as the tomb was destroyed.

Technical Sergeant William L. Braham, 36431093, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Hiabongan, Leyte Island on 5 November 1944. Technical Sergeant Braham twice risked his life in order to render assistance to his wounded comrades. Through heavy mortar and machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant Braham rushed five hundred yards toward the rear to obtain litters on which to evacuate his men. Then, voluntarily exposing himself to enemy fire, he made two successive trips helping to carry his wounded comrades to safety and medical aid. Technical Sergeant Braham's heroic conduct and devotion to duty is a credit to himself and the military service.

Sergeant Clayton Hall, 33527898, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. While protecting a tank which was supporting the attack of our troops upon the town of Aragachi, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Hall and two others killed eight Japanese soldiers intent upon neutralizing the tanks. The tank with the three accompanying Infantrymen approached a ditch in which Sergeant Hall spied eight Japanese soldiers with demolition charges, hand grenades and knee mortar shells, intended for the tank's destruction. Sergeant Hall, with utter disregard for his personal safety, and with full realization of the danger from this type of fire, ran to the ditch, followed by the other two men, stood above and fired down into the enemy engaging in a close up battle with them until the enemy were all killed. His heroic service saved the tank and facilitated the accomplishment of the company's mission.


Private First Class Robert D. Horne, 39479852, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When a member of his platoon was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Horne unhesitatingly dashed to the wounded man's assistance, although the area was open and swept by heavy enemy fire. After administering first aid, he bore his comrade to a place of safety through a hail of machine gun bullets which struck all around him. Private First Class Horne's courageous act was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Raymond F. Jenkins, 44041006, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. To enable two scouts to withdraw to a position of safety, Private First Class Jenkins moved directly into the fire lane of a concealed enemy pillbox on the right flank and fired into the gun port. His automatic rifle fire succeeded in silencing the fire from the pillbox, enabled the scouts to find a safe position and permitted the adjacent unit to destroy the emplacement. His courage in moving directly into the enemy fire to enable his comrades to gain safety reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Staff Sergeant Albert H. Buening, 36700354, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. When his company was halted by crossed machine gun and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Buening climbed to the top of a small ridge to observe and direct mortar fire. Even when the enemy opened fire upon his exposed position killing several of the riflemen in his immediate area, Staff Sergeant Buening exposed himself still further to pick out the key emplacements for his primary fire. In spite of the great danger, he remained in his precarious position until the mortars under his direction successfully destroyed three of the enemy positions. The heroic and careful regulation of fire by Staff Sergeant Buening enabled his company to advance successfully upon its objective.

Sergeant Everett M. Combs, 38528315, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Sergeant Combs was leading his men across an open field which was being raked by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. His platoon was advancing in support of an assault rifle company when one of his men was seriously wounded. Sergeant Combs, who had already crossed the exposed field, rushed back through the enemy fire to the wounded man. He then carried the wounded man to cover, administered first aid and once again braved the enemy fire to recover the tripod which had been left behind. With this accomplished Sergeant Combs continued his advance and lent great support to the assault rifle company. By his heroic performance, Sergeant Combs brought great credit to himself and to the military service.

Staff Sergeant Harold T. Connelly, 37439411, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Aragochi, Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Although wounded in the arm by enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Connelly, as light machine gun section sergeant, continued to search the terrain about his perimeter until he had located the best position for one of his guns. Refusing medical assistance for his wound, and without regard for his own safety, he exposed himself to the severe intense enemy fire that had previously wounded him and succeeded in locating a position from which his guns could render the greatest possible assistance in the defense of the perimeter. Only after the guns had been placed in action would he accept medical aid. His devotion to duty and heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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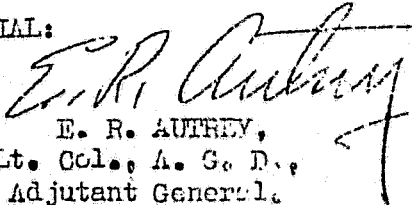
Sergeant Fitzgerald S. Cookson, 39294837, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. In an advance against the enemy, Sergeant Cookson with his squad was given the task of maintaining contact with the adjoining company on his left and of covering the left half of the platoon front. The task was difficult because of rough terrain, and the extended lines, but Sergeant Cookson performed his duty in an excellent manner. The adjoining company was halted by enemy fire but his company continued to advance. Immediately realizing the perilous situation the left flank was in, Sergeant Cookson deployed his squad into a better position in order that he might better protect the flank. When he observed three Japanese infiltrators preparing to set up a machine gun, he charged and killed all three before they could get the gun into action. Several times enemy forces attempted to penetrate his defense but under his guidance the squad performed in a superior manner. As a result of his actions the company was able to advance without delay to its objective, meanwhile affording a safer route for the adjoining company to travel.

Technical Sergeant Arnold A. Dempewolf, 37233216, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant) Dempewolf, with his company, made an assault upon a heavily fortified coral escarpment. The company was receiving from its right flank an intense concentration of machine gun fire which had completely halted its advance at this point. Fully aware of the danger involved, Technical Sergeant Dempewolf, as acting platoon leader, upon his own initiative, went forward to make a reconnaissance. By his cautious movements to the source of the enemy concentration of fire, he discovered a naturally camouflaged cave, concealing a Japanese heavy machine gun. Without delay, he descended to the location of his platoon, and securing a satchel charge and several grenades, he volunteered to again start the dangerous ascent to the cave. Although he was a target for constant sniper fire and hand grenades, he moved into position and quickly hurled the charge into the cave, but it failed to explode. Calling for a second satchel charge to be passed on to him and in the face of increased enemy fire, he inched forward throwing the second charge into the mouth of the cave, completely demolishing the emplacement and also effecting the elimination of seven of the enemy. Technical Sergeant Dempewolf's heroic action, at a time so important to the welfare of his organization, made possible the unharpered advancement of not only his company, but his entire battalion. His courage and fearless action prevented severe casualties from being inflicted by the enemy.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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Private First Class Evan S. Iverson, 30459796, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When the tank with which he was working withdrew for additional ammunition, Private First Class Iverson remained in a vulnerable position twenty-five yards in front of the lines, braving heavy sniper fire, to cover the redeployment of his platoon. He remained in his courageous position over thirty minutes, with complete disregard for his safety, killing three Japs and wounding several others. The heroic stand of Private First Class Iverson permitted redeployment of his platoon and made possible the successful advance of his company upon Aragachi.

Sergeant Emerson T. Jackson, 44020474, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. In the vicinity of Shuri, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Jackson performed an act of heroism which served as an example for the men of his organization. A Japanese artillery shell exploded near a machine gun section burying the nine occupants of the foxholes. In the darkness, Sergeant Jackson rushed to the aid of the men and started digging them out, with the aid of two other men. Despite mortar and artillery fire which was falling around, they feverishly continued their work. In a short time, they had removed the men, but not before one had died of suffocation. The deed performed by Sergeant Jackson and his two comrades showed admirable courage and loyalty.

Private First Class Eugene R. Kinkaid, 39935533, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. While covering a demolition crew sealing caves on Die Hill both the automatic rifleman and his assistant were wounded and were in a position which was exposed to constant sniper fire. Private First Class Kinkaid, the third member of the team, returning from the rear with additional ammunition, went out to the wounded men and rendered first aid. He assisted in the evacuation of the casualties and then returned to the exposed position and continued to fire the assigned mission of his team. Each time he fired his weapon, Private First Class Kinkaid exposed himself still further to the enemy fire. In spite of this hazard, Private First Class Kinkaid reduced the fire of the enemy sufficiently to permit the demolition squad to seal the caves. The heroic service rendered by Private First Class Kinkaid reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Staff Sergeant Albert A. Mitchell, 36700132, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 31 May 1945. During bitter fighting for a series of inter-locking hills, Staff Sergeant Mitchell moved his machine gun section across open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire without a single casualty. He then exposed himself repeatedly, selecting suitable firing positions. Due to his section's high volume of accurate fire, enemy strong points were neutralized and the battalion was able to continue its advance with only light losses. Staff Sergeant Mitchell's cool judgment and utter disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.


Staff Sergeant Franklin P. Rose, 35548287, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Rose, with great coolness and courage, succeeded in reducing enemy resistance from a tomb, thus enabling his company to continue its advance. The left flank had been halted by heavy grenade and rifle fire from a tomb on the side of a hill and grenades failed to reduce the fire so Staff Sergeant Rose, in spite of the heavy fire, ran in front of the tomb entrance and threw in a satchel charge. The charge was disarmed by the occupants of the tomb who continued to fire on our troops. Staff Sergeant Rose, with utter disdain for his own personal safety, again ran before the opening, pulling the pin of the second satchel charge several seconds before he threw it into the tomb. The Japs were not able to disarm the charge before the fuse detonated, but the charge failed to explode. Taking with him a white phosphorous grenade which had been brought up to him, Staff Sergeant Rose, for the third time, with definite knowledge of his danger, braved the grenade and rifle fire to run before the tomb entrance. He throw in the white phosphorous grenade, followed immediately by a third satchel charge. The tomb was completely destroyed and the company continued its advance upon Aragachi with no resistance from that area. The outstanding bravery and cool thinking displayed by Staff Sergeant Rose were of immeasurable value to the continued advance of his company.

Private First Class Harold G. Hanson, 36903672, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Loyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. Braving the fire of enemy snipers, Private First Class Hanson crawled forward to throw grenades into a machine gun position which was the focus of resistance halting the advance of his company. His first few grenades only served to bring down upon him more intensive fire. In spite of this fire, Private First Class Hanson crept farther forward and threw more grenades into the gun position, completely destroying it. His courageous actions, performed without regard for his own personal safety, enabled his company to attain its objective.

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Private First Class Athel Hall, 36404162, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Crawling forward in the face of enemy fire, Private First Class Hall, fired his flame thrower at several enemy pill boxes, only to find that the igniter failed to function. The enemy, witnessing his apparent failure, directed intensive fire at the flame thrower and its operator. In spite of his extreme danger, Private First Class Hall coolly released the contents of his fuel tanks on the enemy emplacements. Then, despite the frenzied fire of the Japanese defenders he threw several white phosphorous grenades into the fuel. The grenade kindled the oil and burned out the defenders, making it possible for his organization to establish a secure perimeter for the night. The cool and courageous action of Private First Class Hall is worthy of the greatest praise and admiration.

Private First Class Edward B. Middleton, 36534341, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. While digging in before the Yuza-Dake Hill a man was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire and fell into a ditch about one hundred yards from the company command post. The open area between the wounded man and the command post was swept by observed machine gun fire. Private First Class Middleton, with full realization of his personal danger, sprinted across the open field to the side of the wounded man, where he rendered first aid. While crossing the exposed area, the enemy machine gunner vainly attempted to place his fire on Private First Class Middleton. The courageous and heroic action of Private First Class Middleton prevented serious complications of the wounds of his comrade and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter R. Miller, 33763955, 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 Miller, without regard for his own personal safety, rushed to the aid of a badly wounded man who lay exposed to enemy fire. Private First Class Miller, noticing that his comrade had been badly burned by phosphorous, hastily cut loose the phosphorous covered clothing and administered such first aid as was possible under the circumstances. Having accomplished this, Private First Class Miller carried his wounded comrade across two hundred and fifty yards of open terrain to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Miller accomplished this heroic deed in a level headed, efficient manner and undoubtedly his timely action saved the life of his fellow soldier.

Private First Class Wayne L. Page, 37775336, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945.

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Private First Class Page located two machine gun positions whose fire had been harassing the advance of our troops. He moved out into the open toward a position from which he could neutralize the emplacements with grenades. He was fired upon from a third concealed position while moving forward, but in spite of this fire he continued on until he could destroy the pillboxes. His heroic service in spite of personal danger, enabled the company to advance without serious losses and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

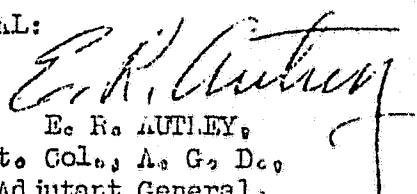
Corporal Raymond A. Pamplin, 36382932, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tabontabon, Leyte Island on 26 October 1944. Corporal Pamplin, upon hearing that the instrument corporal of the second platoon was wounded and lay near the edge of the village, reentered the hazardous area, and with utter disregard for his own safety, assisted the instrument corporal, under heavy machine gun and sniper fire, back to the aid station. Corporal Pamplin carried out this dangerous and important task in a minimum of time in spite of the intense fire the enemy had covering our positions at all times. The dauntless courage and cool determination, which he displayed under stress of enemy fire were a direct factor in the rescue of his comrade, and in the highest tradition of the military service.

Private First Class Clyde E. Phillips, Jr., 36903920, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tabontabon, Leyte Island, on 27 October 1944. During a tank-infantry attack on enemy positions, Private First Class Phillips sighted a Japanese soldier, laden with magnetic mines, making his way towards one of the tanks. The route that the enemy had selected to reach his objective, afforded him excellent protection from rifle fire until he was close enough to make a final dash for the tank. Fully realizing the precarious situation of the tank and its occupants, and with total disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Phillips crawled forward to intercept the enemy. Upon reaching a suitable position he hurled two grenades into the vicinity of the Jap. A terrific explosion immediately following the burst of the grenades, assured him that he had accomplished his mission. His courage and resourcefulness were responsible for the saving of a tank and its crew at a time when their employment was vital to the success of his organization.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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Staff Sergeant Roy A. Rylant, 58271584, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. As Staff Sergeant Rylant and two other men were directing two tanks used for flank support in his company's advance on Aragachi, he observed eight Japs hidden in a ditch attempting to knock out the tanks with potato masher grenades, hand grenades and knee mortar rounds. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Rylant stood above the ditch and fired into the enemy. The Japs then directed their grenades at their attackers, and during this action, Staff Sergeant Rylant received several severe wounds from flying fragments but refused medical assistance until the danger had been eliminated. Such courageous disregard for personal safety is in the best military traditions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Lloyd L. Sanders, 37647521, 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 Sanders maintained his position exposed to enemy rifle and machine gun fire to cover, with his automatic rifle, the withdrawal of his platoon. Upon reaching the top of Hen Hill, enemy fire made the platoon position untenable and orders were given to withdraw. Although ordered to withdraw with his squad, Private First Class Sanders chose to remain in his dangerous position to attempt to reduce the fire of the enemy and permit the safe withdrawal of his platoon. His fire was largely responsible for the orderly and safe removal of all troops and casualties from the position. The courage and loyalty displayed by Private First Class Sanders reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Arthur J. Shoemaker, 39727771, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Table Top Ridge, Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. A machine gun platoon was under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, when a member of the platoon was seriously wounded. Private First Class Shoemaker unhesitatingly left the comparative safety of his foxhole and rushed to his assistance, although the heavy fire was still falling. Realizing that immediate medical treatment was necessary, Private First Class Shoemaker bore his comrade to a place of safety and administered first aid. He then carried him two hundred yards to the Battalion Aid Station although by this time it was dark. Private First Class Shoemaker's heroic act undoubtedly saved his comrade's life and was an inspiring example to all who witnessed it.

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Private First Class Charles H. Louie, 39210260, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. In the vicinity of Lone Pine Ridge, his company suffered a casualty while advancing across an open field. The man was bleeding profusely and suffering greatly. Private First Class Louie, braving the enemy machine gun fire raking the field, dashed across to the side of his fallen comrade. He rendered competent first aid while fully exposed to sniper fire. When a litter was brought up, he assisted in evacuating the man although fully aware of his own personal danger. The courageous action of Private First Class Louie saved the life of his comrade and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

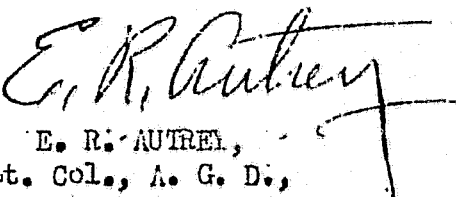
Private First Class Floyd W. Sellers, 37574209, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. In spite of falling knee mortar rounds and all arms fire, Private First Class Sellers dashed across an open field to the side of a wounded comrade. Disregarding his own personal safety, he carried the wounded man to a shell hole where some protection from the falling shell fragments could be obtained. An enemy sniper fired upon the two men in the hole but in spite of this fire, Private First Class Sellers coolly rendered the necessary first aid to the wounded comrade. He remained with the casualty under fire, ministering to his needs until he could be evacuated under a smoke screen. His heroic service is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Carl V. York, 38272751, 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 attacked the heavily fortified position on Tombstone Ridge, a fierce counterattack came late that afternoon plus intense and accurate mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. The company was forced to withdraw to their alternate position. Technician Fourth Grade York, with complete disregard for his own safety, led a litter team back up the ridge, one hundred and twenty-five yards from our position, through mortar, machine gun and sniper fire to reach two very seriously wounded men who were only fifteen yards from Japanese positions, and directed their evacuation to the safety of our lines. Technician Fourth Grade York's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 783, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 September 1945, as pertains to First Lieutenant J. H. Freeman, 01181252, Field Artillery, is rescinded.

2. So much of General Orders 783, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 September 1945, as reads "Private First Class Ralph F. Will" is amended to read "Private First Class Ralph F. Witt."

3. So much of General Orders 729, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 15 September 1945, as reads "Private First Class Norman E. Allison" is amended to read "Private First Class Marion A. Allison."

4. So much of General Orders 723, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 September 1945, as pertains to Captain Llewellyn E. Christensen, as reads "a third Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof" is amended to read "a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof."

5. So much of General Orders 330, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 June 1945, as pertains to Private First Class William L. Sanders, is rescinded.

6. So much of General Orders 543, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 August 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Charles E. Brubaker Jr., is rescinded.

7. So much of General Orders 546, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Jack M. Rosenberg, is rescinded.

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

First Lieutenant J. H. Freeman, 01181252, 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. Previous award per General Orders 23, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 January 1945.

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

Sergeant Jack M. Rosenberg, 36735053, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945, on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 189, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Charles E. Brubaker Jr., 39586148, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 187, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 May 1945.

Private First Class William L. Sanders, 36572871, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 18 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 63, Headquarters Army Garrison Force, APO 246, 3 July 1945.

SECTION III
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

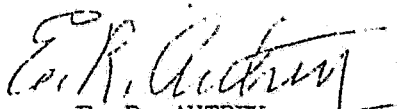
By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, War Department, 1926), a Soldiers Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Archie F. Hall, 38230280, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. The Forward Observer Section, of which Technician Fourth Grade Hall was a member had occupied a hillside cave for protection during the night of 25 May. Early in the morning of the 26th, the cave began to collapse, partially burying the Forward Observer Officer and another member of the section. Technician Fourth Grade Hall and the Chief of Section managed to jump clear of the heavy, wet dirt and immediately set to work freeing the two trapped men, although there was imminent danger of further collapse of the roof of the cave. Digging furiously, Technician Fourth Grade Hall and his companion successfully extricated the enlisted man and turned their efforts toward freeing the Officer. Before this could be accomplished there was a second and more serious cave-in and the trapped officer was completely buried. Only Technician Fourth Grade Hall's quick action in throwing his body between the Officer's head and the falling dirt saved the Officer from serious injury. Redoubling their efforts, Technician Fourth Grade Hall and his companion cleared the dirt from the Officer's face so he could breathe, then worked doggedly for fifteen minutes until he was completely freed.

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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 Raoul Bellard, 38260306, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. During the advance into the village, Private First Class Bellard acted in the capacity of lead scout in his platoon. Advancing cautiously but speedily, he started over an embankment when a grenade was hurled at him from a cave which lay directly to his front. Instinctively he dove forward for cover from the bursting grenade but he still lay in line of fire from the cave and under heavy fire from his own troops, now returning fire on the enemy position. Private First Class Bellard silenced the dug-out emplacement by expertly hurling grenades into the cave. He then directed a demolition man forward and covered him until he destroyed the position with a satchel charge. Private First Class Bellard's alertness and courage at this time was instrumental in the advance of his organization and also saved the lives of his comrades.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank Burak, 35592977, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Near Yuza, Technician Fifth Grade (the Private First Class) Burak displayed outstanding courage in the face of the enemy. In the midst of heavy enemy fire, as our troops were attacking an escarpment, he volunteered to evacuate a critically wounded soldier. Passing over open ground he was fired upon by enemy mortars and snipers. With great care and complete disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Burak brought the casualty through the fire and delivered him to medical care.

Private First Class Gene H. Cole, 39591280, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. While covering a demolition crew at work on the reverse slope of a heavily fortified hill, Private First Class Cole moved out into a valley covered by machine gun fire and in which he was exposed to sniper fire. The remainder of the covering party were forced back by the fierce fire coming from the next hill. In spite of his dangerous position, Private First Class Cole continued with his mission for more than an hour although constantly fired upon by the enemy. His timely and accurate fire killed five of the enemy and wounded two others and permitted the demolition crew to complete its work without molestation.

Private First Class George J. Cosmides, 33726115, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. One-half mile south of Kocki, Private First Class Cosmides, under great personal danger held his position on top of a ridge which

was being pounded by enemy grenades and mortar fire. By firing his rifle continuously, and throwing grenades until his supply was exhausted, he succeeded in holding the enemy back while his platoon withdrew to a tenable position. He refused to leave the hill while he had anything left with which to fight. Because of his heroic efforts his platoon was able to execute a hasty withdrawal without a casualty. Private First Class Cosmides' example of bravery is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

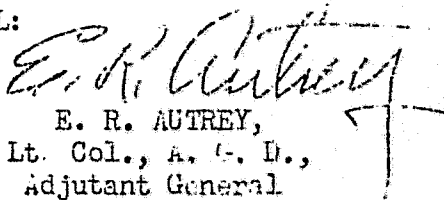
Private First Class Dors Cowles, 39728238, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. When orders to hold up the advance of the company finally reached Private First Class Cowles, prior to stopping in for the night, he had worked his way over one-hundred-fifty yards in advance of the company lines. The orders to withdraw found him ready to assault two enemy pillboxes. Disregarding the orders because of the necessity of destroying the installations, Private First Class Cowles continued to work himself forward to the two pillboxes and neutralized them with grenades and rifle fire. Only when he was certain that the danger to his company from these emplacements had been eliminated did he withdraw to the company line.

Private First Class Jeff E. Crabtree, 39597120, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 and 19 May 1945. Private First Class Crabtree's platoon started around a hill that was halting the battalion advance. As lead scout, Private First Class Crabtree fearlessly led the platoon to the position and started around the hill when the advance was halted by enemy sniper fire from the flank and from the front. Despite the fire, Private First Class Crabtree continued to advance until the platoon was finally forced to withdraw after suffering casualties. The following day, Private First Class Crabtree again led the platoon to the position and finally the platoon was again forced to withdraw. On 19 May he volunteered to lead another group around the hill, fully realizing the risk that confronted him. He eliminated two sniper positions, then proceeded to search several caves, directing the men with satchel charges and subsequently received an injury. The heroic manner in which he performed his duty served as an inspiration for the men in the platoon and his display of courage led to the subsequent capture of the position.

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AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDER

So much of General Order 811, Headquarters 56th
Infantry Division, dated 25 September 1945, as pertains to the award
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Private First Class Shelby Curry, 38517833, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Private First Class Curry consistently demonstrated his skill and fortitude under hazardous conditions. Near Ginowan, when one of his comrades was painfully and critically wounded well forward of the company's line, with no regard for his own safety, Private First Class Curry moved forward to the casualty under heavy enemy sniper fire. With exceptional calm he slowly and carefully carried the wounded man to the aid station through the enemy fire.

Sergeant James I. Dahlen, 36273377, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Philippine Islands on 5 November 1944. On Mechem Ridge, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Dahlen was a member of a four-man patrol which was pinned down by cross-fire from two enemy machine guns. Two of the men were killed. Sergeant Dahlen, in imminent danger from enemy fire, determined the enemy's position and charged one gun, destroying it with hand grenades. Sergeant Dahlen then reported the position of the remaining enemy gun and of the enemy lines with great accuracy, allowing them to be neutralized. This enabled the company to advance to important positions without further losses. Sergeant Dahlen's heroic act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Orville F. Darby, 37231015, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 15 April to 21 May 1945. Private First Class Darby ran through a heavy concentration of mortar fire to report the location of enemy mortars and direct fire on them causing them to be destroyed. This action occurred on 15 April. On 21 May, when his platoon was pinned down by enemy sniper fire near Hen Hill, Private First Class Darby intentionally drew enemy fire so that the sniper could be located and destroyed. Private First Class Darby was wounded as a result of this action, but refused to be evacuated until the objective was secured. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jimmie L. Darnell, 38293743, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. In an attempt to take a ridge near Nodake, the company of which Private First Class Darnell was a member met strong enemy resistance. When a companion was critically wounded in an open field fifty yards ahead of the company, Private First Class Darnell crawled up under heavy enemy fire, administered first aid and removed the casualty to safety.

Technician Fifth Grade William Deul, 36431687, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. As his company entered Death Valley they met fanatical enemy resistance coming from the naturally camouflaged caves. Besides the small arms fire, a steady barrage of mortar and artillery fire fell, and quickly the casualties in the company mounted. As the need for litter bearers arose, Technician Fifth Grade Deul volunteered to undertake this hazardous task. Unmindful of the raking machine gun fire and the increasing artillery shells, he raced back and forth from the point where a comrade was wounded to the aid station. Regardless of his personal safety, he made several of these perilous journeys until he himself was wounded. Instead of asking for medical aid for his wound, he made a final heroic effort when he helped carry a litter back to the aid station. Such heroic effort on the part of Technician Fifth Grade Deul were instrumental in saving the lives of several men.

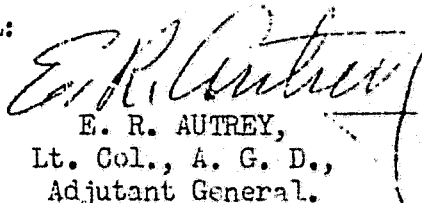
Sergeant John P. Graves, 36585450, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. Enemy machine gun fire had caused several casualties among our troops, and the platoon of which Sergeant (the Private First Class) Graves as a member, was ordered to flank the position. Sergeant Graves located the position and approached it from the side. The entrance was small and it was necessary to approach very close to inflict damage upon the enemy, thereby becoming vulnerable to this fire. Sergeant Graves did not hesitate to quickly advance and upon reaching the entrance, threw in several grenades, disregarding the enemy fire. The occupants were all killed and a Japanese heavy machine gun was knocked out of action. The company, which had been stopped, was then able to move forward without further casualties. Sergeant Graves' keen sense of judgment and utter disregard for his personal safety were thus responsible for the avoidance of further casualties and the achievement of the vital objective.

Private First Class Mike Materi, 37597293, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Near Yuza, Private First Class Materi showed exceptional courage and bravery when his platoon was held up by enemy sniper fire. Private First Class Materi ran across an open field, exposing himself to the enemy fire, to get to a spot where the enemy marksman was exposed, and killed him. His squad was then able to advance to its objective.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Technician Fifth Grade Kenneth P. Donoho, 36 380 963, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When one of the wire lines to a front line company was knocked out by enemy mortar fire, and it was made known that the line must be re-established, even in view of great danger resulting from the continuous mortar fire, as well as intense sniper fire, Technician Fifth Grade Donoho, Chief Switchboard Operator, voluntarily applied for the hazardous mission. In the face of continuous exposure to and fire from the enemy, he ran forward quickly, taking necessary cover only when the enemy fired directly upon him. Under such strenuous conditions he covered a distance of two-hundred yards, at which time he discovered the break in the line. Hastily repairing the line, he then made his way back across the perilous area and rejoined his unit. Technician Fifth Grade Donoho's brave and conscientious efforts to such an important cause were instrumental in the further uninterrupted functioning of vital communications, and an inspiration to all who witnessed his outstanding heroism.

Private First Class Hugh H. Lankford, 7 081 010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Phillipine Island on 28 October 1944. Crawling forward directly into heavy machine gun and grenade fire from several enemy pillboxes, Private First Class Lankford raised himself into a fully exposed position and fired his bazooka into one of the emplacements. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Lankford fired his bazooka five times, although the enemy directed a heavy concentration of fire at him after the first shot. His accurate fire succeeded in completely destroying the position and enabled the battalion to organize a defensive position with little enemy fire.

Private First Class Leroy Knutson, 37 774 289, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, in the vicinity of Yuza, on 15 June 1945. Private First Class Knutson, with complete disregard for his own safety, volunteered to go to the aid of a wounded comrade who lay in a shell hole fifty yards in front of his platoon. Showing superior bravery and determination in crawling through heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Knutson was successful in reaching and evacuating the casualty. His bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Glen Kerbs, 36 615 590, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Troustone Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. A man from a company adjacent to Technician Fourth Grade Kerbs was critically wounded and lay exposed to enemy observation and subject to small arms and mortar fire. With no thought of the peril involved, Technician Fourth Grade Kerbs and a companion secured a litter and made their way to the wounded man.

As they moved the casualty to the rear, a mortar shell landed nearby, wounding Technician Fourth Grade Kerbs in the back. However, he disregarded his wounds until the litter casualty had been safely removed to the battalion aid station.

Private First Class Raymond L. Huber, 38 635 211, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. In the vicinity of Koshi, a platoon was advancing around a hill which was holding up the advance of the battalion. Enemy sniper fire from the flanks and front halted the platoon but Private First Class Huber volunteered to place satchel charges in several caves from which the platoon was receiving fire. Although the caves were in front of our lines, Private First Class Huber proceeded to accomplish his mission. He sealed six caves and after each cave was blown up, he returned for more satchel charges. One cave that he sealed contained many Japanese soldiers, and as soon as it was sealed rifle shots and exploding grenades were heard within the cave.

Technician Fifth Grade Joseph D. Harmon, 38 260 625, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. During an assault on Hen Hill, when a casualty with a severe chest wound was being evacuated through enemy observed territory, Technician Fifth Grade Harmon voluntarily directed the evacuation team across a stream which was covered by enemy fire, standing in an exposed position and providing covering fire. When two Japanese soldiers attempted to reach a point from which they could fire upon the litter team, Technician Fifth Grade Harmon spotted them and engaged them in a fire fight to prevent their molesting the litter team. One was quickly killed, the other finally eliminated by a well placed grenade.

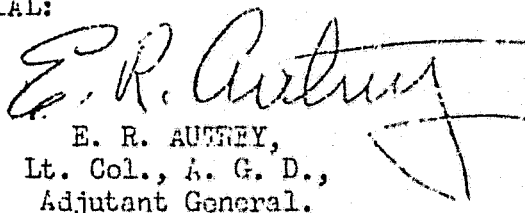
First Lieutenant Samuel C. MacLeod, O1 181 355, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Alfonse P. Decrans, O1 177 361, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 May 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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Private First Class Rocco T. Palagano, 32999663, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Private First Class Palagano volunteered to rescue a wounded man who was lying in an open field and was being continuously fired upon by enemy snipers. The entire field was covered by sniper fire and three men had already been hit crossing it. Private First Class Palagano, with disregard for his own safety, entered the field and was successful in treating and removing the casualty to safety. His heroic act undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man.

Private First Class Elio M. Pallotto, 37701107, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Pallotto's company had been stopped by heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire on Tombstone Ridge, when he saw three Japs with a knee mortar move from a cave to shelter behind a boulder. Realizing that they intended to set up the mortar, Private First Class Pallotto left his position and, braving enemy sniper fire, advanced to an exposed knoll and from there was able to fire upon and kill the three enemy mortar-men. By his action, Private First Class Pallotto undoubtedly saved his company from unnecessary casualties and helped in its successful advance against the enemy.

Private First Class Diamond Pappas, 36383253, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Near Aragachi, Private First Class Pappas displayed heroic and daring action as he crossed seventy-five yards of open terrain which was covered by enemy sniper fire. Reaching the top of a strategic knoll, he pinned down Japs who were entrenched before him until supporting tanks could come up and destroy the enemy emplacements.

Staff Sergeant Hobart W. Pyle, 36383490, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 9 April 1945. Because of his sincerity and excellent leadership, Staff Sergeant Pyle held the complete confidence and cooperation of all his men. He always showed greater concern for the safety of his men than for himself. While several men were going for rations on Leyte, on 20 November, near Patok, Staff Sergeant Pyle discovered two Japs waiting in ambush for them. He quickly charged and killed them both singlehanded, thus preventing several of his men from being wounded or killed. During the Okinawa campaign on 5 April, near Ginowan, while directing the rescue of two wounded men, he was exposed constantly to the fire of enemy snipers and machine guns. During the night of 8 April on Kekazu Ridge, Staff

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Sergeant Pyle left his foxhole to kill a Jap who had infiltrated into his perimeter and who could have caused considerable damage. His leadership and skill contributed highly to the continued success of his organization in combat.

Private First Class George W. Arnold, 16145027, 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 Philip Boltico, Jr., 39218256, 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.

Sergeant James W. Brown, 16148409, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 2 June 1945.

Sergeant Richard M. Buson, 36430789, 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.

Corporal Hans N. Cary, 37319039, 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 John J. Hayes, 01183310, 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.

Sergeant Adam L. Hovis, 33295597, 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 Charles R. Holt, 36384186, 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.

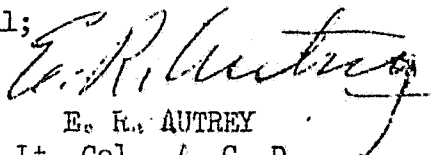
Corporal Edward G. Leonard, 39574661, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Lieutenant John G. Matthews, 0527095, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 7 May 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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Private First Class Edward B. Ripley, 37797272, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. At Hen Hill Private First Class Ripley carried a rocket launcher to the top of the hill from there unassisted he loaded the launcher while enemy sniper bullets were hitting the ground around him, fired it, and with only two rounds, destroyed a machine gun which had been inflicting casualties upon his platoon, and had virtually stopped its advance.

Staff Sergeant William E. Schraeder, 17085174, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. While assaulting a strongly defended enemy position Staff Sergeant Schraeder's platoon encountered heavy grenade and sniper fire. The supply of grenades and satchel charges had proved inadequate, necessitating a slackening of their fire. The intensity of the enemy fire rendered the platoon's position untenable. Staff Sergeant Schraeder worked his way to a position from which he could more effectively engage the enemy. He was completely exposed to enemy observation and fire occasioned by the withdrawal of the adjacent unit. Fully aware of his exposed position and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Schraeder succeeded in diminishing the enemy fire enough to enable his platoon to maintain their position. Although wounded in six places by Japanese grenade fragments, he pursued his mission until sufficient supplies reached his men to enable them to take their objective.

Private First Class Monroe E. Shives, 38300610, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. During the night of 20 June in the vicinity of Aragochi Private First Class Shives' company came under heavy fire from enemy forces who were attempting to infiltrate through the lines. The company sustained several casualties of whom two had to be evacuated immediately. Private First Class Shives at once volunteered to assist in carrying out the wounded. Knowing the dangers that confronted him, he started on his mission over rough terrain to the battalion aid station six hundred yards to the rear. During this time Private First Class Shives disregarded his own personal safety, aware that in the dark he would be in danger of fire from both enemy and his own troops. Private First Class Shives' actions were directly responsible for the quick medical attention the wounded men received.

Private Cecil W. Scroggins, 16040037, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While advancing across an open field, the first scout of his platoon was wounded. Learning of the casualty, Private Scroggins, with utter disregard for his personal safety, immediately crawled out over open terrain, a distance of fifty yards to render first-aid. Although wounded by continued sniper fire, Private Scroggins continued to render assistance, when the man died, realizing that litter bearers were on the way, Private Scroggins crawled back to his platoon, despite intense pain from his wound, and reached them in time to prevent four additional men from exposing themselves to heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. The heroic action displayed by Private Scroggins was instrumental in preventing further casualties. His courage and resourcefulness, in spite of his own wounds and the great danger were an inspiration to his company.

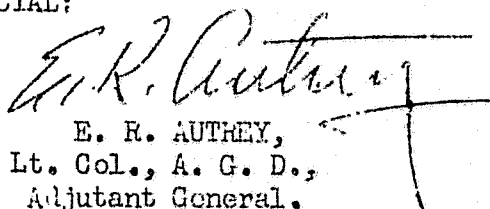
Technician Fifth Grade Joe W. Smith, 34365273, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When enemy snipers critically wounded a scout who was one hundred and fifty yards in front of his company near Ginowan, Technician Fifth Grade Smith promptly organized a litter team, and taking advantage of all available cover and concealment, led it through heavy enemy fire to the wounded man. It was impossible to remove the casualty in the midst of the intense and accurate sniper fire, therefore Technician Fifth Grade Smith located two of the enemy snipers, charged and killed them with his rifle. This done, the rescue party was able to move the man to safety. Technician Fifth Grade Smith's coolness and determination under enemy fire was the major factor in the successful evacuation of the casualty.

Private First Class Atlas M. Steed, 38301016, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. As the machine gun section, in which Private First Class Steed was an assistant gunner, was advancing into a village, two well concealed enemy machine gunners held their fire until the section was past them and then opened up with cross fire, pinning down the entire section. In the midst of the enemy fire, Private First Class Steed, with no thought for his personal safety, set up his machine gun and returned fire, knocking out both of the enemy machine guns. Thus he saved lives in his section and made it possible for his platoon to continue its advance.

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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 Lewis C. Tucker, 6955168, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 19 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Tucker displayed the highest devotion to duty and outstanding courage in the performance of his military duties. At Kakazu Ridge, when his company met unusually heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire, spotting an enemy machine gun position, Staff Sergeant Tucker began moving to an exposed position from which he could obtain good observation. As he advanced he was fired upon and wounded by an enemy sniper, but he continued his advance and directed mortar fire which destroyed the enemy gun emplacement. This action is in conformity with Staff Sergeant Tucker's entire combat record and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant John E. Whiteaker, 36272947, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 21 June 1945. As the tank with Sergeant (then Private First Class) Whiteaker and two others were protecting, overran a small ditch, eight Japanese soldiers armed with fragmentation grenades and knee mortar rounds charged the tank with the intention of knocking off one of the treads and immobilizing the tank. Sergeant Whiteaker and the two other men took an exposed position above the ditch and commenced heavy fire into the group of Japanese soldiers. Although he received a wound in the hand from a grenade fragment, Sergeant Whiteaker, with keen appreciation of the danger to which he was exposed, continued to fire into the enemy, in spite of the fact that the grenades were then directed upon our men. He did not quit his post to seek medical assistance until the entire group of enemy was destroyed and the tanks once more safe.

Sergeant Kirthwood W. Wingfield, 35536683, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 3 April 1945. As Sergeant Wingfield's company reached the crest of a ridge, which they were assaulting, enemy troops on the reverse slope opened fire with light machine guns, rifles, and knee mortars. A short fire fight ensued, and then, as it was late afternoon, the company withdrew to better positions to establish a perimeter. Fully realizing the danger and responsibility he was accepting, Sergeant Wingfield volunteered to remain behind with another man and cover the movement of his organization. From this precarious position he maintained an effective harassing fire, despite repeated efforts of the enemy to rout him. The heroic actions of Sergeant Wingfield and his assistant so occupied the enemy as to keep them from forming for a counter attack. Only after the completion of a company line of defense did Sergeant Wingfield leave the post that he had so effectively manned.

1st Lieutenant, William J. Wynn, O-524415, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 3 April 1945. When his company was given the mission of extricating another organization from under extremely heavy enemy small arms, mortar and anti-tank fire, which had caused many casualties including all its platoon leaders, 1st Lieutenant Wynn, exposing himself to the heavy and deadly fire, found the enemy emplacements and a position from which his platoon could engage them. He knew that although he was attracting the enemy's fire, the other organization's position was still extremely dangerous. With no communication available, he again exposed himself to the withering fire and ran one hundred and fifty yards to the other unit. Finding its platoon leaders were casualties, 1st Lieutenant Wynn personally directed an orderly withdrawal and evacuation of the wounded. Because of the superb qualities of leadership he manifested under the most trying circumstances and because of his intrepid devotion to duty, he successfully effected the evacuation of all the casualties and organized the company to maneuver from its hazardous position.


Private First Class Douglas J. Yeager, 34919369, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 8 April 1945. Near Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Yeager, a 300 radio operator was moving through an open field, when enemy machine gun fire opened up on part of his company and pinned them down. After locating the enemy position Private First Class Yeager unhesitatingly crawled toward the enemy machine gun and throw grenades at it, stunning its crew. Then showing his typical aggressiveness, Private First Class Yeager charged the enemy machine gun position with his carbine and eliminated the enemy gunners, permitting his company to continue on its mission.

Staff Sergeant Orville T. Young, 15111221, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, 5 and 6 November 1944. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Young volunteered to lead a reconnaissance patrol to locate the exact position and fire lanes of two enemy pill boxes he had previously observed and to determine if there were any supporting installations. The patrol located three additional emplacements and were subjected to severe fire, during which the officer in charge was killed and the squad leader wounded. Staff Sergeant Young assumed command of the patrol and organized the men to evacuate the casualties although this meant additional danger. The following day Staff Sergeant Young volunteered to lead the tanks against the emplacements discovered the previous day. In directing the fire and movement of the tanks, it was frequently necessary to expose himself to enemy machine gun and rifle fire. In spite of his personal danger, he continued to direct the tanks until all emplacements were destroyed.

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

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 Officers:

First Lieutenant Donald A. Seibert, O1038113, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. The attack being made by his unit had been stopped for several days by fanatic resistance coming from the top of Hen Hill when First Lieutenant Seibert, regardless of personal safety, stealthily crept forward under incessant grenade and small arms fire to make a reconnaissance of the area. Successfully completing this, he returned and by moving from position to position, often exposed to enemy fire, directed the maneuver of his platoon forward. Atop Hen Hill, a heavily fortified pillbox confronted his platoon. At this time, First Lieutenant Seibert, calling for two satchel charges to be brought up, moved into the open once more and effected the destruction of the pillbox. He successfully routed the enemy at this time and personally led his platoon over the hill. First Lieutenant Seibert displayed the highest type of leadership and enabled the whole battalion to again move forward.

Second Lieutenant William D. Stocks, O1331781, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When Second Lieutenant Stocks' battalion and an adjoining battalion had been detained for four days due to a heavy concentration of enemy fire they were receiving from the rear of Hector Hill, he was assigned the mission, by his battalion commander, to lead two squads to the crest of this hill to locate enemy positions and to determine their strength so that supporting fire could be concentrated upon them. Second Lieutenant Stocks formed his plan of attack and led his men of the first platoon to the rear edge of the hill where he quickly organized an efficient flanking attack and, with his men, moved forward to the top of the ridge under intense grenade and mortar fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, Second Lieutenant Stocks continued to lead his squads forward and was the first to reach the peak of the hill. With his desire to observe more clearly the activity of the enemy, he exposed himself several times to deadly sniper fire. When his radio failed to function at a critical moment, he descended the hill to make a personal report of the enemy situation to his company commander. Upon returning to his first position, he was seriously wounded by the explosion of three enemy grenades. With little thought of his own injuries, he calmly and coolly directed and assisted in the removal of the wounded members of his squads. Not until these men had been withdrawn to safety and had received medical treatment, did he accept the necessary medical treatment for himself. Second Lieutenant Stocks' outstanding actions enabled his battalion and the adjoining battalions to successfully attack and overrun this enemy position. His courage and devotion to duty inspired his men to unflinchingly accomplish their mission.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7418, 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 Lorne I. Martin, 01156321, 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 15 June 1945.

First Sergeant Arthur W. McGuistion, 6263136, Field Artillery, 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 21 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Le Earl McCaman, 39005235, Field Artillery, 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 21 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant George R. Gorman, 6814615, 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.

Technical Sergeant Arnold N. Petterson, 37313190, Field Artillery, 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 1 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Richard W. Roehl, 36703016, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 6 June 1945.

Corporal Walter L. Rompala, 36700160, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 May 1945 to 15 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the 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 Salvador C. Aranda, 39718915, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Aranda, ordered to move to a new position to repel and expected enemy counter attack, sent his squad ahead, and burdening himself with a wounded comrade, crossed seventy-five yards of terrain in the face of intense machine gun and sniper fire before reaching a position of safety and medical aid. Rejoining his men, he reorganized them, and there being more wounded, he recrossed the fire swept area several times, without regard for his personal safety, to take the remaining wounded to safety and medical aid. Staff Sergeant Aranda's courageous and heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 25, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 February 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph J. Cisko, 36616552, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade (Then Technician Fifth Grade) Cisko, volunteered for and successfully led a supply carrying party over difficult terrain, covered by accurate enemy sniper and machine gun fire, to his company's position. By succeeding where others had been killed in the attempt, he contributed greatly to his company's effort to hold its ground. Technician Fourth Grade Cisko's bravery, skill and devotion to duty in leading this party merit the commendation of all members of his company, and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 212, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 May 1945.

First Lieutenant John A. Farnsworth, 01304884, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kankū, Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. During the early morning attack of our forces, an enemy machine gun was firing from a hill to the battalion's left flank, causing many casualties, both to our troops and to an adjacent division. First Lieutenant Farnsworth, in his capacity of reconnaissance officer, discovered the gun and realizing the need for extreme haste, in his dash to summon a tank, exposed himself to the murderous fire of the machine gun along the skyline and across an open field, while enemy bullets kicked up dust at his heels. After guiding the tank into position, First Lieutenant Farnsworth crouched behind the turret and manually sighted the tank's cannon in order that the usual procedure of sighting in by machine gun fire would not indicate to the enemy that their position was discovered. As the enemy gun fired again, First Lieutenant Farnsworth, still in his exposed position, gave the signal to fire; and the enemy gun was destroyed, enabling the battalion to advance. First Lieutenant Farnsworth's disregard for his own safety and his calm determination to neutralize the enemy weapon quickly, undoubtedly prevented the loss of many lives and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 517, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 July 1945.

Major Early B. Lokey Jr., 0417855, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 20 October 1944. When the advance column of the regimental command group was ambushed and grenaded, two men were wounded and lay in an exposed position in a swamp. Major Lokey, completely disregarding the machine gun and rifle fire placed upon him from the well concealed enemy position, moved to the aid of these men. Calmly and courageously he administered the necessary first aid and directed their evacuation to a place of safety. Previous award per General Orders No. 554, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945.

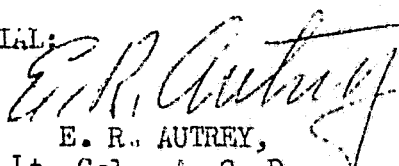
Technical Sergeant Howard W. McGraw, 35212907, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technical Sergeant McGraw, without regard for his own personal safety, rushed to the aid of a badly wounded man who lay exposed to enemy fire. Technical Sergeant McGraw, noticing that his comrade had been badly burned by phosphorous, hastily cut loose the phosphorous filled clothes and administered such first aid as was possible under the circumstances. Having accomplished this, Technical Sergeant McGraw carried his wounded comrade across two hundred yards of open terrain to the battalion aid station. Technical Sergeant McGraw accomplished this heroic deed in a minimum of time and with utter disregard for his own safety, and act which, undoubtedly, saved the life of his fellow soldier. Previous award per General Orders No. 334, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 17 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Sidney K. Gordon, 36431526, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 31 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Gordon showed outstanding leadership and determination at all times. At Ben Hill, the advance of his platoon was stopped by extremely heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, as well as by a hand grenade duel. In the midst of the murderous fire, Staff Sergeant Gordon advanced to the top of the hill and followed enemy entrenchments, killing the startled defenders with grenades and rifle fire, and thus making it possible for his platoon to resume the advance without casualties. Staff Sergeant Gordon demonstrated courage and initiative which reflect creditably upon the high traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 222, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Ray Alston, 38358123, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 24 May 1945. During the battle on New Mill, a man was critically wounded by a sniper as he crossed a small crossway. The sniper's accurate fire prevented evacuation of the wounded man. Private First Class Alston realized that the sniper must be eliminated and medical aid given the casualty quickly. He exposed himself to draw fire from the sniper to locate his exact position. After the enemy's second shot when Private First Class Alston was able to determine the sniper's location, he reached a position of vantage and killed him. He proceeded to the casualty, administered first aid, and helped remove him to cover and further treatment.

Private First Class Donald M. Flick, 35874912, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte Island, 16 November 1944. Private First Class Flick was leading his platoon on a patrol when a Jap opened fire from a well concealed position with a light machine gun, pinning down the entire patrol. Disregarding personal risk, Private First Class Flick aggressively moved forward and found the gun, crawled into position, and quickly threw several grenades and killed most of the crew. He then charged the position and killed the one remaining Jap with his rifle. Private First Class Flick's heroic performance reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Herschel A. Johnson, 38227675, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, 26 October 1944 and on Okinawa Island, 20 April 1945. At Tabontaben, Leyte, when a squad member was shot down at his side, Private First Class Johnson gave him first-aid, and carried him to a safe position, through withering enemy machine gun and sniper fire. He then continued on to complete his mission. Near Ginowan, Okinawa, 20 April Private First Class Johnson volunteered to carry wounded men across seventy-five yards of open field under devastating enemy machine gun and sniper fire. With little regard for his own safety, he made several successful trips.

Private First Class Charles R. Lawless, 34339624, 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 Lawless consistently displayed utter disregard for his personal safety in the performance of his duties as a company wireman. On 18 May in the vicinity of Kochi he subjected himself to heavy enemy sniper fire to evacuate a casualty and although wounded while removing the casualty, he completed the mission and successfully reached the aid station where the casualty received vitally needed treatment. This heroic act was instrumental in saving a comrade's life, and is in keeping with highest military traditions.

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Private First Class Sharon W. Rogers, 38229017, 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 Rogers' battalion was under a heavy barrage of enemy artillery and mortar fire, and enemy small arms fire was inflicting heavy casualties in the rifle companies, without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Rogers voluntarily left the cover of his hole to evacuate casualties. He carried one casualty nearly a mile to the aid station and returned. While he was carrying a second casualty to the rear he was seriously wounded by enemy sniper fire but although wounded, he continued to stay with the casualty until help arrived. Private First Class Rogers' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

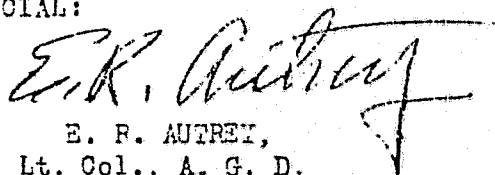
First Lieutenant David P. Stemper, 01507523, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 and 19 June 1945. Near Yuza, First Lieutenant Stemper led and attack up a fortified ridge, but was halted by intense enemy fire. He therefore took three men and led a flanking attack on the enemy positions, neutralizing them and allowing the platoon to proceed. On 19 June First Lieutenant Stemper led his platoon through the town of Aragashi, and under heavy sniper fire he deployed his men with skill and care, so that the successful sweep through the village was accomplished without casualties. First Lieutenant Stemper's courage and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Irving F. Paley 01510145, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. First Lieutenant Paley displayed unusual courage and leadership as he led his platoon in an assault on a well defended escarpment. Two enemy snipers inflicted heavy casualties on his platoon, forcing two squads to lose contact, thus making a fifty yard gap in our line. With total disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Paley exposed himself to the enemy fire and moved quickly to a position from which he could have better observation of the enemy. Although wounded in this action he located and killed the two enemy snipers, thus making it possible for his platoon to close the gap in our line and secure its objective.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Richard S. Weatherill, 37570310, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Olinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Weatherill crawled fifty yards under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire to the side of a wounded comrade. He rendered first aid while under fire, and in spite of the personal danger, took the wounded man in his arms, completely exposing himself as he did so and carried him to a place of safety. As Staff Sergeant Weatherill reached his destination with the wounded man, he was hit by sniper fire and instantly killed. The heroic service performed by Staff Sergeant Weatherill in rescuing a comrade at the cost of his own life is deserving of the highest praise. Next of Kin: Cedric Weatherill, Father, 5030 Chowen Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Sergeant Steven J. Seveska, 16141559, 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 22 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Edmund J. Szydlowski, 36536271, 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 Dexter B. Taylor, 36535572, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Elmer B. Wilson, 35805234, 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.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

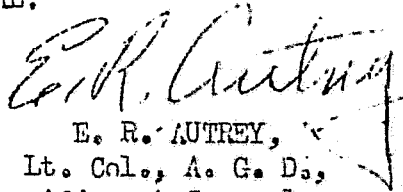
Staff Sergeant Everton W. Clark, 38329749, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. When fire from an enemy machine gun on the top of the hill his company was attacking halted the advance, Staff Sergeant Clark, without hesitation, left his covered position and continued up the steep slope fifty yards by crawling and jumping from cover to cover through the withering fire until he reached a position from which he could throw hand grenades into the enemy emplacement. After throwing four grenades into it, he assaulted it and single-handedly killed the four Japs in it with his bayonet. Staff Sergeant Clark's excellent work allowed his company to continue its attack and reflects great credit upon himself and the military operations. Previous award per General Orders No. 197, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 11 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Louis J. Straus, 17107106, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Zebra Hill, Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. As the enemy attempted to infiltrate the perimeter, one of the company men was mortally wounded in the ensuing fire fight. Technician Fourth Grade Straus, without hesitation, left the safety of his foxhole and dashed two hundred yards across the perimeter in the continuous hail of small arms fire to render aid to the wounded man. Technician Fourth Grade Straus was a constant source of inspiration to all, and his unwavering concern for the health and medical care of his comrades, as well as his unhesitating administration of aid reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 45, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private Erling G. Kommer, 39479300, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his company was pinned down by a concentration of machine gun and mortar fire, Private Kommer advanced in the face of hazardous fire over open terrain, leading a tank into position and directing its fire upon the enemy emplacements. This courageous act enabled his company to move without a single casualty to a strategic position. Private Kommer's exemplary action was an inspiration to all his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Effie Kommer (Mother), Box 55, Buxton, Oregon.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Fourth Grade Vaughn C. Luebbe, 36728817, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When the advance of his company was momentarily held up by intense enemy sniper and knee mortar fire, and several men were wounded and lying in an exposed position, Technician Fourth Grade Luebbe, with utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to this same enemy fire to administer aid to the wounded men. Unhesitatingly he moved about from man to man until all had received treatment. He then helped evacuate them to a place of safety. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Luebbe reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 67, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 March 1945. Next of Kin: Edna Schranz (Mother), 1606 Euclid, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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 having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant Loren J. Heaton, 55548923, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. An attack started on 21 May had been stalled by an incessant barrage of knee mortars, grenades and stachel charges from the crest of a heavily fortified hill. Staff Sergeant Heaton, acting in the capacity of platoon sergeant, had successfully led his men to the base of the hill. Realizing that the halt was holding up the battalion, Staff Sergeant Heaton moved to the flank, and also in this hazardous position, coolly directed the fire and movement of his men. Later he moved further to the right to check on the possibility of outflanking this strongly fortified position. After this he moved to the crest of the hill and, with demolition charges, annihilated the enemy pillbox, advancing aggressively in the face of murderous rifle fire and grenades. His actions inspired his platoon to join him at the top of the hill and once more continue in the advance. Staff Sergeant Heaton's gallant efforts were in the face of the heaviest enemy resistance; but despite the odds, he continued his heroic work in the destruction of the strong point, and thus enabled the company and battalion to move forward.

SECTION IV

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 Charles E. Smith, 13061277, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Kechi, Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. Private First Class Smith, with utter disregard for his own safety, made his way through extremely heavy grenade and mortar fire to the crest of Hen Hill. In full view of the enemy and under terrific small arms fire he continued crawling on hands and knees throwing grenades in all directions. Realizing that he must have cover, Private First Class Smith pushed forward ten yards more and took up a position in a shell hole to the right rear of the enemy trench. His actions so baffled the Japanese that they left their positions yelling and scrambling in confusion. This enabled the remainder of Private First Class Smith's platoon to take its sector of Hen Hill with few casualties.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 119, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department, 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 130-45 (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 M. Chase, 36406335, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi Okinawa Island on 31 May 1945. Private First Class Chase, with utter disregard for his own life, made his way through accurate enemy small arms fire to a wounded comrade who had fallen approximately forty yards to the front. It was necessary for him to crawl over terrain which offered little or no cover. One bullet grazed his helmet and another struck him in the back, wounding him slightly, but not stopping him. He reached the side of the man. After calling for covering fire from his platoon which had now moved up, he half carried, half dragged the wounded man back through the enemy fire to the shelter of a shell hole. There Private First Class Chase and the man he had rescued were given first aid and evacuated to the Battalion Aid Station.

Private First Class Richard E. Gerhardt, 35708145, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Futema, Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Private First Class Gerhardt, while leading a patrol, discovered an anti-tank mine field, the approaches to which were covered by an enemy machine gun position. Disregarding his personal safety, Private First Class Gerhardt, of his own accord, rushed this fortified position and eliminated it, thus enabling our tanks and troops to advance unimpeded. Private First Class Gerhardt's heroic actions at this time are in keeping with the highest standards of the military service.

Private John P. Jeffries, 37642355, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When the advance of his company was delayed by fire from an enemy machine gun, Private Jeffries, from an exposed position and at great personal risk, directed devastating fire from a tank on the emplacement concealing the gun. Throughout this courageous action, Private Jeffries was exposed to fire from enemy small arms and nearby mortar positions. The utter disregard for his own personal safety demonstrated by Private Jeffries in performance of his courageous act, was a main factor in the successful advance of the company to occupy strategic ground. His intrepidity and fidelity to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Sergeant Emery K. Rice, 33501631, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kamiyama, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. The platoon of which Sergeant (then Private First Class) Rice was a member was attacking a well defended hill in the vicinity of Kamiyama; and as one of his men was ascending the hill, machine gun fire from a well concealed position seriously injured the man in both legs. Without a moment's hesitation Sergeant Rice ran to the spot where the man fell to give him aid. After bandaging the wounds, Sergeant Rice lifted the man to his shoulders and ran back to cover and medical treatment.

The quick action displayed by Sergeant Rice was instrumental in saving the man's life, for his wounds were bleeding profusely. The heroic actions which Sergeant Rice displayed served as an inspiration to the men of his organization.

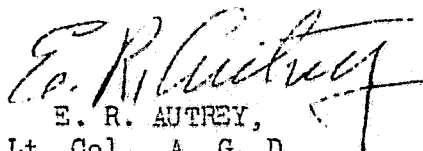
Private First Class Lewis J. Runchey, 39565614, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 27 October 1944. During the attack on the village of Tabontabon, Private First Class Runchey's company was ordered to withdraw to a new position. Disregarding intense enemy fire from snipers and mortars, Private First Class Runchey voluntarily remained behind to evacuate a casualty, even though it was to be a lone performance through six-hundred yards of enemy covered terrain, necessitating the crossing of a waist-deep stream, a boggy marsh, and an open, exposed field. His heroic actions saved the man's life, and are commensurate with the highest standards of the military service.

Captain William C. Porter, O1286887, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. The heroic leadership, courage, and decisive action of Captain Porter when his company attacked and captured a coral escarpment near Yuza were directly contributive to the success of his men. His thorough and skillful reconnaissance, preparation and direction of the attack resulted in the capture of a seemingly impregnable line of rock fortifications, which had previously repulsed efforts of greater forces. During the final phase of the attack, when two men were hit by a single sniper's bullet, Captain Porter, without regard for his own safety, dashed to the fallen men and personally effected their evacuation despite continuous fire from the accurate enemy riflemen. After capturing his objective, he extended his own thin lines to protect an adjacent unit, which was pinned down. When a determined counterattacking enemy, armed with all weapons at their disposal, severed all his communications, Captain Porter, alone and through darkness, made his way to his rear command post to assure himself of its safety. The valor, determination and skill of Captain Porter reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AMENDMENT OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL ORDER

So much of General Order No. 822, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, APO 96, dated 25 September 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Private First Class Richard E. Gerhardt, Army serial number 55 708 415, which reads "55 708 145" is amended to read "55 708 415".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

W. A. Seary
Adjutant General

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9411, 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 Sherman E. Deckrow, 30615518, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When casualties among the front line rifle companies became so numerous that the efforts of all medical aid men did not completely relieve the acute situation, Private First Class Deckrow volunteered to go forward and assist in bringing casualties to the aid station, approximately six hundred yards to the rear. Knowing that he must move across terrain which was constantly exposed to enemy sniper and mortar fire, he made several trips to the scene of action, and with others, succeeded in evacuating casualties to the battal aid station. Private First Class Deckrow's unflinching determination to remedy a serious situation and save the lives of his comrades was an inspiration to all who witnessed his brave action.

Technician Fourth Grade Alphonse P. Domingue, 38260117, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island, 13 April, 1945. When the forward elements of his battalion were unable to return to the battalion supply dump for rations, water, and ammunition because of intense enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade Domingue immediately volunteered to participate in a carrying party to get the urgently needed supplies to the front lines. This trip necessitated traversing an open field, nine hundred yards in width, which was covered by enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Technician Fourth Grade Domingue acted without hesitation, even though one man had already been killed in a previous attempt, and successfully reached the front line companies with the supplies. Technician Fourth Grade Domingue's courageous action was an important factor in enabling the companies to hold their hard-won positions.

First Lieutenant Harry D. Frank, 01316034, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 5 April 1945. Near the town of Ginowan, the advance of First Lieutenant (the Second Lieutenant) Frank's company was halted by heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his safety, he went back and brought up a tank. Completely exposed to the enemy fire, he directed tank fire at the enemy positions, knocking them out and permitting his company to advance. Although wounded while directing the tank fire, First Lieutenant Frank refused to be evacuated, but continued his hazardous job until the enemy positions were neutralized.

Private First Class Bernard O. Hooper, 39920856, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Hooper, radio operator for his

battalion commander, was with the officer on one of his usual missions of observing the front lines at first hand. As they approached a small house surrounded by a stone wall, approximately one thousand yards south of Ginoway, they came under fire from enemy 50mm mortars. The initial four or five rounds gave them time to seek cover behind the stone wall around the house, but as the mortar fire increased with intensity, they were forced to jump over the stone wall onto lower ground between the wall and the house. To continue maintenance of successful communications, Private First Class Hooper was not able to take full advantage of the protective cover. Heedless of the danger involved, he sat upright in order to operate his radio correctly and although it only served to increase the enemy's opportunity to make him their principal target, he raised his antenna to maximum length, in order to get contact with the Command Post. During this period, an estimated fifty rounds of mortar fell just beyond the wall, a few rounds bursting in the trees overhead. Private First Class Hooper's determination to keep vital communications intact, regardless of great personal danger to himself, was of inestimable value to his battalion commander, enabling him to issue further orders resulting in the destruction of enemy troops in the vicinity.

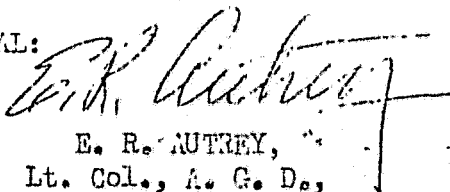
Private First Class Lawrence J. Leverman, 39326885, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 3 November 1944. When the battalion medical corpsmen suffered many casualties necessitating the call for volunteers to carry back the wounded from the forward rifle companies, Private First Class Leverman, a message center code clerk, volunteering, went forth several times across a rice paddy waist deep in mud to evacuate the wounded over a one thousand yard route. The depth of the mud and intensity of rifle and machine gun fire necessitated dragging the wounded on ponchos across the dangerous areas. Private First Class Leverman's heroic actions, done with the utmost courage and devotion to duty, undoubtedly saved the lives of his fallen comrades and proved to be an inspiration to all his associates reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Glen Verigan, 36430042, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. When casualties were sustained by an adjacent company during the night, Staff Sergeant Verigan left the comparative safety of his foxhole without hesitation and although artillery was still falling in the area, rushed across one hundred yards of open terrain to aid in the treatment and evacuation of casualties to the battalion aid station two hundred yards distant. His brave manner of performance was undoubtedly instrumental in saving the lives of seriously wounded men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 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 Jack J. Pipitone, 37414799, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tancharu, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. During a coordinated attack which was launched by our forces on the entire front against the enemy on the southern half of the island, Private First Class Pipitone's battalion had advanced to a position approximately one half mile north of the town of Yanebami. Heavy opposition had been stiff throughout the advance and as nightfall drew close, the enemy laid down intense artillery concentrations and frequently heavy mortar barrages. It was during one of these such shellings that the line to the forward observation post was knocked out of operation. Previous artillery concentrations had put out of action most of the battalion wire section and on this particular occasion there were no wiremen available to repair the line. To successfully maintain and consolidate the gains of the day it was absolutely necessary that the line be established in a minimum of time. Private First Class Pipitone, who was a driver at the time, was aware of the situation, and volunteered to go out on the line and attempt its repair. The observation post was five hundred yards forward of the battalion command post and it was necessary to cross an open field one hundred yards wide. This crossing meant great exposure to the artillery shells which were still falling in the area as well as sniper fire from cleverly concealed positions. However, he went forward unflinching, found the break in the line, quickly repaired it and returned to his unit. The enemy shelling continued and a few hours later, another break in the line occurred. Private First Class Pipitone again voluntarily repeated his earlier action. His courageous efforts resulted in the maintenance of communications so vital to the success of the entire attack throughout the night.

Private First Class Smiley L. Rodriguez, 38329560, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kanika, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the forward elements of his battalion, defending a newly won position, were unable to send for rations, water and ammunition from the battalion supply dump due to the heavy enemy fire covering the nine hundred yard distance, Private First Class Rodriguez unhesitatingly volunteered to act as a member of a carrying party although one arm had already been mangled in a previous attempt. Traversing the dangerously open field, Private First Class Rodriguez, with others, unflinchingly made his way forward and arrived safely at the destination with the vital supplies. His courageous performance was a contributing factor to the success of the front line companies in holding the position.

Private First Class Robert A. Romero, 39724220, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. As Private First Class Romero and his battalion - 1 -

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commander were passing through an area which the enemy had just evacuated, and in which it was believed a number of enemy were still hiding, he detected a slight noise in one corner of a demolished building. Unable to see anyone, but fully aware of the battalion commander's proximity to the position and his imminent danger Private First Class Romero unhesitatingly charged the rubble in which he thought an enemy was hiding. Quickly closing in on the position, he came near enough to observe a Jap soldier aiming his weapon in the direction of the officer. With one quick shot, Private First Class Romero killed the soldier before he could fire his weapon.

Technician Fifth Grade Henry J. Schrouder, 36407365, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When an enemy sniper had gained access to a well concealed position and was inflicting numerous casualties with expert, deadly fire on his company, Technician Fifth Grade Schrouder volunteered to leave the cover of the command post and seek out the enemy position. Although dangerously exposed and forced to advance in the face of the sniper's accurate fire, he continued to creep forward until he had reached a point close enough to ascertain the enemy's exact location. Technician Fifth Grade Schrouder then charged the position and disposed of the enemy opposition with a well placed grenade. His actions showed outstanding courage and devotion to duty and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jusse D. Snyder, 36305568, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. In spite of fire from a light machine gun which covered the two hundred yards between two wounded men and their company, Private First Class Snyder urged several of his comrades to assist him in the evacuation of the casualties. Crossing the floor of the valley in the face of enemy fire, the detail arrived beside the two wounded men. Having only one litter, Private First Class Snyder improvised another from a poncho and directed the evacuation of the casualties. As the party approached a ridge which crossed the route, enemy fire from beyond the crest was intensified. Courageously leading his reluctant companions through the fire, Private First Class Snyder succeeded in removing his wounded comrades to the aid station where prompt medical attention insured the complete recovery of both men.

First Sergeant Walter F. Hartmeier, Jr., 35120522, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 28 October 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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A. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Captain Philip D. Burnes, O 392 171, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When one of the line companies of his battalion, forced to ward off, by grenades alone imminent enemy attack, depleted its supply of grenades Captain (then First Lieutenant) Burnes called for volunteers and led them, carrying the needed grenades over five hundred yards of rugged, unknown terrain, covered by enemy machine gun crossfire and constantly showered by mortar. The hazardous trip was made in total darkness, and in the face of continuous, murderous enemy fire. Captain Burnes, by courageously going forward of the party to find places of cover and returning to guide the men to them, and by seeking out the route offering the most cover, led the men safely to the harassed company with their indispensable grenades. He then retraced this perilous route, successfully leading the carrying party back to its own perimeter without casualties. His performance with full knowledge of the great difficulties and dangers and at the risk of his life, enabled the company to hold precious, hard-gained ground which figured notably in the final crush of the enemy at this important bastion of defense.

Sergeant Arnie G. Hedman, 16 141 880, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Sergeant Hedman was leading his mortar section past a captured enemy pill box and upon inspecting the dead in it, a wounded Jap set off two charges, blowing himself and the pill box up and burying two mortarmen. An enemy machine gun zeroed in on the ruins and the men scattered. Sergeant Hedman and one of his men, in utter disregard for their own personal safety, remained and dug out the two imprisoned men, while the machine gun raked the hill side. His courage was instrumental in the saving of the lives of the two men who were trapped in the pill box ruins. This outstanding devotion to duty as displayed by Sergeant Hedman reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clifford L. Kaufman, 36 729 901, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. To render aid to a wounded comrade, Private First Class Kaufman left the security of his fox hole to crawl to the side of the wounded man. Despite the heavy grenade fire and the sporadic bursts of heavy machine gun fire, Private First Class Kaufman skillfully and quickly administered necessary aid to the wounded man, whose position required the continual exposure of Private First Class Kaufman to the enemy fire. Realizing the necessity for the immediate evacuation of the wounded man to receive more competent care, Private First Class Kaufman carried the casualty over rough and hazardous terrain two hundred yards to the rear. The heroic service rendered by Private First Class Kaufman saved the life of the wounded man.

Technician Fifth Grade Stanley L. Klimek, 36 615 529, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Islands on 11 April 1945. When casualties on the front lines became so numerous that the duties of the medical aid men were over-burdened, Technician Fifth Grade Klimek, code clerk of a battalion communications section, immediately volunteered to act as a litter bearer. With others, he moved forward over a route exposed to enemy sniper fire for a distance of approximately six hundred yards. At this point, Technician Fifth Grade Klimek, assisted by one other man, put one of the casualties on a litter and immediately started the return trip to the aid station. The enemy sniper fire became intense and the other litter bearer was wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Klimek quickly put both casualties in a defilade position by a nearby trail, rendered all possible first aid, and remained on guard for approximately three hours before help came. Despite approaching darkness, heavy enemy artillery fire, and attempted enemy infiltration, Technician Fifth Grade Klimek refused to leave his precarious position. His tenacity, calm bearing, and fidelity to his two comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

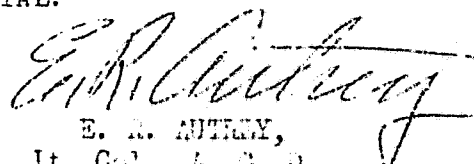
Sergeant Clifford G. Maeder, 36 539 846, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Nodake, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When a lone enemy sniper, effectively covered by supporting machine guns, held up the advance of Sgt Maeder's (then Private First Class) company and wounded four men who were sent to eliminate him, Sergeant Maeder, lead scout of the leading platoon, inched forward from his advanced position and crept toward the house from which the sniper was firing. Although he received a serious wound in the thigh, Sergeant Maeder courageously and without regard for his painful wound, continued to creep toward the house. Successfully eluding the machine gun fire, he approached a window and threw a hand grenade, killing the sniper. The courage and determination of Sergeant Maeder enabled his company to resume its advance.

Staff Sergeant Wayne F. Montgomery, 38 364 494, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the forward elements of Staff Sergeant Montgomery's battalion found it impossible to return to the battalion supply dump for rations, water, and ammunition, due to the heavy concentration of enemy artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire to which the entire nine-hundred yard route was subjected, Staff Sergeant Montgomery immediately volunteered for this hazardous trip to the frontlines, even though one man had already been killed in a previous attempt. As a member of a carrying party, Staff Sergeant Montgomery traversed the dangerous route and reached the forward companies with the urgently needed supplies. The courageous and unhesitating action of Staff Sergeant Montgomery was an important factor in enabling the men in the front lines to hold their newly won positions.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Charles A. Timbers, 36471059, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Singlehandedly, Private First Class Timbers advanced twenty yards toward an enemy emplacement, which had pinned down the advance of his squad and knocked out the position thus permitting the troops to advance. Later, when his company was forced to withdraw, Private First Class Timbers, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, remained with a wounded man and, under cover of darkness, effected his evacuation to friendly lines fifty yards away. His outstanding leadership, unselfishness and devotion to duty were in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Mark B. Townsend, 36431326, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Kana, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When it became known that the forward elements of his battalion were unable to return to the battalion supply depot for rations, water and ammunition because of severe enemy sniper, machine gun and artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Townsend immediately volunteered to participate in a carrying party to get the urgently needed supplies to the front lines. To do so, it was necessary to traverse an open field nine hundred yards wide, while being subjected to enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Townsend acted without hesitation, even though one man had already been killed in a previous attempt. He successfully reached the front line companies with the important items. Staff Sergeant Townsend's courageous action was an important factor in enabling the battalion to hold their newly won positions.

Private First Class Sebern M. Watley, 38200132, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yonike, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Watley was at the battalion observation post with the battalion commander and a radio operator when the enemy zeroed in on their position with heavy artillery. Heavy machine gun fire coming from the right front and sniper fire from the left front as well as mortar shells falling to their rear, made their position on the small knoll a precarious one. With the third round of artillery which fell in the area, the radio operator became a casualty. Although protective cover was available fifty yards away, Private First Class Watley refused to leave his position until he had fully administered the necessary first aid to the wounded man. He accomplished this task while exposed to enemy small arms, automatic weapons and artillery fire. When he had finished, he proceeded to operate the radio himself and immediately put forth a call for stretcher bearers. Although untrained for radio operation, Private First Class

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Watley continued to operate the radio, thus maintaining uninterrupted communication with the remainder of the battalion. When litter bearers neared the area, Private First Class Watley daringly exposed himself to further enemy fire by leaving his position to guide the medics to the location. Private First Class Watley's manner of performance at a time when courage and absolute calmness are prime requisites are a superior one and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain Robert G. Iran, 01175175, Field Artillery, 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.

Second Lieutenant Gilbert Bettman, 02012645, 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 Sergeant Ramon G. Gregston, 6258949, Field Artillery, 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 20 June 1945.

Technician Third Grade Louis N. Smith, 17003746, 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 22 June 1945.

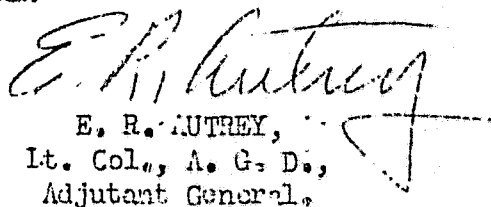
Private First Class Phillip W. Hudson, 34795294, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Harold D. Bobb, 36431585, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 26 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. 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 Michael A. Schneider, 37319002, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 11 November 1944. When a perilous situation might have developed into a real catastrophe, while on patrol, Staff Sergeant Schneider's bold and decisive actions were responsible for the death of a large number of the enemy soldiers and enabled his squad to hold off a numerically superior force. His daring delaying action, to the point of great personal risk, while his squad was withdrawing, enabled the squad to rejoin their platoon without suffering a single casualty.

Staff Sergeant Boyce T. Dobbs, 37066975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tabontabon, Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. When his company assaulted heavily fortified enemy positions near the village of Tabontabon, Staff Sergeant Dobbs, company Mess Sergeant, was with the company command post. His company was suffering extremely heavy casualties and because there were very few aid men left, many of the wounded were forced to remain in the field. Immediately upon hearing of this situation, Staff Sergeant Dobbs went to the battle lines and assumed command of all evacuation. By directing the evacuation of some of the wounded and by personally evacuating others, Staff Sergeant Dobbs soon remedied the situation. From then on, whenever a man was wounded, Staff Sergeant Dobbs would appear at his side and despite heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, he would administer first aid to the wounded man and then take him to the rear. Staff Sergeant Dobbs' conspicuous display of courage was an inspiration to the other men of his company who went on to completely rout the enemy.

SECTION II
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Staff Sergeant Boyce T. Dobbs, 37066975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Cidnawa Island on 10 April 1945. On Kakazu Ridge, when Staff Sergeant Dobbs' company was

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engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy, he immediately sensed his company's need for water, ammunition and rations and directed and helped carry the supplies through hazardous terrain to the company. Sergeant Dobbs' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 827, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 September 1945.

Staff Sergeant Michael A. Schneider, 37319002, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Mary Hill, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When Staff Sergeant Schneider's platoon attacked stubbornly defended Japanese entrenchments on Mary Hill, key to the Shuri defense line, during the attack, the platoon was forced to withdraw to cover because of intense mortar and grenade fire. It was then discovered that both the platoon leader and the platoon sergeant had become casualties. Staff Sergeant Schneider, then a squad leader, assumed command of the platoon and immediately turned the course of the battle by dashing to a small shell crater from which he engaged the counter-attacking enemy with grenades. From positions affording better cover, men of his platoon formed a chain whereby Staff Sergeant Schneider was supplied with grenades as rapidly as he could throw them. Single-handedly, Staff Sergeant Schneider dispersed the enemy force and enabled his platoon to resume the attack, which resulted in the capture of Mary Hill. Staff Sergeant Schneider's heroic leadership and steadfast devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 827, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 September 1945.

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 21 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 in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant Bruce T. Dobbs, 37066975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. The heroic action and disregard for personal safety on the part of Staff Sergeant Dobbs, a company mess sergeant, saved one man's life and contributed directly to the eventual recovery of two casualties when the enemy loosed a terrific spigot mortar barrage in an effort to drive Staff Sergeant Dobbs' company from advanced positions near Kakazu Ridge. Deprived of shelter when a spigot mortar explosion covered his fox hole, Staff Sergeant Dobbs, despite repeated warnings, persisted in remaining with his wounded comrades throughout the night. While enemy fire swept the area, he administered plasma and adjusted splines and bandages until the casualties could be safely evacuated at daylight. The courage and loyalty of Staff Sergeant Dobbs reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 827, Section I, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 26 September 1945.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

First Sergeant Walter F. Hartmeier, Jr., 35120522, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. When First Sergeant Hartmeier's platoon leader was wounded during an enemy counter charge which had disorganized the men of the attacking platoon and was forcing their withdrawal from an important enemy held hill, he quickly assumed command and resumed the attack. After hastily effecting a reorganization of the troops, he fiercely charged up the hill in the face of the enemy fire, inspiring his men to follow his aggressive and intrepid example. His inspirational and courageous performance thus turned an imminent, disorderly retreat into a vicious attack which resulted in the gaining of a vital objective, and the destruction of sixteen of the enemy.

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:

Second Lieutenant Edward G. Petsch, 02012456, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Petsch's company had relieved, under harassing machine gun and rifle fire, two exhausted companies of another battalion. Attacking on a battalion front, entirely exposed on the right flank, and considerably understrength from casualties sustained in previous actions, his company succeeded in capturing and holding the stubbornly defended, fortified cliff which was part of the coral escarpment near Yuza. This cliff had successfully resisted all previous efforts by greater forces. Throughout the entire action, Second Lieutenant Petsch quickly and courageously selected effective positions and routes of approach for his men, which resulted in the capture of a concrete pillbox and numerous supporting positions on the precipitous escarpment, which loomed formidably one hundred and fifty feet above surrounding terrain.

The courageous action, and steadfast devotion to duty of Second Lieutenant Petsch in leading the detail, organizing his defense, and evacuating his wounded men to safety despite intense enemy fire and the inherent difficulty of the rugged terrain, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. E. G. Petsch (Wife), 16778 Kentfield, Detroit, Michigan.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 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 Lawrence S. Hedges, 37437669, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tomobaru, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Hedges fearlessly exposed himself to enemy fire to evacuate a wounded man who lay in a sniper's line of fire. As he rushed to the aid of the stricken soldier, Staff Sergeant Hedges was likewise hit by the enemy sniper. Unhesitatingly, Staff Sergeant Hedges, with his wound bleeding freely, evacuated the wounded man, and then he courageously fired at the sniper, who soon abandoned his position. By the time additional aid had arrived Staff Sergeant Hedges was on the verge of losing consciousness. Staff Sergeant Hedges' self sacrificing devotion to duty upholds the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Joe Burlison, 38237664, 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 Kenneth H. Fuller, 37313689, 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 James T. Holt, 34502322, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Iwo Jima Island from 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 18 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Keith C. Lawson, 37522296, 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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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 1945, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 53th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Jack E. Bernardi, 59149844, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When Sergeant Bernardi's company attacked enemy positions on a coral escarpment near Yuza, it received deadly machine gun fire from an enemy position on a high point to its front. Well-directed mortar fire drove the Japs from the position, but under cover of darkness, the enemy occupied the hill, and on the morning of 16 June they continued to harass our troops until mortar fire once more drove them off. When the company started digging outcrops for the night, Sergeant Bernardi and two comrades volunteered to go to a high point of ground about forty yards forward of our lines to establish an outpost there for the night. Although they were warned of the impossibility of being reinforced in case of an attack, Sergeant Bernardi and his comrades loaded themselves with grenades and ammunition and departed for the isolated point. Several times during the night, the enemy, employing heavy grenade and machine gun fire, attempted to drive them from the positions; but each attack was successfully driven off with accurate rifle and grenade fire. At daylight, the company moved up, and an inspection of the area disclosed twelve of the enemy accounted for by the three men. The initiative and courage of Sergeant Bernardi and his companions insured the safety of their company's night defense and enabled their unit to advance more rapidly in successive attacks.

Private First Class Eugene M. Boyle, 75850578, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. During the attack on strongly defended enemy positions on Dick Hill, casualties were numerous. Private First Class Boyle quickly organized a litter team using a poncho as a makeshift litter and evacuated the wounded over open terrain under intense and accurate enemy sniper, machine gun and mortar fire. At the Aid Station he obtained litters and did not cease his untiring efforts until all the wounded had been evacuated.

Private First Class Eugene Doerflinger, 33925980, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Doerflinger volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded of an adjoining unit which had been forced to withdraw and were unable to evacuate their casualties. The entire distance between the casualties and a point of safety was swept by merciless enemy machine gun and rifle fire, and two of the rescue party were wounded. Acting without hesitation, Private First Class Doerflinger, with two comrades, placed the most seriously wounded man in a poncho, using it as a litter, and unflinchingly started the trip to safety. The almost impossible task was safely accomplished and the wounded man was able to receive needed medical attention. The courage and cool determination displayed by Private First Class Doerflinger on this hazardous mission is exemplary of his loyalty and devotion to duty at all times.

Sergeant Walter A. Bluge, 36810291, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. In the darkness of early morning amid heavy mortar fire, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Bluge fearlessly left his foxhole reportedly to obtain additional grenades which were sorely needed to stem the enemy's counter attack. At dawn, Sergeant Bluge was the first to brave the terrifying mortar barrages and machine gun fire to lead the attack against the fortified enemy. By throwing grenades into the enemy's interlocking trenches and pill boxes Sergeant Bluge destroyed a number of these defensive positions and personally accounted for eight of the enemy dead. Sergeant Bluge's heroic service was a decisive factor in his company's success in overcoming the enemy on Jerry Hill.

Sergeant John A. Polodna, 35802449, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When the lead scout of his platoon was wounded by a concealed enemy machine gun, Sergeant Polodna, a squad leader, made his way alone to an advanced position in an effort to locate the enemy weapon. On discovering the hidden bunker, Sergeant Polodna attempted to rush the enemy position, but treacherous footing and a flurry of hand grenades drove him to cover. Returning to the wounded scout, he carried him to a sheltered position, then again advanced alone toward the enemy weapon, approaching it from a flank. Despite intense sniper fire from adjacent hills, Sergeant Polodna charged the emplacement with his rifle, and as the desperate enemy crew frantically hurled hand grenades, he killed both of them. The courage and persistence of Sergeant Polodna enabled his company to resume its advance on Dick Hill, a key enemy stronghold in the Shuri defense line.

Private First Class Robert P. Sharak, 35850449, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Acting as a member of a patrol sent to neutralize enemy mortar and machine gun emplacement which was preventing the advance of another company, Private First Class Sharak voluntarily crawled thirty yards under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire to an advantageous firing position and proceeded to demolish the emplacement by the effective use of his bazooka. By this intrepid act Private First Class Sharak was personally responsible for the attacking company's advance.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provision 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:

Private First Class Harry H. Montgomery, 33527948, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. When two members of his company's weapons platoon were seriously wounded, Private First Class Montgomery volunteered along with two others to attempt the evacuation. As the party made their way through the streets of a village, Private First Class Montgomery, well in advance of them, shouted to friendly troops to hold their fire. Even after an enemy sniper wounded a man in his party, Private First Class Montgomery continued to clear the way for his comrades although it meant disclosing his own position. Driving themselves even harder, the men picked up all the ammunition they could carry and began their return trip. The entire action of Private First Class Montgomery and his companions took two grueling hours and might never have been completed but for the courage and determination of the men involved.

Private First Class Robert L. Neal, Jr., 38585106, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Private First Class Neal, by his courage and resourcefulness, was instrumental in enabling his unit to achieve its objective, a coral escarpment, thus opening the way to the Yuza Dake Hill mass. He and two companions worked their way to a rocky pinnacle forty yards ahead of their company. This position had been previously occupied by the enemy, and it was feared that during the night they might organize a counterattack in an attempt to regain the position. Although Private First Class Neal and his companions were cut off from medical aid, reinforcements and supply of additional ammunition, they remained in their perilous position throughout the night, and courageously repulsed several attacks. The bravery and initiative of Private First Class Neal enabled his company to advance without opposition in this sector.

First Sergeant Robert M. Olsen, 17518065, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kamiyama, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. On the afternoon of 6 April First Sergeant (then Sergeant) Olsen was digging in; when an enemy machine gun mowed down one platoon. First Sergeant Olsen, appraising the situation, crawled from his hole to his gun. Utterly disregarding his own safety, he pulled the gun to a more advantageous position and set it up for action. Determining where the enemy was firing from, he fired on that spot and expended four boxes of ammunition, allowing the platoon to change to more strategic positions. Because of his actions, the enemy inflicted only two casualties, and those in the initial burst of fire. First Sergeant Olsen's action was an inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Oran D. Pendergrass, 38293329, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 April 1945. While advancing on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Pendergrass' company encountered stiff enemy resistance. In order for the riflemen to hold their positions, it was necessary to take high ground on the ridge, where the enemy was well entrenched and was inflicting heavy casualties upon our advancing riflemen. Private First Class Pendergrass sensed the urgency of helping the riflemen, and rushed forward with his machine gun to give supporting fire. Immediately the enemy concentrated all his fire power on this machine gunner. Nevertheless, Private First Class Pendergrass boldly remained with his gun to afford covering fire for his comrades until one of the many bullets struck him and he fell wounded. In this extremely hazardous situation Private First Class Pendergrass' supporting fire enabled the riflemen to advance upon the enemy's fortifications with few casualties.

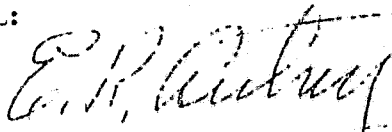
Sergeant Arthur D. Pringle, 36509491, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Pringle and his company advancing on the rugged coral escarpment near the town of Yuza, when they were pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, which caused numerous casualties. Sergeant Pringle, acting squad leader, volunteered to crawl forward over jagged coral rock covered by enemy fire to adjust his mortars on the enemy positions. His well directed barrages neutralized the enemy positions and enabled his company to advance with few casualties. His disregard for his own safety earned for him the highest regard of those who witnessed this heroic act.

Staff Sergeant Tyson L. Shelton, 38573591, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza, Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. The heroic action of Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Shelton saved one man's life and eliminated an enemy machine gun which was holding up a company. Staff Sergeant Shelton, in neutralizing the machine gun, maneuvered his squad through enemy fire and jagged coral. Having accomplished this mission, Staff Sergeant Shelton then rescued a wounded man who was lying on a ledge below his position. Lowering himself on an improvised rope, he reached the helpless man. Holding the casualty in his arms while enemy fire swept the area, Staff Sergeant Shelton directed his squad to hoist him over the coral embankment. From there he evacuated the wounded man to the rear, where medical aid was available. The courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety of Staff Sergeant Shelton 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 Charles L. Hoff, 33713092, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When Private First Class Hoff's company attacked enemy positions on a coral escarpment near Yuza, it received deadly machine gun fire from an enemy position on a high point of ground to its front. Well placed mortar fire drove the Japs from the position, but under cover of darkness, the enemy again occupied the position, and when morning came, continued to harass our troops until mortar fire again forced them to withdraw. When the company established defensive positions on the evening of 16 June, Private First Class Hoff and two comrades volunteered to work out to the high point of ground, about forty yards ahead of the lines to maintain an outpost there for the night. Fully aware that they were too far out of the perimeter to receive aid, Private First Class Hoff and the other two men went forward to the hazardous, isolated position, fought off enemy attacks throughout the night, and prevented the re-occupation of the position by the enemy.

Sergeant David L. Jones, 38284600, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Dick Hill, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. As his company was advancing on Dick Hill, Sergeant Jones' machine gun squad, which was firing a supporting mission, was forced to withdraw from its position when an enemy machine gun concentrated intense fire on the squad. Sergeant Jones then went forward alone through harassing fire to seek a new position. Finding a suitable location, Sergeant Jones emplaced his gun to continue its mission, then moved about the exposed crest to detect the enemy machine gun. Discovering its position, he returned to his gun to direct fire at the enemy weapon, neutralizing it and relieving the harassed rifle platoons. Continuing his able and aggressive observation, Sergeant Jones later eliminated an enemy mortar position, enabling his unit to advance. The bold persistence of Sergeant Jones was a contributing factor in the capture of Dick Hill, enemy stronghold of the Shuri defenses.

Sergeant Thomas S. Lee, Jr., 34666927, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When his company had captured Mary Hill at a cost of half a company and under such effective enemy fire that digging positions for the night defenses was extremely hazardous, Sergeant Lee, a machine gun squad leader volunteered to attempt to neutralize the enemy fire with his machine gun squad. He fearlessly exposed himself to discover the enemy positions and effectively directed his fire, even while repulsing an enemy counterattack. His quick action, skill and courage under fire enabled his depleted company to prepare its defensive positions and hold the objective.

Staff Sergeant Talmadge D. Lively, 38300609, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When Staff Sergeant Lively's company was attacking Mary Hill, the disposition of the troops and the conditions of terrain did not permit safe employment of the machine gun sections. Awaiting developments in the battle which would allow the use of his guns, Staff Sergeant Lively's machine gun section was in a centrally located position when both forward platoons were abruptly halted by enemy fire from adjacent crests of the Saori chain of defenses. Observing two of his comrades fall, wounded fifty yards beyond friendly troops, he quickly commanded four men to follow him across the exposed area. Directing his companions to evacuate one casualty, he gathered the second wounded man in his arms and successfully advanced to cover by short rushes, being exposed all the while to observed rifle and machine gun fire. Throughout the attack, Staff Sergeant Lively evacuated numerous casualties. When the objective was captured, he established positions for his guns from which he supported an adjacent unit, enabling it to capture its objective.

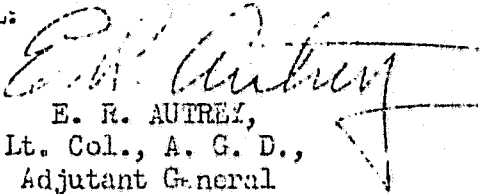
Sergeant Earl H. Mannel, 36700469, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa, Island on 12 May 1945. When his company moved to Zebra Hill, Sergeant Mannel, a communications Sergeant, observed a wounded man from another unit lying helplessly exposed on a road which was receiving continuous sniper fire. Organizing a rescue party. Sergeant Mannel led the group over fire swept terrain toward the fallen man. As they approached him, two of Sergeant Mannel's men were hit by sniper fire. Dispatching those remaining men to evacuate his own casualties, Sergeant Mannel courageously proceeded alone to the wounded man. To remove the casualty from the sniper's lane of fire, Sergeant Mannel gathered the man in his arms, and rushing by bounds, he succeeded in moving him to a covered position where he administered first-aid. In crossing the exposed area, Sergeant Mannel twice received grazing hits from sniper fire, but with complete disregard for personal safety he accomplished his self-imposed mission.

Private First Class Robert J. Gross, 36761953, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When his company was ordered to attack enemy positions on Mary Hill, and one of his comrades was wounded, Private First Class Gross crawled to his side through a deadly barrage of mortar and sniper fire. When he applied first aid to the fallen man, he saw that immediate evacuation was necessary. Although the route of evacuation was covered by intense mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class Gross fearlessly carried the wounded man to safety. This untrepid act was an inspiration to all who observed it and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Albert J. Milwid, 36617290, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Private First Class Milwid's company attacked its objective, a rocky coral escarpment near Yuza and by late evening the company had taken its objective but had sustained numerous casualties and had pushed beyond its adjacent units to a point where both flanks were dangerously exposed. That night there was much close-in fighting which soon depleted the supply of grenades and satchel charges. Replenishing the dwindling supply seemed an impossibility as the supply point was five hundred yards distant, and a considerable part of the route was a steep, treacherous incline. Private First Class Milwid succeeded in guiding the ammunition bearers from the supply point to the base of the escarpment. From there he continued to bring the sorely needed grenades and demolitions charges up the abrupt slope to the individual fox holes. On his return trips, Private First Class Milwid assisted in evacuating the wounded despite continuous enemy fire. His courage and determination won the undying gratitude of his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Richard J. Ainsworth, 42027672, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza, Okinawa Island from 15 June 1945 to 19 June 1945. The superior performance of Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Ainsworth contributed directly to the success of his company in its attack on a coral escarpment near Yuza, on 15 June. Charging a pillbox with grenades and rifle fire, he led his squad to the crest of the jagged, fortified cliff. Following the attack Staff Sergeant Ainsworth assumed command of his platoon when his platoon leader and platoon sergeant had become casualties. He then led his platoon in attacks on stubbornly defended caves, killing twenty-seven of the enemy. Later he risked his personal safety to warn friendly units of the location of his company. Throughout the engagement his fearless leadership was an inspiration to all who observed his actions.

Staff Sergeant Garfield F. Arnsdorf, 39148898, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When his company attacked bitterly contested Mary Hill, near Kocki, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Arnsdorf through his decisive actions, determination, and resourcefulness, was a contributing factor in his company's success against this fortress-like hill. In taking over a squad when the squad leader was wounded, leading his men forward and establishing them in strategic defensive positions, then going forward under heavy enemy fire to bring back wounded comrades, he showed determination of purpose, courage, and diligence that gained for him the admiration and high regard of his comrades.

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Private First Class Harold E. Curl, 38701369, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Curl volunteered to aid in the evacuation of the wounded of another unit which had been forced to withdraw and were unable to evacuate their casualties. Two of the rescue party were hit by sniper and machine gun fire. Without hesitation, Private First Class Curl and two others used a poncho as a litter to carry the most seriously wounded man through merciful sniper and machine gun fire to safety. The outstanding courage shown by Private First Class Curl in the evacuation of the wounded man was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action.

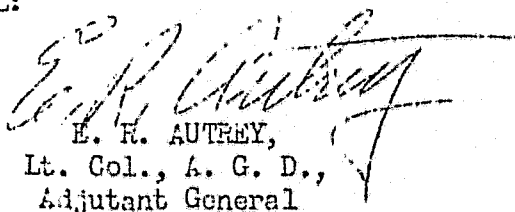
Private First Class Thomas M. Dargie, 19123126, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. The courageous acts of Private First Class Dargie, platoon runner, on Dick Hill were instrumental in completing the capture of this fanatically defended key point of the Shari defense line. His decisive actions in reorganizing his platoon after his platoon sergeant and platoon guide had been wounded, and in leading the first successful attempt to blast the enemy from their caves and trenches inspired his unit to complete this difficult task. During an enemy grenade and mortar barrage, he daringly led an attack on the Japanese positions and personally charged the trenches with hand grenades, forcing the enemy to flee. The steadfast devotion to duty of Private First Class Dargie reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Harry W. Branton, 34637189, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa I. land on 9 April 1945. During his company's advance against the heavy opposition near Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Branton displayed great courage and devotion to duty. When one of his comrades was wounded in the forward part of the company's advance, Private First Class Branton dashed forward through enemy machine gun and mortar fire to help the wounded man. To do so, it was necessary to cross an open field three hundred yards wide. The enemy commanded excellent observation of this terrain and fired upon it constantly. After applying first aid he assisted in the immediate evacuation of the casualty. Private First Class Branton's courageous action was instrumental in saving the man's life.

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Private First Class Jack C. Abbott, 38271680, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Abbott was a member of an anti tank mine squad leading a platoon of tanks ahead of the Infantry rifleman in the attack. A road block was encountered and it was decided to pass the road block. Enemy sniper and machine gun fire covered the road block. The tanks led by Private First Class Abbott, had progressed fifty yards off the road when they were fired on by enemy machine guns from their left flank. Two men were wounded from the fire. The tank, being buttoned up was un mindful of the men who had been wounded, continued on. Private First Class Abbott disregarding his own personal safety dashed to the wounded men, calling to another man to stop the tank. While doing this, Private First Class Abbott received a bullet wound in the right shoulder but despite this wound he held one man with his good arm and helped to carry him one hundred yards to safety. His valor and intrepid courage in the face of enemy fire and complete disregard for his own wounded condition to save the life of one of his comrades is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Dean L. Anderson, 36272582, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. During a night attack several Japs, armed with satchel charges and hand grenades, infiltrated through the lines and attacked the mortar positions. Private First Class Anderson, along with six other men in the section, were firing flares and HE shells in support of the forward elements who were under heavy attack from the enemy. Although Private First Class Anderson had been knocked down and stunned from the blast of a satchel charge, and it was necessary for him to expose himself and his position to enemy observation, he remained at his gun and continued to fire until the enemy attack had been repulsed. Private First Class Anderson's coolness and courage shown in this action was an inspiration to the men of his company, and the effective mortar fire laid down, was a deciding factor in repulsing the enemy attack. Private First Class Anderson's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Walton R. Anderson, 38244970, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Sergeant Anderson was leading a mine squad in front of an armored dozer clearing mines from in front of the advancing riflemen. The area was under heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire. Sergeant Anderson was trying to clear a path for a platoon of tanks to go through. He was successful in getting one tank through when the second one hit a mine. Sergeant Anderson was wounded as a result of this. His courage under enemy fire and his devotion to duty in clearing mines played an important role in the advance of other elements. His heroic act reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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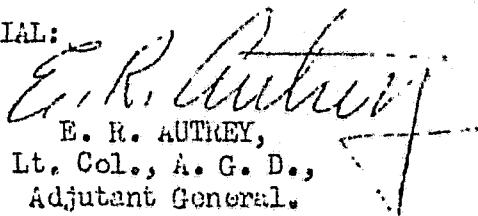
Private First Class Carl E. Akins, 39467839, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. The heroic actions of Private First Class Akins was largely responsible for the successful advance of his company towards its objective. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he advanced towards the enemy through heavy machine gun and rifle fire in order to bring direct and accurate bazooka fire on the enemy machine guns. His aggressive actions and accurate fire accounted for two machine guns which allowed adjacent units to subsequently annihilate the pocket of enemy resistance. Private First Class Akins' action was responsible for the company's reaching their objective. His courageous action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Lawrence J. Armstrong Jr., 38549805, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Armstrong subjected himself to enemy machine gun and sniper fire by crossing an open stretch of ground to rescue a wounded comrade. After reaching the wounded man, he moved him to the temporary safety of a shell crater and there administered first aid. At this point, enemy machine gun and sniper fire had become so heavy that further movement was impossible. By contacting the nearest rifleman, it was possible to notify the mortar section to screen the area with smoke. When the smoke produced an adequate screen, Private First Class Armstrong carried the wounded man to the rear where he could be evacuated.

Private First Class George M. Ault, 35243192, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. In the vicinity of Zebra Hill. Private First Class Ault, a scout in a rifle squad, was given the mission of destroying an enemy machine gun that momentarily held up the company. When his squad became momentarily held up by enemy fire from the machine gun, Private First Class Ault, with utter disregard for his own safety, rushed forward with two satchel charges and placed them in the rear of the pillbox, completely destroying the heavy machine gun and killing five Japs. Private First Class Ault's action was directly responsible for his platoon to advance and occupy defensive positions on this important objective. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Ault reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class David J. Bauer, 12239301, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 2 May 1945. On 10 April, during an attack on Tombstone Ridge, Private First Class Bauer's unit was subjected to heavy enemy mortar and grenade fire momentarily halting their advance. Private First Class Bauer was in a position which was not receiving as heavy enemy fire as the rest of the company. Taking advantage of this fact he continued to advance alone up to the crest of the ridge and in so doing he was wounded by the enemy. Fully aware that he was alone but disregarding his own personal safety Private First Class Bauer opened fire on an enemy mortar position, killing two of the enemy and forcing the rest to withdraw. His action eased the fire on the rest of his company, enabling them to move forward and gain their objective. Private First Class Bauer's devotion to duty and personal courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Wayne E. Beatty, 35228130, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. Sergeant (Then Private First Class) Beatty displayed heroism against the enemy when with utter disregard for his own personal safety he directed fire from a platoon of tanks, even though his company was momentarily held up by enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Through his efforts he was able to direct fire on the enemy position by climbing to the turret of the tank which resulted in the annihilation of eleven of the enemy and allowed his company to move forward and take the objective. Sergeant Beatty's action and outstanding devotion of duty in the mission of annihilating the enemy deserves the highest praise and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Edward S. Blackburn, 16115055, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Yuzo, Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When Sergeant Blackburn's company was entrenched on a coral escarpment near Yuzo, with flanks exposed, lines extended and all direct communications out, an enemy demolition charge exploded within the company perimeter, seriously injuring seven men. Sergeant Blackburn volunteered to go to a nearby unit to call for litter bearers, then proceeded alone, through darkness and enemy fire, to the limit of vehicular traffic. From this point he guided the hesitant litter party over hazardous terrain and through enemy fire to the forward lines. Sergeant Blackburn's heroic service saved several lives and insured the complete recovery of all his wounded comrades.

Technician Fourth Grade Vernon M. Blough Jr., 38272171, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. During the assault on Dick Hill, a flame thrower was desperately needed. Technician Fourth Grade Blough volunteered to cross an open field covered by sniper fire and return to the supply point for the weapon. Returning across the open field with the heavy flame thrower on his back, Technician Fourth Grade Blough became the target of intense sniper fire. Unable to run because of his load, he began to creep forward to the company. He still presented a high silhouette because of the flame thrower on his back and attracted considerable sniper fire. In spite of the great danger to himself, he continued to work forward to his company. Emplacement of the flame thrower ended the resistance at that point, enabling his company to capture a stubbornly defended objective.

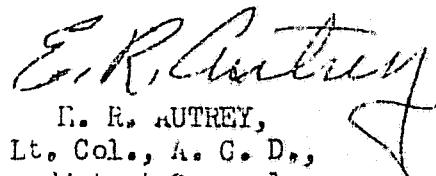
Technician Fifth Grade Grant J. Bond, 35657042, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 8 May 1945. On the night of 1 April, Technician Fifth Grade Bond administered aid to five men who had been wounded, disregarding intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. In securing litters from the rear aid station, he moved in darkness and was in constant danger of rifle fire of the men in the company he was attached to. His unhesitating and aggressive action was greatly responsible for saving the lives of several men.

Staff Sergeant Warren G. Bradbury, 37233395, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The battalion was given the mission of assaulting Dick Baker Hill, a heavily fortified sector of the Naha-Shuri line and during the assault the company was able to get only one platoon on the objective. Due to the lack of assistance the enemy counter attack forced back the platoon. Another company's attempt at the objective met the same results. The time of day forced the companies to begin to prepare for the night. During this preparation a cry for help was heard from the hill by Staff Sergeant Bradbury. It proved to be a wounded man from another company who was left behind in the withdrawal. Without hesitating and with utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Bradbury volunteered to go after the wounded man, knowing the wounded man was in enemy territory. Staff Sergeant Bradbury's devotion to duty and courageous manner in this action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Sergeant Pershing Bright, 33227710, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The battalion was given the mission of assaulting Dick Baker Hill a heavily fortified sector of the Waha-Skuri Line, and, during the assault, the company was able to get only one platoon on the objective. Due to the lack of assistance and an enemy counterattack, the platoon was forced back. Another company's attempt at the objective met the same results. The time of day forced the companies to begin to prepare for the night. During this preparation, a cry for help was heard from the hill by Sergeant Bright. It proved to be a wounded man from another company who had been left behind in the withdrawal. Without hesitating and with utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Bright volunteered to go after the wounded man, knowing that he was in enemy territory. Sergeant Bright succeeded in getting the wounded man to safety. Sergeant Bright's devotion to duty and courageous manner in this action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jimmie Chischilly, 39861090, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When Private First Class Chischilly saw a large enemy force attempting to infiltrate his company's position, he began throwing grenades thus causing the enemy to disperse. Then the enemy began to throw grenades and during the exchange of grenades, Private First Class Chischilly and his companion were wounded, the former seriously enough to necessitate his immediate evacuation, but disregarding his wound, he continued throwing grenades until his supply was exhausted. Then he left his position, with utter disregard for his own safety, to join his companions in another position, an enemy grenade landed in the foxhole which he and his comrades were in. Again, with utter disregard for his safety, he picked up the grenade and threw it out of the hole. Due to his actions, eleven of the Japs were destroyed and the others withdrew.

Private First Class Norris V. Christopherson, 37597116, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Private First Class Christopherson displayed outstanding action against the enemy when, with utter disregard for his own life, he crossed an open field covered by Jap mortar, artillery and machine gun fire to bring mortar ammunition to replenish the exhausted supply of his company's mortar section. By his action, the mortars were the deciding factor in dispersing an enemy counterattack and made it possible for his company to hold a valuable terrain feature.

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Private First Class Morris S. Burt, 13125688, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Omega, Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Private First Class Burt was a member of a squad that was removing mines from a road in the vicinity of Omega. Private First Class Burt's mission was to locate mines and to remove them. When enemy sniper fire pinned the men down, Private First Class Burt quickly located the snipers' positions. He returned fire and then crawled back down the road pausing only to fire at the enemy. He reached the other men and then pointed out the positions of the enemy snipers to riflemen as they started to move through the area. However, one of the riflemen was wounded by sniper fire and fell in an exposed position. Private First Class Burt crawled close to the wounded man and the boldly dashed out and dragged the wounded rifleman to cover. In doing so, he had his canteen shot through and a hole shot through one trouser leg. Due to the seriousness of the rifleman's wound, it was necessary to treat the wound immediately. Private First Class Burt dragged him to a more secure position, hurried back and led a litter team back to the scene. This heroic service undoubtedly saved the rifleman's life. His daring and disregard for personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

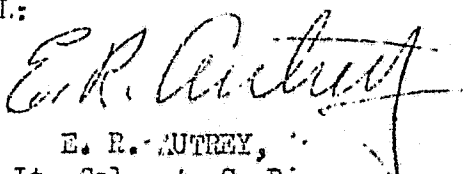
Private First Class Harold C. Davis, 39053656, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. During a close and stubborn fight in the vicinity of Ozato when the company was momentarily held up by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Davis, a rifleman in the company, volunteered to help evacuate a seriously wounded man. Without hesitation and with disregard for his own personal safety, he left his covered position and went through heavy enemy fire to the wounded man. After administering aid, again through enemy machine gun and sniper fire across an open field, Private First Class Davis with the help of two other men, evacuated the wounded man to a place of safety. His action was credited with saving the man's life. Private First Class Davis' courageous action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Claude G. Levy, 38250137, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Levy drove a jeep loaded with demolitions toward a front line rifle company. The sides of the roads were heavily mined but when he was fired on by heavy enemy fire, it was necessary for him to leave the road and make his way through the mine field to reach his destination. His disregard for his own personal safety and his devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant Frank E. Buel, 01299193, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When one platoon of his company was momentarily held up because of enemy grenade and sniper fire coming from a nearby cave, First Lieutenant Buel moved his platoon to a position above the cave entrance where his platoon could support the attacking platoon. When his platoon was in position, First Lieutenant Buel, with no regard for his personal safety, moved alone down the face of the steep, vertical rock cliff to observe the enemy. Upon reaching a narrow ledge just above the cave opening, he encountered three of the enemy, armed with rifles and grenades. As they attempted to attack, he fired on them with his pistol, killing one and caused the others to take cover in the cave. He then returned to the top of the cliff and picked up three satchel charges and returned to his position above the cave opening, and threw the charges into the cave entrance. The effect of the charges killed five of the enemy and caused fifteen others to run out in the open where he and his platoon killed them. After this action, it was possible for his platoon to move forward and clear the area of the remaining enemy. First Lieutenant Buel's actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Paul D. Couch, 39865067, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When a group of men were driven from their positions on the ridge of a hill by a heavy attack from enemy mortars and grenades, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Couch crawled alone to the top of the ridge to locate the enemy. As he reached the crest, he encountered at least ten of the enemy, and engaged in a hard grenade duel with them. He wounded and killed several, and caused the others to disperse long enough to lead the rest of the men back to their position on the ridge line so as to be in position to repulse any further attacks. Through the heroic efforts and outstanding leadership of Sergeant Couch, three enemy attacks were repulsed at this point during the night. He alone repulsed the first, and assisted in the other two. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant Couch reflects the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Forrest E. Crabtree, 36925697, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Crabtree volunteered to aid in the evacuation of wounded of another unit, which had been forced to withdraw and were unable to evacuate their casualties. Two of the rescue party were hit by sniper and machine gun fire. Without hesitation Private First Class Crabtree and two others used a poncho as a litter to carry the most seriously wounded man through merciless sniper and machine gun fire to safety. The great courage shown by Private First Class Crabtree in the evacuation of the wounded was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.

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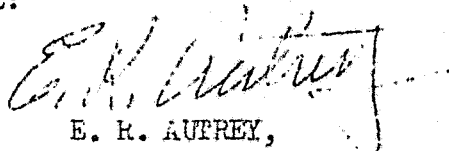
Private First Class Jesus Gallardo, 39583990, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 June 1945. Private First Class Gallardo with a flame thrower was directly responsible for the capture of four of the enemy and caused several more to commit Hari-Kari on the Yuga-Dake Escarpment. When the patrol had advanced into the most strategic position, and grenades and satchel charges proved ineffect Private First Class Gallardo brought his flame thrower forward. Due to the difficult terrain he was compelled to approach within ten feet of a cave for effect on the enemy. Knowing the cave contained an undetermined number of the enemy, he displayed great courage in going forward to accomplish his mission. After giving it one burst he withdrew, and one of the enemy came out and surrendered. Upon questioning it was learned that there were three more of the enemy in the cave and that some of them had committed Hari-Kari. Private First Class Gallardo went forward again to use the flame thrower and in so doing, suffered severe burns of the hands and face when the flames ricocheted from the rocks. However by his action, the three remaining enemy came out and surrendered. Private First Class Gallardo's devotion to duty and courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph A. Gobbo, 3350699, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. As a member of an anti-tank mine squad, Private First Class Gobbo, had been working in conjunction with a platoon of tanks by removing mines from in front of the tanks, allowing the tanks to move ahead and spearhead the attack. Late in the afternoon, when the advance had stopped for the day, patrols were sent out and brought back a report that a mine field was located one hundred and fifty yards ahead of the front lines, but was covered by enemy fire. In order for the tanks to move out without delay in the morning it was necessary to remove the mines that evening. Volunteers were called for from this squad to do this job. Private First Class Gobbo volunteered and when he reached the mine field he began working but was fired on by enemy snipers. Despite this fire, Private First Class Gobbo boldly continued his work and eventually a lane was cut through this mine field and then he started to move back to his lines. He was fired upon again during this movement, but managed to reach the lines safely. Private First Class Gobbo's courage in continuing his work in the face of enemy fire and volunteering for this hazardous job in removing mines was a deciding factor in the successful movement of the tanks the next day. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class George J. Freeman, 33583331, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Private First Class Freeman was engaged in removing mines from in front of a road block near Ginowan when heavy machine gun fire began to cover the road block making the work extremely hazardous. When the mines were cleared, Private First Class Freeman and two other men volunteered to blast a path through the fallen trees forming the road block. He was successful in crawling under the enemy fire and placing the charges. His devotion to duty and courage in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant John R. Galvin, 01331386, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Second Lieutenant Galvin's heroism made him a conspicuous figure in his battalion's success in holding Dick Hill, key point of the Shuri defense line. He courageously led a demolition squad in an assault on any enemy mortar position which was shelling his platoon sector. Although the enemy opened fire on him with rifles and machine guns, he courageously led the way forward until his men could hurl satchel charges down on the mortar positions, neutralizing two enemy mortars. Second Lieutenant Galvin's heroic act is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Max H. Gaston, 37747536, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When our troops were receiving a heavy and continuous enemy artillery and mortar barrage, several of the enemy rounds struck a bank near which several men had dug in for the night. The bank caved in completely burying one of the men. Private First Class Gaston and another man left the safety of their hole and at great personal risk, proceeded to dig their comrade out of the mass of rock and dirt which had engulfed the soldier. While this action was going on, the enemy shelling continued incessantly, endangering the lives of Private First Class Gaston and the other soldier who were working to save the life of a fellow man. Private First Class Gaston's display of great personal courage was instrumental in saving the life of the soldier.

Private First Class John L. Henry, 33764564, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Private First Class Henry's actions on the night of 23 May were directly responsible for saving the lives of three men who had been buried in their positions by a cave-in caused by concentrations of enemy artillery.

and mortar fire. Ignoring his own personal safety, he worked continuously, regardless of the enemy shells that fell in the immediate area, until all men were taken to a position in the rear. Private First Class Henry's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Cecil E. Highfill, 38292508, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Technical Sergeant Highfill displayed exceptional courage on Zebra Hill when he personally took command of his platoon after the platoon leader had become a casualty and led an assault against a heavily fortified enemy position. When the advance was held up by two Jap machine guns covering the company, he, with utter disregard for his own life, crawled forward across the extremely hazardous terrain and fearlessly exposed himself to the enemy fire to adjust mortar fire upon both the enemy positions. His heroic action resulted in killing seven of the enemy and completely destroying the Jap machine guns. Leading his platoon on to the final objective, he again displayed great leadership in that he reorganized his platoon in the most advantageous position from which they successfully repulsed a strong enemy counterattack. Technical Sergeant Highfill's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

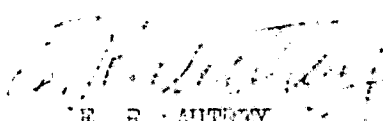
Staff Sergeant Harold A. Ideker, 6246126, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Ideker's actions on the night of 23 May were directly responsible for saving the lives of three men who had been buried in their positions by a cave-in caused by concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring his own personal safety, he worked continuously, regardless of the enemy shells that fell in the immediate area, until all men were taken to a position in the rear. Staff Sergeant Ideker's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Edward F. Kaminski, 38541184, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Private First Class Kaminski's actions on the night of 23 May were directly responsible for saving the lives of three men who had been buried in their positions by a cave-in caused by concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring his own personal safety, he worked continuously, regardless of the enemy shells that fell in the immediate area, until all men were taken to a position in the rear. Private First Class Kaminski's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

First Lieutenant George H. Hill, 01325391, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. First Lieutenant Hill put two anti-tank guns into position on the edge of the town in a front line rifle company area. The gun positions were swept with small arms fire and heavy machine gun fire. As the men began to dig in, First Lieutenant Hill and his platoon were pinned down by heavy mortar, artillery, and small arms fire. First Lieutenant Hill exposed himself to send his vehicles back to the battalion command post. By this time, it was dark and the guns were in danger of destruction by artillery fire which was falling in their area. Calling the Battalion Commander, he made plans to withdraw his guns to the battalion command post. When a call came that one of his men was wounded, First Lieutenant Hill, without regard for his own safety, darted forward and evacuated the wounded man. Silhouetted against frequent flares, First Lieutenant Hill moved from position to position despite heavy small arms fire coming from the road fifty yards away and directed the withdrawal of the guns. During this time, one gun was hit nineteen times. First Lieutenant Hill had already radioed for his vehicles and he then led his men and guns back through Ginowan, a distance of seven hundred yards to the battalion command post.

Private First Class Roy E. House, 35879677, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The battalion was given the mission of assaulting Dick Baker Hill, a heavily fortified sector of the Naha-Shuri Line. During the assault, the company was able to get only one platoon on the objective. Due to the lack of assistance, an enemy counterattack forced back the platoon. Another company's attempt at the objective met the same results. The time of day forced the companies to begin to prepare for the night. During this preparation, a cry for help was heard from the Hill by Private First Class House. It proved to be a wounded man from another company who had been left behind in the withdrawal. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class House volunteered to go after the wounded man knowing that he was in enemy territory. Private First Class House succeeded in getting the wounded man to safety. His devotion to duty and courageous manner in this action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert A. Jackson, 01297731, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When First Lieutenant Jackson's company was pinned down by a vicious crossfire of machine gun and sniper fire and was receiving heavy casualties, First Lieutenant Jackson, although himself wounded and unable

to move, continued to direct his platoon. He maintained contact with the company command post by radio and directed rescue parties to the wounded. After directing many of the wounded to covered positions, First Lieutenant Jackson located an enemy machine gun and accurately designated the target so that it could be destroyed by mortars. As a result of First Lieutenant Jackson's leadership and coolness under heavy fire, the wounded were evacuated and the remaining members of the company withdrew safely. First Lieutenant Jackson's courageous action was largely responsible for saving several lives and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clarence L. Jolliffe, 39345214, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Private First Class Jolliffe, with utter disregard for his own life, left his place of safety on Cboe Hill and moved to a more strategic position from which he could readily disorganize a group of the enemy who were inflicting heavy casualties upon his platoon. Continually exposing himself to enemy fire, he crawled forward where he could better observe the enemy and deliver accurate fire which resulted in five enemy killed and the forcing of several others to disperse. Private First Class Jolliffe remained alone in this extremely hazardous position on the crest of the all important terrain feature while the rest of his platoon resumed their advance, supported by his intense and accurate fire. The courageous action of Private First Class Jolliffe directly resulted in preventing several casualties and enabled his platoon to occupy and defend their objective on Cboe Hill.

Sergeant Leonard J. Kennedy, 32726719, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. While leading his squad in the demolition of enemy positions and caves, Sergeant Kennedy killed one Jap with a grenade when the enemy opened fire on his squad. When they were approaching another cave, they were suddenly fired on again from enemy within the cave. Sergeant Kennedy, while running forward to the cave to place a satchel charge, was wounded by a grenade, but despite his wound, he continued on and throw a grenade into the cave and killed the occupants. His courage in the face of enemy fire and his devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

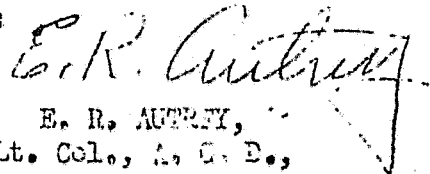
Technician Fourth Grade William A. Barb, 35205202, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 30 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Dannie B. Claus, 37392605, 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 19 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (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 Kannon D. Beard, 38300346, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Private First Class Beard, an acting squad leader, demonstrated his bravery during the assault on Choc Hill. Although the Japs were counter-attacking in unknown strength, Private First Class Beard held his position; even though the rest of the platoon was forced to withdraw. He remained on the crest of his platoon's sector, alone, for an estimated forty-five minutes, repelling the attack by throwing grenades and firing a BAR. Due to his efforts the enemy was forced to abandon the attack. Although wounded, Private First Class Beard refused to be evacuated until a reorganized group could return and secure their positions.

Private First Class Clinton A. Burns, 37712310, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Private First Class Burns volunteered to destroy an enemy machine gun located in a cave which was causing light casualties within his company. He advanced across open ground for two hundred and fifty yards to reach the cave containing the enemy weapon. He threw a grenade inside and upon its explosion, rushed into the cave killing six of the enemy with his rifle. His action required great personal courage. His gallant conduct reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant George R. Davis, 34338683, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Davis was in charge of a mine squad of an anti-tank company when patrol reported that booby traps and mines and trip wires were holding up the riflemen. Staff Sergeant Davis on his own initiative went forward to see the battalion commander to volunteer to clear the field. To do this he had to cross fifty yards of enemy machine gun cross fire coming from the flanks. Reaching the top of the hill, Staff Sergeant Davis worked along the crest where the mines and booby traps were. He was completely exposed to enemy machine gun, sniper, mortar and artillery fire. For thirty minutes Staff Sergeant Davis probed and disarmed the eight mines and eleven booby traps and then removed them from the path of the riflemen. He then made his way safely back to his men. His gallant actions made it possible for the riflemen to attack through this area. Staff Sergeant Davis' gallantry in action against the enemy, his initiative and coolness under fire is commensurate with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant William M. Dodson, 35654837, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When his platoon moved forward in the attack on 19 April, it was pinned down by an enemy machine gun, placed in a pillbox, that had previously held its fire. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Dodson quickly surveyed the situation, then rushed forward alone disregarding the enemy fire, firing his automatic rifle. His quick action and skill eliminated the enemy position and killed the members of the machine gun crew. The gallant actions of Staff Sergeant Dodson made it possible for his platoon to move forward and secure its objective.

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Private First Class Richard E. Fisher, 39931946, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. During the defense phase of the battle for Cooe Hill, Private First Class Fisher, an acting squad leader, showed his ability to hold his position and demonstrated his bravery and foresight by staying in his position, killing five Japs and an estimated four more, even after the platoon leader had given the order to withdraw to a more protected position during a strong counterattack by the enemy. Even though Private First Class Fisher was wounded at the time, he would not leave the hill until the rest of the platoon could be reorganized and secure their position.

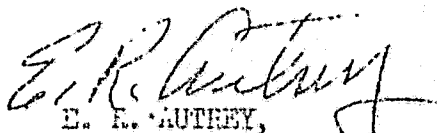
Private First Class Anthony Loia, 32906862, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Private First Class Loia's company, in defensive positions along the crest of Mary Hill, was subjected to such an intensive enemy mortar and grenade barrage, from caves and trenches on a hill in front, that the men began to move back to safer positions. But, exposing himself to great personal danger, Private First Class Loia stayed at his gun; and as enemy observers showed themselves, he killed or drove them to cover with short and well-placed bursts of machine gun fire. As the mortars continued to fire, he spotted their approximate location, took a supply of grenades, left his foxhole, and directing the fire of the other men, moved forward until he reached the trench from which the enemy fire had been coming. He killed the remaining Japanese and knocked out the mortar. His daring act was instrumental in relieving Private First Class Loia's company from harassing mortar fire, to which it had been subjected for several days.

Staff Sergeant Jack C. Withrow, 32433862, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. As Staff Sergeant Withrow led his squad toward an objective, the advance was abruptly halted by a concentrated mortar barrage coming from caves and trenches on the forward slope of a hill. It was evident that control of the commanding ground ahead was necessary if his company was to hold its positions, so Staff Sergeant Withrow quickly signalled his men to cover, then crawled up the rugged slope to scout positions for his men. Moving under heavy machine gun fire, he found desirable positions and called to his men to join him. The squad, on advancing, was again stopped by a deluge of grenades. Staff Sergeant Withrow leaped to his feet and boldly rushed over the hill, rapidly throwing hand grenades. This drove the enemy from their holes, and as they retreated, Staff Sergeant Withrow killed several with well-placed rifle shots. He then took up a position from which his protective fire enabled his squad to advance. By his gallantry in action, Staff Sergeant Withrow enabled his squad to set up the first defense line on Mary Hill, one of the most stubbornly defended points in the entire Sturi line of fortifications.

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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 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:

Sergeant Reino A. Kilpi, 1/068398, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When Sergeant Kilpi's platoon, attacking Japanese positions near Kasigama, was pinned down by machine gun fire from an enemy position near the base of an old factory chimney, mortar fire failed to knock out the weapon. Sergeant Kilpi voluntarily crawled forward and from the right flank of the improvised pillbox, made an unsuccessful attempt to knock it out with grenades. Unhunted by previous failures, he fearlessly crawled forward through heavy sniper fire until he reached a point from which he quickly neutralized the enemy position with grenades and rifle shots. This fearless action was instrumental in aiding his company to reach its objective. The unflinching courage of Sergeant Kilpi in the face of seemingly certain failure and his stolid determination are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant William J. LeVasseur, 16148298, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Staff Sergeant LeVasseur in the face of heavy enemy machine gun and small arms fire was responsible for saving the life of a wounded man. By remaining in an area covered by enemy fire in order to guide his company through a safer route, he was greatly responsible for holding the casualties at a minimum, although wounded while administering aid to the injured man, he continued his work until all men had safely cleared the area upon which the enemy had concentrated its machine gun and sniper fire. Staff Sergeant LeVasseur's action was responsible for the company's reaching their objective. His courageous action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Claude L. Lewis, 39049227, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. In the battle for Mary Hill, keystone in the heavily fortified Shuri defense line, Private First Class Lewis rendered a notable service to his company, engaged in combat with the enemy. Private First Class Lewis courageously and persistently repulsed infiltrating enemy groups who sought to penetrate his company's night defenses on Mary Hill's rugged heights. Daringly exposing himself to harassing enemy covering fire by leaving his foxhole, he posted himself at the edge of the cliff throughout the night to repulse the enemy's frenzied counter attacks with grenades and rifle fire. In accomplishing this mission, Private First Class Lewis killed twelve of the enemy who had attempted to enter the company perimeter. The valor and devotion to duty of Private First Class Lewis insured the safety of his company's position, from which a successful attack was begun.

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Technical Sergeant Leo G. Lillie, 37305549, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Technical Sergeant Lillie was attached, with his machine gun section to the first platoon, which was being held up by four enemy machine guns in their advances toward the company objective. Without hesitation or regards for his own safety, he guided supporting tanks forward of the riflemen to a point where the tanks could bring direct fire on the enemy positions. By talking to the tankmen through ports in the turret he directed cannon and machine gun fire on four well concealed enemy guns. This action enabled the company to take its objective with a minimum loss of time and lives.

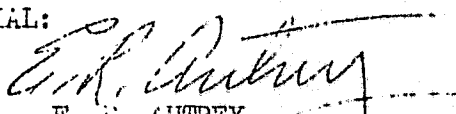
Sergeant Melvin R. Kappel Sr., 38657794, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. During the night, several Japs, armed with satchel charges and hand grenades, infiltrated through the lines and attacked the mortar positions. Sergeant (Then Private First Class) Kappel, along with six other men in the section, were firing flares and HE shells in support of the forward elements who were under heavy attack from the enemy. Although Sergeant Kappel had been knocked down and stunned from the blast of a satchel charge, and it was necessary for him to expose himself and his position to enemy observation; he remained at his gun and continued to fire, until the enemy attack had been repulsed. Sergeant Kappel's coolness and courage shown in this action was an inspiration to the men of his company, and the effective mortar fire laid down was a deciding factor in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant Kappel's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Arnie E. Mattson, 37594576, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Mattson volunteered to lead the Naval Gun Fire Spotters to a front line rifle company to give them protection. He crossed four hundred yards of exposed ground which was covered by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire and lead the unit safely to their destination. On the night of 4 April, in Ginowan, Private First Class Mattson was an ammunition bearer in an anti tank gun squad. When the guns had to be withdrawn to the Battalion Command Post after dark, Private First Class Mattson, although under heavy fire from enemy small arms and mortars, held his ground and covered the withdrawal by accurate fire on the enemy. His courage and determination allowed the other men to move the gun to a safe position. When the gun was safe, Private First Class Mattson withdrew to his squad, firing as he went. Not a man was lost in Private First Class Mattson's squad. Private First Class Mattson's courage and devotion to duty while under heavy enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Staff Sergeant Jack W. Milligan, 38316988, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The battalion was given the mission of assaulting Dick Baker Hill, a heavily fortified sector of the Naha-Shuri line and during the assault the company was able to get only one platoon on the objective. Due to the lack of assistance and an enemy counter attack the platoon was forced back. Another company's attempt at the objective met the same results. The time of day forced the companies to begin to prepare for the night. During this preparation a cry for help was heard from the hill by Staff Sergeant Milligan. It proved to be a wounded man from another company who was left behind in the withdrawal. Without hesitating and with utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Milligan volunteered to go after the wounded man, knowing that he was in enemy territory. Staff Sergeant Milligan's devotion to duty and courageous manner in this act reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond M. Mize, 35498799, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 June 1945. Private First Class Mize who was armed with a BAR, encountered an enemy demolition patrol near Zebra Hill and while other members of his platoon held the patrol in check, he followed the route of enemy withdrawal and with disregard for his own safety, calmly and coolly killed several of the enemy. This prompt action on the part of Private First Class Mize was responsible for the prompt elimination of the enemy patrol. His devotion to duty and courage in the face of enemy fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Gomez A. Nation, 36712175, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Private First Class Nation, displayed outstanding heroism against the enemy, when with utter disregard for his own personal safety he crossed an open field covered by Jap artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to bring mortar ammunition to replenish the exhausted supply for the company's mortar section. By his action, the mortars were the deciding factor in disorganizing a enemy feature and counter attack and made it possible for his company to hold a valuable terrain feature. Private First Class Nation's courageous actions reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

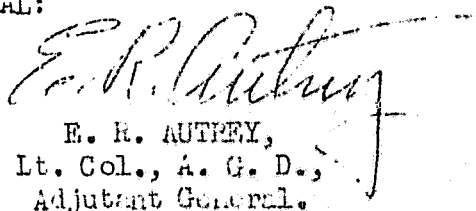
Private First Class Homer E. Niblett, 38002389, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. During the night, several Japanese, armed with satchel charges and hand grenades, infiltrated through the lines and attacked the mortar positions. Private First Class Niblett, along with other men in the section, were firing flares and HE shells in support of the forward elements who were under heavy attack from the enemy. Although Private First Class Niblett had been knocked down and stunned from the blast of a satchel charge, and it was necessary for him to expose himself and his position to enemy observation; he remained at his gun and continued to fire, until the enemy attack had been repulsed. Private First Class Niblett's coolness and courage shown in this action was an inspiration to the men of his company, and the effective mortar fire laid down, was a deciding factor in repulsing the enemy attack. Private First Class Niblett's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class George E. Nixon, 36282138, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Nixon was a member of a demolition squad that was engaged in the mission of sealing caves, at the base of Iken Hill in a front line company area. While engaged in this work, heavy sniper fire was encountered by the men, as well as the riflemen nearby. All the men immediately hit the ground. Private First Class Nixon located the snipers firing from a small cave which was concealed by a wrecked enemy truck. He started forward on his own initiative, only to be met by heavy enemy fire. Private First Class Nixon then darted from cover to cover and advanced on the enemy, firing as he went. He was exposed to the enemy fire but with courage and determination he continued this action until he reached the truck. Upon reaching the truck, one Japanese darted from the cave towards him. Private First Class Nixon quickly fired and killed this enemy. At the same time, the other enemy snipers were firing at Private First Class Nixon from the cave. Private First Class Nixon rolled over into a small defilade and returned fire on the other snipers, pinning them down. They were then quickly eliminated by a flame thrower which had been sent to the scene. Private First Class Nixon's courage in the face of heavy enemy fire and complete disregard for personal safety undoubtedly saved the lives of many men from this deadly fire. His heroic action 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 Thanos Panagoulas, 39426116, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. During a close and stubborn fight in the vicinity of Ozato when the company was momentarily held up by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Panagoulas, a rifeman in the company, volunteered to help evacuate a seriously wounded man. Without hesitation and with disregard for his own personal safety left his covered position and went through heavy enemy fire to the wounded man. After administering first aid, again through enemy machine gun and sniper fire across an open field, Private First Class Panagoulas, with the help of two other men, evacuated the wounded man to a place of safety. His action was credited with saving the man's life. Private First Class Panagoulas' courageous action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Michael Pancik, 32819739 Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Private First Class Pancik displayed great courage and devotion to duty on Pillbox Ridge in continuing to remain in his foxhole after two men had been evacuated because of serious wounds suffered by a satchel charge thrown by an enemy infiltrator, and personally disorganized an enemy attempt to penetrate his company's line of defense. Observing seven of the enemy approaching his position, he delivered such an effective hail of grenades that four of them were killed and three wounded. By his action alone, he prevented the enemy from infiltrating the lines of defense and inflicting heavy casualties upon our troops. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Pancik reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class La Verne B. Perkins, 39475812, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 May 1945. Private First Class Perkins displayed great courage and devotion to duty during an advance on a strong enemy position, when, on his own initiative and disregarding enemy fire, he directed mortar fire on enemy positions by radio. The heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire that had momentarily held up our troops, was quickly neutralized by accurate and concentrated mortar fire directed by Private First Class Perkins.

Private First Class Orville L. Phillips, 39478960, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. During the night, several Japs armed with satchel charges and hand grenades, infiltrated through the lines and attacked the

mortar positions. Private First Class Phillips, along with six other men, was firing flares and HE shells in support of the forward elements who were under heavy attack from the enemy. Although Private First Class Phillips had been knocked down and stunned from the blast of a satchel charge, and it was necessary for him to expose himself and his position to enemy observation, he remained at his gun and continued to fire until the enemy attack had been repulsed. Private First Class Phillips' coolness and courage shown in this action was an inspiration to the men of his company and the effective mortar fire laid down, was a deciding factor in repulsing the enemy attack. Private First Class Phillips' actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Peter S. Skora, 36384241, 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 Skora displayed exceptional courage and bravery on Oboc Hill. Private First Class Skora, without regard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire to construct steps in a thirty foot incline so that his platoon could scale this important objective. Although wounded, he continued to help the members of the platoon to reach the crest of the hill until he was again wounded. Private First Class Skora's action inspired the men of his company to disorganize an enemy counterattack. Private First Class Skora's performance under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George J. Smith, 32807167, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Near Ginowan on 7 April, Private First Class (then Private) Smith saw that one of his comrades had been seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Unhesitatingly, he exposed himself to the same machine gun fire to render first aid. He then enlisted the aid of another man to help him evacuate the casualty to the battalion aid station over terrain where the enemy continually endangered them with mortar fire. His heroic conduct while under fire, won for him, the admiration and respect of the other members of his company.

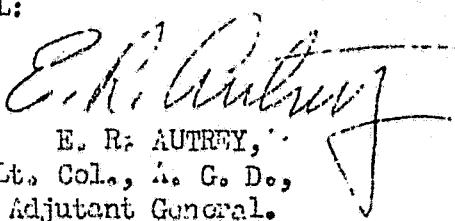
Staff Sergeant James G. Cottle, 36432757, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Arthur T. Cross, 38254782, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

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

Technician Fourth Grade Enrich Pogrzeba, 32626010, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Pogrzeba rescued three men who had been buried in their positions by a cave-in caused by concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring his own personal safety he worked continuously, regardless of the enemy shells that fell in the immediate area, until all men were taken to a position in the rear. Technician Fourth Grade Pogrzeba's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Josus Ramos, 38254090, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The battalion was given the mission of assaulting Dick Baker Hill, a heavily fortified sector of the Naha-Shuri line and during the assault the company was able to get only one platoon on the objective. Due to the lack of assistance and an enemy counterattack the platoon was forced back. Another company's attempt at the objective met the same results. The time of day forced the company to begin to prepare for the night. During this preparation a cry for help was heard from a man in another company who was left behind in the withdrawal. Without hesitating and with utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Ramos volunteered to go after the wounded man knowing that he was in enemy territory. Private First Class Ramos succeeded in getting the wounded man to safety. Private First Class Ramos's devotion to duty and heroic manner in this action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John L. Reina, 39584666, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Private First Class Reina's actions on the night of 23 May were directly responsible for saving the lives of three men who had been buried in their positions by a cave in caused by concentrations of enemy artillery and mortar fire. Ignoring his own personal safety he worked continuously regardless of the enemy shells that fell in the immediate area, until all men were taken to a position in the rear. Private First Class Reina's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service.

Private First Class William W. Sandberg, 37774135, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. During a close and stubborn fight in the vicinity of Oazto, his company was momentarily held up by a heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Private First Class Sandberg, a platoon aid man in the company, volunteered to help evacuate a seriously wounded man. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Sandberg left his covered position and went through heavy enemy fire to the wounded man. After administering aid again through enemy machine gun and sniper fire across an open field, Private First Class Sandberg with the help of two other men evacuated the

wounded man to a place of safety. His action was credited with saving the man's life. Private First Class Sandberg's courageous action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Joseph J. Sandelski, 36617311, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his company was momentarily held up by intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Sandelski, without regard for his personal safety, left his covered position and carried a mortar and ammunition across two hundred yards of fire-swept terrain to a front line position. From this position he placed heavy accurate fire on an enemy machine gun and neutralized its fire, permitting the company to move to a more maneuverable position and continue the attack. The intrepidity and courage displayed by Sergeant Sandelski was an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

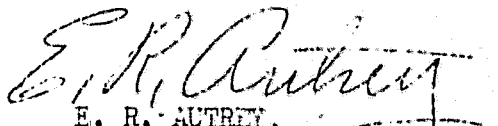
Private First Class Lyman W. Schwartz, 39910193, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. The unflinching courage and devotion to duty of Private First Class Schwartz on 15 June was greatly instrumental in enabling the platoon to hold a precarious position along the company perimeter. Just as darkness was falling, Private First Class Schwartz volunteered to return to the company supply point for water for his platoon, even though he was fully aware of the dangers involved in such a trip. As he made his way to the supply point and again on the return trip, he was continually under fire from enemy snipers, but he bravely carried out his mission, although enemy bullets pierced the water can, spilling part of the contents. The initiative of Private First Class Schwartz and the calm, determined manner in which he carried out his mission reflects great credit upon himself and his unit.

Technical Sergeant Carl V. Shores, 16015234, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 27 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Shore's leadership was outstanding when he took over the command of his platoon. On three occasions, two platoon leaders were killed and one wounded during the attack and Sergeant Shores, without hesitation, assumed command and continued to bring fire upon the enemy. His untiring efforts to maintain his positions, bring fire upon the enemy, and advance over difficult terrain while under heavy enemy fire, exemplified the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Sergeant Norman J. Smith, 34585373, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 April 1945. When enemy artillery seriously wounded two men in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, although exposed to enemy mortar and sniper fire and to the danger of fire from our own troops, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Smith, disregarding his personal safety, left his foxhole to go to the aid of the wounded. While exposed to enemy fire, he placed a tourniquet on one of the men, stopping severe bleeding, and rendered other necessary first aid to both men. Sergeant Smith then volunteered to guide litter teams back to the aid station over a route covered by enemy mortar and sniper fire. With full realization of the danger involved, Sergeant Smith then returned to his perimeter with sorely needed medical supplies. The courage and initiative displayed by Sergeant Smith in saving the lives of his wounded comrades are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Ralph F. Smith, 36636900, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 28 October 1944. When two members of his company's weapons platoon were seriously wounded, Private First Class Smith volunteered along with two others to attempt the evacuation. As they made their way through the dark streets of a village, they were continually harassed by enemy infiltrators who had penetrated our lines during the confusion caused by an enemy counter-attack. Another hazard was the frequent bursts of enemy machine gun fire that raked the village. Nearly exhausted, Private First Class Smith and his companions took a brief respite and it was then that another member of the group was wounded. Helping the wounded as much as possible, Private First Class Smith and his remaining companion successfully completed the evacuation. Driving themselves even harder the men picked up all the ammunition they could carry and began their return trip.

Private First Class Robert J. Smith, 37609105, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. The company was attacking Tombstone Ridge, a well fortified enemy position and was able to get only one of the platoons part way up the ridge. 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 and Private First Class Smith, with disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire to reach the wounded man and carry him to safety and medical treatment. Due to the quick action of Private First Class Smith, a man's life was saved. Private First Class Smith's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. - 1 -

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Sergeant Joseph Spera, 38312673, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. During the night, several Japs, armed with satchel charges and hand grenades, infiltrated through the lines and attacked the mortar positions. Sergeant Spera, along with six other men in the section, were firing flares and high explosive shells in support of the forward elements who were under heavy attack from the enemy. Although Sergeant Spera had been knocked down and stunned from the blast of a satchel charge and it was necessary for him to expose himself and his position to enemy observation, he remained at his gun and continued to fire until the enemy attack had been repulsed. Sergeant Spera's coolness and courage shown in this action was an inspiration to the men of his company and the effective mortar fire laid down was a deciding factor in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant Spera's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Sterling R. Tyree, 38726793, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Tyree's heroic actions against heavy enemy counterattacks made it possible to maintain his company's defensive position on Zebra Hill. Although the men in his position had been forced out of the fight by wounds, he remained in the position, alone, throughout the night and prevented the enemy from moving through his company's lines. Although the enemy constantly grenaded his position, Private First Class Tyree, disregarding his own safety, continued to throw grenades and fire his rifle, inflicting heavy casualties on the attacking force. Private First Class Tyree's devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and aided materially in the success of the operation.

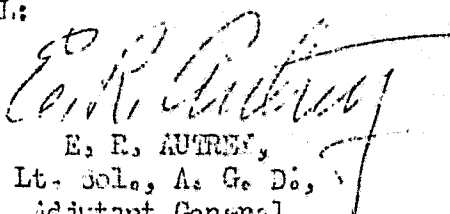
Staff Sergeant Clarence J. Walker, 38260726, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. As his company was digging defensive positions for the night, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Walker volunteered to lead a litter party to a wounded man who was lying helpless about two hundred yards beyond his company's area. Despite enemy fire, drizzling rain and treacherous footing, Staff Sergeant Walker succeeded in removing the casualty to safety although the enemy directed sniper fire at the litter party and hit the wounded man a second time.

Staff Sergeant Roland Spence, Jr., 38222735, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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First Lieutenant George D. Oliver, O1255261, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 29 October 1944. During an attack against a strongly defended enemy position, the company in which First Lieutenant Oliver was a rifle platoon leader was subjected to such an intense mortar, anti-aircraft and machine gun barrage that it was necessary for the company to withdraw to a more maneuverable position. As they were withdrawing, a man fell, seriously wounded, in the midst of the area receiving the concentrated enemy fire. When the wounded man called for help, First Lieutenant Oliver, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran back to the side of the wounded man through the enemy fire, administered first aid and carried him to safety. The heroism displayed by First Lieutenant Oliver saved the life of the wounded man and is in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Second Lieutenant Ray J. Sands, O2012430, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Caidawa Island on 18 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Sands, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, assisted his company commander who had suffered severe leg wounds from an enemy rifleman, to a temporary place of safety. Crawling to his company commander and carrying him to a near by shell hole, only momentarily relieved the situation. After the medic was killed while working on the wounded man, Second Lieutenant Sands immediately decided to carry him to a nearby tank. Although this meant crossing about fifty yards of open terrain covered by enemy automatic and rifle fire, he did not hesitate, but again, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, carried the man through a hail of enemy fire to the tank and assisted him inside. During this time, he was constantly exposed to enemy fire.

Staff Sergeant Lester J. Skeen, 36617289, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When an enemy mortar shell scored a direct hit on a machine gun crew and covered two men completely with sand and seriously wounded another, Staff Sergeant Skeen, assisted by a rifleman, rushed to give assistance under heavy mortar fire at great risk to his own life. The two men were quickly uncovered and freed from suffocation. The seriously wounded man was given first aid and carried to the aid station for further medical care. This heroic action saved the lives of three men.

Sergeant Richard E. Stickley, 36587503, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. As Sergeant Stickley's company was advancing down the forward slope of Tombstone Ridge, they were subjected to intense enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, inflicting many casualties. One of the wounded fell in a most forward area, which was receiving the heaviest concentration of the enemy fire. The company aid man was busily engaged in administering treatment to the other wounded and was unable to go to the injured man's assistance. Sergeant Stickley, realizing this, crawled forward through the intense enemy fire until he had reached the wounded man's side and quickly administered first aid. The man's wounds were of such nature that he was unable to evacuate him to a more concealed position. For fear of the wounded man bleeding to death, he remained, openly exposed at the man's side holding the dressing in place until, with the help of other men, the wounded man could safely be evacuated. Sergeant Stickley's heroic action undoubtedly saved the wounded man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Melvin Thompson, 37392410, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Thompson displayed great courage and bravery on Oboe Hill when he, without regard for his own personal safety, volunteered to crawl within five yards of the enemy lines to observe and direct mortar fire. Knowing that the enemy were organized on the reverse slope, he left his foxhole and advanced with a 300 radio to the crest of the hill where he observed two groups of enemy numbering about a squad gathered around two enemy camouflaged machine guns about thirty-five yards distant. Previously a squad of the enemy had been observed to his right flank at a distance of fifty yards but had been driven back by our troops. Staff Sergeant Thompson killed one of these as they withdrew to their machine guns but only after he had been subjected to a barrage of grenades. By his courage, he was the deciding factor in destroying two enemy machine guns and disorganizing their counterattack. Staff Sergeant Thompson's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

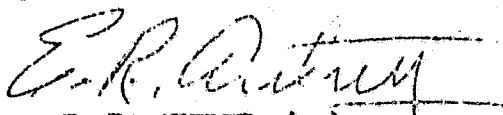
Private First Class Robert J. Dianovsky, 36383594, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 27 October 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Richard L. Hall, 37164287, 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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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Wesley E. Fallstone, 37773927, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The battalion was given the mission of assaulting Dick Baker Hill, a heavily fortified sector of the Naha-Shari line, and during the assault the company was able to get only one platoon on the objective. Due to the lack of assistance and enemy counter-attacks forced back the platoon. Another company's attempt at the objective met the same results. The time of day forced the company to begin to prepare for the night. During this preparation a cry for help was heard from the Hill, and it proved to be a wounded man from another company who was left behind in the withdrawal. Without hesitating and with utter disregard for his own safety Private First Class Fallstone volunteered to go after the wounded man knowing that he was in enemy territory. Private First Class Fallstone succeeded in helping to get the wounded man to safety. Private First Class Fallstone's devotion to duty and courageous manner in this action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Alma Fallstone (mother), General Delivery, Tishka, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant Thomas N. Goodin, C-2012515, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Oboc Hill, Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Before daylight on the morning of 23 May Second Lieutenant Goodin led his platoon up the steep and slippery northern slope of Oboc Hill under intense enemy fire to regain positions which had been lost earlier by a fierce enemy night attack. Without regard for his own safety he moved in the open up and down his platoon front leading his men in a furious hand grenade battle. He moved alone to a point on the crest of the hill which was swept by enemy machine gun fire. There he called for and directed accurate mortar fire which neutralized the enemy positions on top of the hill, thus enabling our front lines to be held. Second Lieutenant Goodin's courageous leadership is in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of kin: Jane L. Goodin (Wife), Dyer, Arkansas.

First Lieutenant Roger E. Groth, 01305920, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near the town of Yuga Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. While leading his platoon into position for the night, the platoon encountered heavy enemy fire coming from a pillbox directly above them. Without regard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Groth climbed up the rocky slope under fire coming from above and his flanks and throw hand grenades into the position until charges could be brought up to neutralize the pillbox. His heroic act allowed his platoon to occupy the hill without a casualty. His devotion to duty and courage in the face of enemy fire is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Frederick E. Groth (father), 87-37 Belmont Avenue, Floral Park, New York.

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Staff Sergeant Hugh L. Herring, 33254063, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When Staff Sergeant Herring's platoon was pinned down by a vicious crossfire of machine guns which inflicted many casualties. Staff Sergeant Herring, without regard for personal safety, administered first aid and helped evacuate the more serious cases. Then Staff Sergeant Herring moved his squad back to alternate positions and went forward again to help the wounded. Staff Sergeant Herring, after helping several litter cases to safety, was killed while evacuating a wounded comrade. Staff Sergeant Herring's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Anna M. Herring (mother), Wilmar, Arkansas.

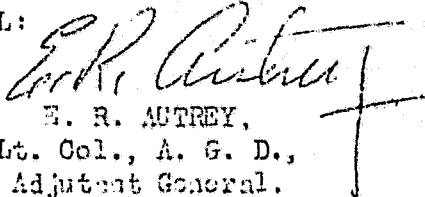
Private First Class, Maryl C. Johnson, 39345269, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. The battalion was given the mission of assaulting Dick Sator Hill, a heavily fortified sector of the Naha-Shuri line, and during the assault the company was able to get only one platoon on the objective. Due to the lack of assistance, an enemy counter-attack forced back the platoon. Another company's attempt at the objective met the same results. The time of day forced the company to begin to prepare for the night. During this preparation a cry for help was heard from the Hill by Private First Class Johnson. It proved to be a wounded man from another company who was left behind in the withdrawal. Without hesitating and with utter disregard for his own safety Private First Class Johnson volunteered to go after the wounded man, knowing that he was in enemy territory. Private First Class Johnson succeeded in getting the wounded man to safety. Private First Class Johnson's devotion to duty and courageous manner in this action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Nina Johnson (mother), 3320 Bristol Ave. Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Private First Class Chester B. Williams, 37642565, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Williams' platoon was driven off Rabbitstone Ridge by heavy concentrations of enemy fire prior to a counterattack. Having a 60 mm mortar, Private First Class Williams opened fire on the charging enemy at a range of less than seventy-five yards. He immediately came under heavy enemy fire but continued firing with such speed and accuracy that the counterattack was stopped with the death of many of the enemy. This action saved the lives of many of the members of his platoon and allowed the platoon to move on to take up the fight from a new position. Private First Class Williams' actions on this occasion is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs Mary E. Williams (mother), Eychingshade, Missouri.

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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:

Technical Sergeant Joseph W. Gaal, 363E2069, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Technical Sergeant Gaal was a member of a demolition team that was working in close conjunction with front line riflemen on an attack. A large pocket of enemy was encountered by riflemen near the town of Sa on a steep escarpment. It was necessary for the riflemen to continue in the attack, by-passing this position. The demolition team, under Technical Sergeant Gaal, was to eliminate the position. There were over thirty caves and a network of trenches. Technical Sergeant Gaal crawled out to a cave that was covered by heavy enemy fire and by use of a smoke grenade and covering fire he was able to reach a position to place his charges. Approaching another cave under heavy sniper fire, he threw a phosphorous grenade into the cave and the enemy threw it back out. Technical Sergeant Gaal was painfully burned in the right leg from this grenade but in spite of his wound, he continued his work for two more hours, refusing to leave until his job was completed. In the entire action, over thirty caves were sealed, twelve snipers killed, and an unknown number sealed in caves and trenches. Technical Sergeant Gaal's heroic action, his determination and coolness under fire is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 44, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945.

Sergeant Lee O. Bland, 323E595, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Bland and two comrades remained their position in a key, but dangerous, point in the perimeter after having repelled, by close-in fighting, a banzai attack. In this action they accounted for four of the enemy, leaving their fox holes to charge the enemy before they could organize for an attack upon our position. In spite of the fact that further enemy attacks were expected, Sergeant Bland refused to leave his exposed position, and with his two men, remained, and continued an all night vigil. In making such a courageous decision, he kept the perimeter defense intact, insuring the continued safety of all the men therein. Sergeant Bland's action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 620, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 August 1945.

Technical Sergeant Gerald D. Sisk, 38292040, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. The decisive actions of Technical Sergeant Sisk were highly instrumental in the assault and capture of the fanatically defended coral escarpment commanding the highly important hill mass of Yuza-Dake. Technical Sergeant Sisk's company relieved two companies of another battalion and later that afternoon was ordered to attack on a battalion front. When the platoon leader and platoon sergeant of the adjoining platoon were hit simultaneously, Technical Sergeant Sisk, after a quick appraisal of the situation, assumed command of this platoon, reorganized it and led it forward up the escarpment. At the crest, he singlehandedly knocked out a pill box which had been holding up the advance. He

quickly deployed his platoon to strengthen a breach in the line, which had resulted from an extension of the company front when the left flank unit was held up by machine gun fire. The courage, and steadfast devotion to duty of Technical Sergeant Sisk reflect great credit upon himself and his company service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 76, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 March 1945.

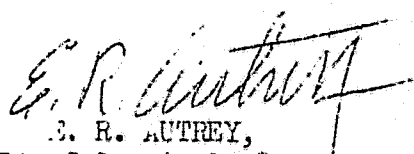
Private First Class John B. Voskian, 12173472, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 11 December 1944. When the battalion command post was dug in on the outskirts of Buri, at approximately twenty-three hundred, it was attacked by a force of about fifty Japs. Private First Class Voskian and three other men were dug in together on the outer edge of the perimeter. In order to better their position, two of the men started to crawl to nearby slit trenches. While doing this one man was killed and the other seriously wounded. Without hesitation, Private First Class Voskian, disregarding the heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire crawled to his wounded comrade and administered aid to him, then carried him back to the safety of his own fox-hole. Upon returning, he found the remaining man in a serious condition from wounds inflicted by an enemy machine gun that was sweeping the area. Throughout the remainder of the night, Private First Class Voskian administered first aid and stood guard over the two wounded men. His heroic action in the face of heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, grenade and rifle fire undoubtedly saved the lives of his two comrades. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 503, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Frank L. Windish, 33625937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 28 October 1944. When two members of his company's weapons platoon were seriously wounded, Private First Class Windish volunteered along with two others, to attempt the evacuation. As they made their way through the dark streets of a village, they were continually harassed by enemy infiltrators who had penetrated our lines during the confusion caused by an enemy counter-attack. Another hazard was the frequent burst of enemy machine gun fire that raged the village. Nearly exhausted, Private First Class Windish and his companions took a brief respite and it was then that another member of the group was wounded. Helping the wounded as much as possible, Private First Class Windish and his remaining companion successfully completed the evacuation. Driving themselves even harder, the two men picked up all the ammunition they could carry and began the return trip. Previous award per General Orders 659, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 August 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:

Private First Class Steve Piona Jr., 39053748, 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 Piona's company was pinned down by a heavy concentration of machine gun and mortar fire and suffered heavy casualties, Private First Class Piona, without regard for personal safety, moved through the intense enemy fire to give first aid to a man near him. He then personally carried several seriously wounded men to safety, after which he returned to the area to recover the equipment of the wounded men. Private First Class Piona's action was responsible for saving several lives and much valuable equipment. His courage and initiative in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Dina Piona (mother), Route 1, Box 2254, Walnut Creek, California.

Technical Sergeant John H. Simpkins, 37438270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Momobaru, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Simpkins was leading his mine platoon in an advance and removing mines from the road west of Momobaru. Technical Sergeant Simpkins was working on removing a road block when he was fired on several times but disregarding his own personal safety he continued to carry charges to the block in preparation for destroying it. He was continually exposed to enemy fire and it was in this work that he was fatally wounded. Technical Sergeant Simpkins' disregard for his own personal safety and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Barbara M. Simpkins (mother), Oxford, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant Hellus D. Overturf, 39859500, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Overturf, a squad leader, calmly exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun fire in aiding the wounded of his squad, trapped in a tank obstacle. While evacuating the wounded Staff Sergeant Overturf himself was wounded. He calmly carried on his duties reorganizing the remaining men of his squad into a fighting unit. Staff Sergeant Overturf was killed in later action. His every action displayed courage and a devotion to duty which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Ethel I. Overturf (mother), 1250 S. Magnolia Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Daniel E. Palmer, 31421490, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. While the company of which Private First Class Palmer was a member was attacking a bitterly defended enemy village, Private First Class Palmer, a runner in the company observation post, assisted in the evacuation of six seriously wounded men through three hundred yards of terrain which was being

subjected to heavy concentrations of enemy mortar and small arms fire. Private First Class Palmer also carried twelve to fifteen bandoleers of rifle ammunition through the hazardous sector to the rifle platoons each time he went forward to evacuate another casualty. Private First Class Palmer's conspicuous action in the face of extreme danger was instrumental in saving several lives as well as alleviating a critical ammunition shortage at a crucial moment. He was mortally wounded in a later action the same day. Private First Class Palmer's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Louise E. Palmer (wife), 88 Walnut Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

Private First Class Kenneth E. French, 50981524, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ganowan, Okinawa Island, on 4 April 1945. Private First Class French and two companions sensing the precarious situation of his company, which was dug in for the night, volunteered to take up a post outside the perimeter defense to maintain contact at an especially vulnerable point. He was too far from the main perimeter to receive aid from the other men. Knowing the dangers involved, Private First Class French remained at his post throughout the night, withstanding a fierce enemy attack in which he killed three Japanese with rifle shots and another in close hand-to-hand combat. The following morning he charged positions in which he suspected the enemy to be hiding, killing three more. Private First Class French's willingness to sacrifice his own safety, and his heroic defense of his self-chosen post are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Margaret E. French (mother), 2415 North 49th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Private First Class Elmer Ahlgrim, 38675818, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When the second platoon received the order to attack around the left flank of the company and draw enemy fire from the crest of the hill just short of reaching their objective they were momentarily halted by heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. At this moment Private First Class Ahlgrim displayed exceptional heroism, he continued to crawl forward to the crest of the hill; there he observed twelve enemy riflemen and a heavy machine gun preparing to counterattack. He called to his platoon leader requesting mortar fire, and staying in an exposed position directed the mortars. He then opened fire with an automatic rifle. Private First Class Ahlgrim's action was directly responsible for the killing of twelve Japs and the destruction of their heavy machine gun. Next of Kin: Janetta Ahlgrim (wife), Columbus Texas.

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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 Harvey W. Webb, 38532089, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Private First Class Webb, seeing a man lying badly wounded by mortar fragments, ran into the impact area to give him aid. He administered first aid and then singlehandedly moved the man to safety. During all the time of the action, heavy enemy mortar fire continued to fall in this area greatly endangering Private First Class Webb's life. His courage was responsible for saving the man's life and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class William D. West, 36841996, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Lyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 28 October 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945. As first scout for his squad, Private First Class West, throughout two campaigns, advanced alone across treacherous and unknown terrain. In refusing to be evacuated until a machine gun he had located was destroyed, in singlehandedly neutralizing an enemy machine gun and again in rescuing a wounded comrade under fire, he proved himself time and again as a courageous and competent soldier who performed his duties in a thorough and conscientious manner. The entire service of Private First Class West is in keeping with the highest traditions of military service.

Private First Class Wilford H. Williamson, 37699315, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. When Private First Class Williamson's company was attempting to advance across the crest of a coral escarpment, intense enemy fire quickly pinned down the entire company which made it necessary for the troops to move to more favorable positions. Without hesitation, Private First Class Williamson completely exposed himself to enemy fire to give covering fire to our troops. In this hazardous position, Private First Class Williamson continued his fire long enough to destroy an enemy machine gun position and removed himself only after the entire company had been redeployed.

Second Lieutenant Anthony G. Zambo, 02012429, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. The outstanding leadership and courage of Second Lieutenant Zambo served to inspire all men of his company in its attack and capture of a coral escarpment near the Yuza-Dake Hill mass. When his company attacked on a wide front, Second Lieutenant Zambo led his men so aggressively and skillfully that his platoon quickly outdistanced the adjacent company, thus exposing his

platoon's left flank. After capturing his sector of the fortified ridge, he exposed himself to fire from the towering Yuza-Dake Hill while he selected positions and lines of fire for his men. Then, on discovering that the adjacent company was pinned down by an automatic weapon, he extended his platoon to cover that company's front. While leading his men to new locations, a sudden burst of machine gun fire unbalanced him, causing him to injure his knee on the jagged rock. Despite intense pain and difficulty in moving about, Second Lieutenant Zambo continued to emplace his men and refused to be evacuated until the company was relieved. The steadfast devotion to duty of Second Lieutenant Zambo reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Major John H. Harrison, 0385718, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 13 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 June 1945.

Private First Class Ervin L. Peacock, 36451302, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant William H. Steinmetz, 32369334, 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 15 June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Cyril D. Sterner, 023434, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Sergeant William B. Proccs, 35725233, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 1 May 1945.

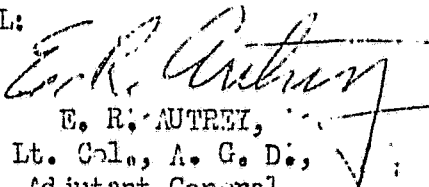
Sergeant Cleo A. Martin, 33631169, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Joseph S. Drozd, 36700162, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 2 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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SECT. NO. I
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1928 (Bulletin 43, War Department 1938), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Captain Howard K. Locke, Jr., O1281895, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. After repeated attempts by his company to take Dick Hill, the center of the enemy's defenses guarding the City of Shari, had failed and they had suffered many casualties, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Locke dashed across fifty yards of open terrain to contact his artillery observer and to coordinate artillery fire for an assault. Captain Locke's communications had been destroyed by enemy mortar fire and realizing that to coordinate the moving of his men in an assault would require personal leadership, he charged through his front lines through the intense fire, shouting to assault. His gallant and daring action so electrified his men that they forgot the intense fire and followed him to the crest of the hill. Captain Locke was constantly ten to twenty yards in front of his troops shooting at the disorganized enemy and pointing out targets of opportunity to his assault platoons. In this action, Captain Locke's company accounted for twenty enemy killed and knocked out one machine gun. This gallant leadership and daring action successfully took the hill from the enemy, allowing for an advance throughout the whole front lines and was in accordance with the highest of military traditions.

First Lieutenant Howard F. M. Tway, O1323251, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. As platoon leader of a regimental mine platoon attached to one of its attacking battalions, First Lieutenant Tway successfully removed mines and neutralized a road block that impeded the advance of the battalion. First Lieutenant Tway led his men in the attack removing mines and other obstacles from the front of a platoon of friendly tanks. These tanks were spearheading the Infantry attack. Over a period of several hours, First Lieutenant Tway was ahead of the assault troops and tanks. Keeping his men approximately twenty five yards to his rear, he continued his advance in the face of enemy mortar and machine gun fire, but in spite of this, he continued to remove and mark enemy mines, thus allowing the tanks to nullify enemy positions. Upon encountering a large road block, First Lieutenant Tway crawled out through the block which was approximately fifty yards ahead of the tanks, and placed charges which were primed with electric blasting caps. All during the clearing of this road block which consisted of twenty five trees, heavy enemy machine gun fire spasmodically covered the block. After the removal of the block, the attack continued. Through First Lieutenant Tway's determination and untiring efforts in the face of enemy fire the attack of the battalion was successful.

First Lieutenant Ray H. Wagner, O1307894, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. As the company commanded by First Lieutenant Wagner moved forward against the enemy defense line, eleven hundred yards south of Kochi, he demonstrated the finest example of personal leadership to his men. When his company reached the bottom of the ridge which was its objective, it was subjected to a heavy artillery and mortar barrage supplemented by a withering small arms fire from the enemy entrenched along the cre-

of the ridge. This fire not only pinned down First Lieutenant Wagner's company but also the entire battalion. First Lieutenant Wagner, realizing the seriousness of the situation and the need for immediate action to prevent the inevitable casualties if the company remained in its position, sprang from his position of comparative safety, charged through his front lines shouting to assault. The action of First Lieutenant Wagner so electrified his men that they forgot the intense enemy fire and the steep slopes of the hill and assaulted the ridge behind their gallant leader. First Lieutenant Wagner was from ten to twenty yards in front of his men firing at the retreating enemy, killing three of them, and pointing out targets to his platoons who killed twenty more and were instrumental in destroying two knee mortars. On reaching the crest of the ridge, First Lieutenant Wagner quickly reorganized his company for a possible counterattack.

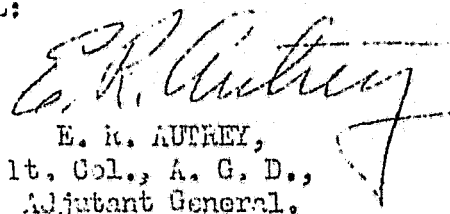
SECTION II
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By Direct. on 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 Howard R. Locke, O1234895, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. After his company had taken a hill, unknown to the rest of the company, two platoons had been driven from the hill by a fierce enemy counter-attack, leaving only the company observation post and the light machine gun section on the position. When word came to the observation post that the machine gun section was trapped from escape by enemy fire, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Locke, disregarding his own personal safety, moved into the open through a hail of heavy mortar machine gun and sniper fire to investigate the situation of the machine gun section. Upon reaching their position, he found a squad of the enemy armed with rifles, light machine guns, sabers and hand grenades, who had already driven the men in the section out and were moving towards the observation post group. Captain Locke, without hesitation ran back and shouted a warning to the observation post and then engaged the enemy in a fight allowing the others to move back to cover. He succeeded in killing several of the enemy and delayed the movement of the rest. It was necessary for him to cross an open area of over a hundred yards under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Through the heroic efforts of Captain Locke, the Company Commander and his observation post group were saved from a surprise attack by a squad of Japs which outnumbered them and had the advantage of commanding terrain. Captain Locke's devotion to duty and courageous manner which he displayed in taking action against the enemy reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant Edward T. Foley, 01314898, 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.

Technical Sergeant William P. MacIntosh, 33310005, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 6 April 1945 to 25 April 1945.

Private First Class Richard T. Ellis, 36407060, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 15 January 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Victor H. Barr, 39341982, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 6 May 1945 to 27 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Gordon N. Burdick, 37317531, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Burnham D. Hoskinson, 37735623, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 8 May 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Private First Class Howard H. Twining, 39054972, 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 Irwin J. Scol, 32833784, 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.

Second Lieutenant Wiloy H. Billingsley, 01331700, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945.

Private First Class John Mackonis, Jr., 13131875, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 9 May 1945 to 24 May 1945.

Private First Class Lauron M. Henderson, 38549847, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 6 May 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Edward J. Lewandowski, 36700803, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Arthur Klawender, 36536150, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Joseph V. Szarek, 01315503, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 November 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Richard C. Hunter, 17159904, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Hendricks, 37023660, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Robert D. Jones, 20305875, 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 3 April 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Orville H. Foster, 36430669, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 14 April 1945.

First Lieutenant Robert J. Zitman, 01313489, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippines Islands on 27 October 1944.

Captain Joseph F. Vering, 01301564, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 May 1945.

Private First Class Ernest R. Kubler, 37315571, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 2 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. 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 John Medzigian, 36855979, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When his company was receiving a heavy and continuous enemy artillery and mortar barrage, several of the rounds hit a bank near which several men had dug in, the bank caved in completely burying one of the men. Sergeant Medzigian and another soldier left the safety of their holes and commenced digging to extricate their comrade. While this was going on the enemy shelling continued, greatly endangering the lives of the men. Through Sergeant Medzigian's actions a man's life was saved. Sergeant Medzigian's action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Sam Medzigian, (Father), 298 S. Cavalry Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class Buster L. Brown, 38677957, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When his company was attacked by a large force of enemy who, supported by extremely heavy mortar fire, had infiltrated to concealed and covered positions so close to our lines that our troops were subjected to unusually accurate and intense grenade fire, Private First Class Brown voluntarily remained at his post when his platoon was temporarily withdrawn to avert excessive casualties. As his position was at a forward crest of the hill, Private First Class Brown's fox hole was at the convergence of enemy mortar and machine gun cross fire from the front and an exposed flank. Gallantly he fought the attacking enemy with rifle fire and hand grenades until his ammunition was exhausted. Then he left his fox hole to bring more ammunition and grenades to his commanding position from which he threw grenades and fired so accurately despite the intensity of the enemy assault, that he succeeded in holding his position and eventually forced the enemy's withdrawal. The heroism and steadfast devotion to duty of Private First Class Brown reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: John D. Brown, (Father), General Delivery, Leggett, Texas.

Staff Sergeant Russel E. Boudreaux, 38266406, 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 15 June 1945. Next of Kin: Dolores Boudreaux, (Mother), Route 1, Box 207, St. Martinville, La.

SECTION II
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named enlisted man per General Orders No. 854, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 September 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded him posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Sergeant John Madzigan, 36855979, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. During the night, several Japs, armed with satchel charges and hand grenades, infiltrated through the lines and attacked the mortar positions. Sergeant Madzigan, along with six other men in the section, were firing flares and high explosive shells in support of the forward elements who were under heavy attack from the enemy. Although Sergeant Madzigan had been knocked down and stunned from the blast of a satchel charge, and it was necessary for him to expose himself and his position to enemy observation, he remained at his gun and continued to fire, until the enemy attack had been repulsed. Sergeant Madzigan's coolness and courage shown in this action was an inspiration to the men of his company, and the effective mortar fire laid down was a deciding factor in repulsing the enemy attack. Sergeant Madzigan's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Sam Madzigan, (Father), 293 South Cavalry Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

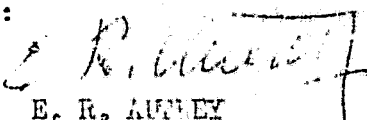
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Silver Star having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant Louis A. Bosco, 32760513, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Ginowan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When the leading platoon of his company suffered numerous casualties from enemy sniper fire, and became completely disorganized, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Bosco) a squad leader, quickly reorganized the men many of whom had never experienced combat, and led them forward in attack. Despite a serious wound in the chest, Staff Sergeant Bosco gallantly charged an enemy pill box, removed a fallen comrade to safety, and when tanks arrived, he mounted a tank and simultaneously directed his platoon and the tank until the objective was captured. Only when the mission was accomplished did Staff Sergeant Bosco consent to be evacuated.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Technical Sergeant Gerald L. Turley, 36432393, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 28 October 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 12 April 1945. With courage and resourcefulness, Technical Sergeant Turley performed his duties in a heroic manner during two campaigns. On 3 April near Nodake, Okinawa Island, he went forward through machine gun and mortar fire to evacuate a seriously wounded comrade. On 8 April near Kakaru Ridge, he reorganized a leaderless platoon and by directing tank fire from an exposed position effected the neutralization of several pillboxes. Technical Sergeant Turley, because of his bravery and initiative, was a contributing factor in his company's success through two campaigns.

Staff Sergeant Robert E. O'Shields, 33282403, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 1 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Hiram W. Moore, 38292038, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 12 May 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade John C. Stewart, 39183127, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 12 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Samuel Sargis, 31191069, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

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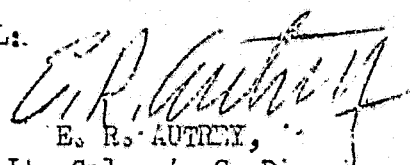
Captain Howard R. Locke, 01284895, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. After several fierce engagements, the company commanded by Captain (then First Lieutenant) Locke, together with other elements of the Battalion succeeded in gaining a foothold on the commanding ground of that particular sector known as Oboe Hill. The Hill was of the utmost value to the enemy and on the night of 22 May, they launched a fierce counterattack aimed at the extermination of all forces on that ridge. The attack, following an intense mortar and hand grenade barrage, was one of suicidal fanaticism which inflicted many casualties and caused nearby men to withdraw. Knowing that an enemy break-through would jeopardize the position he held on the hill, Captain Locke moved from his position, exposing himself to the heavy barrage and mustered all available men, including those who had started to withdraw, back to their former positions. In doing so, he built up a line which secured the exposed flanks of the elements remaining on the hill and held the remainder of the night despite the withering mortar and grenade barrage. Previous award per General Orders No. 852, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 September 1945.

Technical Sergeant Gerald L. Turley, 36432393, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. While leading his platoon through a heavily mined area against fortified enemy positions, Technical Sergeant Turley, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, stood out in the open where he could see the mines and detonated them with rifle fire while his men took cover. When one of his men was wounded by enemy machine gun fire, he further endangered his life, moving in under the fire to remove the casualty to where the litter bearers could get to him. After having been knocked to the ground by the concussion of an enemy mortar round, Technical Sergeant Turley gave himself first aid and made examinations to determine the extent of his wounds, then returned to lead his platoon. After detonating a path through the mines, Technical Sergeant Turley skillfully directed two tanks and his entire platoon through the path, using the unit on the left to give flanking fire on his platoon's right front, without any further casualties, even though they were subjected to three enemy mortar fire barrages. Due to Technical Sergeant Turley's deliberate and wise maneuvering of both men and tanks, his company was able to advance one thousand yards, destroying ten enemy pillboxes, neutralizing a number of hostile caves and establish itself on commanding terrain. His unflinching courage was an inspiration to the men of his company and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders No. 855, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 September 1945.

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28 September 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Technical Sergeant Alton W. Bishop, 38300276, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Technical Sergeant (Then Staff Sergeant) Bishop, section sergeant in an 81mm mortar platoon, volunteered to accompany an adjoining company as a forward observer for an attack on Kakazu Ridge. The company moved into the open, exposed valley before Kakazu Ridge and was immediately hit by every kind of small arms fire. One Jap machine gun in particular fired almost on top of the company inflicting heavy casualties. Then as the men hit the ground seeking cover, the Japs zeroed in with heavy mortars, artillery and a rain of knee mortars. As long as the machine gun held the company there, they were exposed to the rain of shells and virtual annihilation. Technical Sergeant Bishop, with cool courage and utter disregard for his own safety, inched to the very forward riflemen's position. Time and again being showered with rock fragments and having his web equipment pierced several times by shell fragments and machine gun bullets. Once at the front, he located the devastating machine gun and moved to an exposed position where he could see better. The Jap gun was less than fifty yards from him. Once there, he directed his mortar in pin point firing, scoring three direct hits on the nest, demolishing the gun and permitting the company to move. On the subsequent withdrawal, he gave first aid to three injured riflemen and escorted them through the hail of falling shells. Technical Sergeant Bishop's cool precision adjustment of fire within forty yards of his own troops, knocking out the enemy machine gun, undoubtedly saved the company from being completely wiped out. Technical Sergeant Bishop's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clarence W. Blessing, 37615701, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Seeing a wounded man lying on the ground, exposed to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Blessing voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved over open terrain to the man. After administering first aid he successfully effected his evacuation to the Battalion Aid Station one hundred and fifty yards to the rear. His devotion to duty, unselfishness and courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Leroy A. Boudreaux, 38260719, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. When his company had been pinned down by intense fire from an enemy pillbox, Staff Sergeant Boudreaux, alone, moved from his position of cover toward the emplacement in the face of enemy fire. His men seeing his action followed him in the assault and successfully knocked out the position. Although wounded in the action, Staff Sergeant Boudreaux remained with his squad until the objective had been taken. His courage and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his men and contributed materially to the success of our troops.

Private First Class Arvin Bowman, 35818270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Being informed that a man was missing in action as a result of an intense fire fight that forced the company to withdraw, Private First Class Bowman voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled over open terrain exposed to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, a distance of one hundred and seventy five yards to the location of the missing man. After rendering first aid, Private First Class Bowman effected his evacuation to the Battalion Aid Station. His devotion to duty, unselfishness toward his fellow men reflects courage upon both himself and the service which he represents.

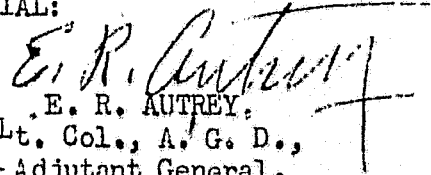
Private First Class Harold L. Hammond, 17099772, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Seeing a wounded man lying on the ground exposed to intense enemy mortar and rifle fire, Private First Class Hammond, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, made his way over open terrain in the face of the heavy fire to the wounded man twenty yards away. After administering first aid, he then aided in his evacuation to the Battalion Aid Station about one hundred and fifty yards away. When the man had been safely evacuated, Private First Class Hammond, with the same display of fearlessness, returned to the scene of battle with badly needed ammunition for the assault companies. His courage, devotion to duty and unselfishness served as an inspiration to the entire company.

Private First Class Richard J. McCarthy, 39345744, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Private First Class McCarthy was a member of a patrol engaged in closing caves on Charlie Hill near Tobaru. Sighted by enemy in strong emplacements, the patrol was pinned down by intense machine gun and small arms fire. In the withdrawal of the patrol, Private First Class McCarthy was wounded. Later upon noticing another member of the patrol lying seriously wounded in a position exposed to the intense enemy fire, Private First Class McCarthy, without a moments hesitation, although wounded himself and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled about twenty yards to the wounded man and in the face of heavy enemy fire, effected his evacuation to a covered position. His coolness under fire, devotion to duty, and courage was instrumental in the saving of the man's life.

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23 September 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Kenneth W. Koenecke, 3743969, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When a wounded man of his platoon lay in the middle of an open field exposed to enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Koenecke, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, left his position of cover, moved across the open terrain despite the intense enemy machine gun fire and dragged the wounded man to safety. During this action Staff Sergeant Koenecke was wounded himself. His unflinching courage, unselfishness, and devotion to duty was instrumental in the saving of a man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald W. Oberlander, 36911201, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Being informed that one of his comrades was missing as a result of an intense fire fight that forced the platoon to withdraw, Private First Class Oberlander voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved over open terrain exposed to enemy machine gun and small arms fire, a distance of one hundred and seventy-five yards to the location of the missing man. After rendering first aid to the wounded man, Private First Class Oberlander effected his evacuation to the Battalion Aid Station. His devotion to duty, unselfishness and courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Aaron D. Overstreet, 3658662, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When an adjacent unit received a strong enemy counterattack, the machine gun squad of Staff Sergeant Overstreet, was called upon to give assistance. Moving his squad to an exposed position on the adjacent unit's left flank, Staff Sergeant Overstreet, despite the intense enemy counter fire received, personally manned the machine gun and accounted for twenty-three enemy dead. When three enemy soldiers attempted to storm his position from the rear, Staff Sergeant Overstreet engaged them in a hand grenade duel, killing one and driving the other two off. His actions served as an inspiration to the members of his battalion and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clifford W. Pasquale, 32845272, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Seeing a wounded man lying on the ground exposed to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire,

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Private First Class Pasquale, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled over open terrain to the man. After administering first aid he then returned over the hazardous route to obtain a litter and additional aid. Then, returning to the wounded man, Private First Class Pasquale, displaying the same fearlessness, effected the wounded man's evacuation to the Battalion Aid Station in the face of the heavy fire. His devotion to duty, unselfishness and courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

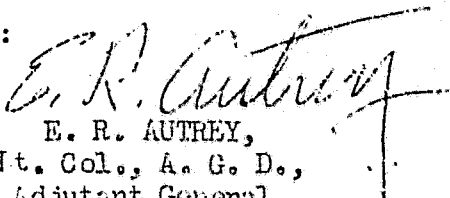
Private First Class Billie B. Richardson, 37266320, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Seeing a wounded man lying on the ground exposed to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private First Class Richardson, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved over open terrain to the man. After administering first aid he then carried the wounded man seventy-five yards across open terrain to safety. His devotion to duty, unselfishness and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John H. Russell, 39422218, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Acting as squad leader, Private First Class Russell, led a patrol on Charlie Hill near Tobaru with the mission of sealing caves and mopping up remaining Japs. Although subjected to machine gun and sniper fire from the front and adjacent hills, Private First Class Russell, with other men of the patrol, continued to blast caves despite the danger to their own lives. After completing his mission, he led his entire patrol to safety when he noticed that one man was missing. Returning alone to the site of the cave blasting, he located the missing member of his patrol, wounded seriously, lying about forty yards away and exposed to enemy fire. Leaving his position of cover, Private First Class Russell, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to the wounded man and in the face of machine gun and rifle fire dragged him to cover where first aid was administered. His outstanding leadership, unselfishness, devotion to duty and coolness under fire was instrumental in the saving of a man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant James A. Nunn, 36554018, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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28 September 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class William H. Key, 34435220, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. During the enemy artillery barrage, a shell fragment penetrated one of the clusters in an ammunition dump in the mortar platoon of his company. The increments ignited and the caps exploded on four 81mm mortar shells. Realizing the danger to his comrades, Private First Class Key, with utter disregard to his own safety, proceeded to remove the damaged shells from the immediate area. His actions not only saved his comrades but also saved the much needed ammunition. Private First Class Key's quick action and exemplary courage are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Kenneth J. Shill, 39865852, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Private First Class Shill, a company wire man, volunteered to serve as a radio operator for a rifle platoon when the regular radio operator became a casualty. During the company's assault upon Charlie Hill near Tobaru, Private First Class Shill, with his platoon leader, moved forward thirty yards in front of the assault platoons to a position exposed to intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire in order to get better observation of an enemy emplacement that was plaguing the company's progress. While remaining at the exposed position until the location of the emplacement had been radioed to supporting mortar sections, Private First Class Shill was wounded but remained in observation until the enemy position was knocked out before accepting evacuation. His devotion to duty, coolness under fire and courage is a credit both to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph A. Spellazza, 37633180, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. When his company was halted by strong enemy resistance in attempting to assault a hill near Momobaru, Private First Class Spellazza, together with two other men, was sent out to guard the right flank where they received intense enemy machine gun fire. During one of the barrages, one of the men was seriously wounded. Private First Class Spellazza with utter disregard for his own personal safety elected to remain with the wounded man despite the intense fire. After administering first aid, he effected the evacuation to safety in this intense enemy fire. His courage, devotion to duty and unselfishness was instrumental in the saving of a man's life.

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Private First Class Fray A. Taber, 38272529, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. While his battalion was occupying the high ground immediately north of Kakazu Ridge, fire riflemen, three of whom were seriously wounded, and who had been on the initial attack of the Jap held Kakazu Ridge, were stranded in fire swept territory one hundred and fifty yards in front of their own lines. Because of the wounded men, the group was forced to remain on enemy ground for an indefinite period of time. Word of their plight got back to the battalion and volunteer rescue parties were asked for. Private First Class Taber, a mortar ammunition bearer, volunteered to lead the party and with little regard for his own safety, worked his way forward for three hundred yards through intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire to the side of the wounded men. His courage so inspired the other members of the rescue party, that they unhesitatingly proceeded on to the wounded men. He then led the party, back over the fire covered ground to a more concealed location. Private First Class Taber's action in an extreme emergency reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Nathan S. Wall, 12221027, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. In its' attack upon Kakazu Ridge a battalion suffered many casualties and was forced to withdraw just prior to dark from its advanced positions by strong enemy counter attacks. Sergeant (Then Private First Class) Wall, along with three other men, knowing the location of several of the wounded stranded in front of our lines, volunteered to attempt evacuation. Under the cover of darkness, Sergeant Wall made his way forward over open terrain, exposing himself to enemy fire when his body became outlined by illumination flares, to a position approximately two hundred yards beyond our front lines where a wounded man lay. He administered first aid and, along with the other three men, effected the evacuation of the man. His unflinching courage, unselfishness, and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving a man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

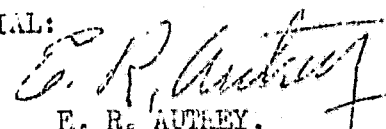
Staff Sergeant Ned K. Hase, 35017344, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Keith A. Hand, 36404195, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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28 September 1945

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Corporal William J. Aho, 37317290, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. While in the vicinity of Kakara Ridge, Corporal (then Private First Class) Aho volunteered to accompany a litter detail one hundred yards in front of the perimeter to evacuate four riflemen who had been left behind in a withdrawal. This was accomplished under a smoke screen made necessary by the continuous rain of observed enemy heavy mortar fire. At great personal sacrifice and risk, Corporal Aho led three men fifteen yards further on, almost on top of an enemy pillbox from which withering machine gun fire was coming and removed the isolated riflemen. Corporal Aho's initiative and courage on this mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Thomas C. Andonucci, 32691282, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. While acting as instrument corporal for the 81mm mortar platoon, Corporal (then Private First Class) Andonucci, was standing guard at the platoon command post. It was his duty to maintain contact with the platoon forward observers with the rifle companies by means of sound power phone. A sudden mortar barrage landed on the reverse slope of Charlie Hill, where the front lines were at the time. At the same time, the mortar observer with an adjoining company called in to announce that front line riflemen had spotted a large group of enemy forming for a counter-attack. Just at that moment, the phone went dead, cutting off all communications. Acting on his own initiative, Corporal Andonucci alerted the platoon for emergency firing, then struck out in pitch darkness toward the front lines. Moving calmly through the continued mortar fire with utter disregard for his own safety, he traced the wire by hand for nine hundred yards locating the break where it had been struck by a shell. Coolly he repaired the break, while the Jap barrage poured round after round near him. Not satisfied that the line was still whole, he continued tracing it up Charlie Hill, repairing another break half way up and arriving at another company's command post after an hour of struggling through the fire. Still not considering his job finished, he accompanied the observer to a forward observation post and in the pitch darkness aided in directing the fire on the enemy counter-attack, breaking it up completely. Corporal Andonucci's prompt and courageous action in repairing the wire and directing the fire undoubtedly staved off a Jap attack which would have cost many lives. The courage and devotion to his comrades displayed by Corporal Andonucci were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Vernon A. Bachman, 37751846, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Bachman, an ammunition

bearer, and his squad were dug-in on Charlie Hill. While supplying his gun with ammunition, his machine gun squad came under heavy enemy counter-mortar fire. Four men in the immediate area were seriously hit. Private First Class Bachman and other men from his station rushed to the men and rendered first aid. He then aided in the evacuation of the four men to safety. He then returned through the barrage to his position. Private First Class Bachman's actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Delmar Beecher, 36430952, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Beecher, a section leader in a machine gun platoon, was occupying an observation post on Charlie Hill. While directing fire on enemy troops, the enemy countered with a mortar barrage in the immediate area. Four men were seriously wounded and Staff Sergeant Beecher, with members of his section, dashed fifty yards through enemy fire to render them first aid. He then aided in their evacuation through the enemy barrage three hundred yards to safety. Completing his mission he returned to his guns under the same barrage and directed successful fire against the enemy. Staff Sergeant Beecher's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his wounded comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Harry Banach, 37318372, 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 Banach, a member of a patrol working in the vicinity of Iwa village, surprised and killed a Japanese soldier near an entrance to a cave. While closing in on the cave, a grenade thrown from within wounded four members of the patrol, felling two in an exposed position. Without hesitation, and with no regard for his own safety, Private First Class Banach single-handedly rushed this position, killing the remaining three Japanese with his carbine. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the lives of his two wounded and exposed comrades in addition to cleaning out this obstacle. Private First Class Banach's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Unah D. Berryhill, 38572815, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Berryhill, an ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad, was dug-in on the forward slope of a hill in front of the battalion zone. At this time the enemy staged a vicious counter-attack on our positions. In the ensuing action, two men were wounded in Private First Class Berryhill's immediate area. He, with one other man, helped administer first aid to the wounded and then helped evacuate the men two hundred fifty yards to a place of safety. Private First Class Berryhill then returned to his gun under intense enemy small arms fire and helped break up the attack. Private First Class Berryhill's actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Albert Bodine, 6247188, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Bodine, an ammunition bearer, with his squad on Charlie Hill were under heavy enemy mortar fire. Four men in the immediate area were seriously wounded. Private First Class Bodine dashed to the men and assisted other members of his section in rendering first aid. He then aided in the evacuation of the four men three hundred yards to safety and returned through the barrage to his position. Private First Class Bodine's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Franklin A. Boelter, 36540980, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Boelter volunteered for a litter detail to evacuate ten men from Kakazu Ridge who had been wounded behind enemy lines during an attack. He was forced to crawl on his stomach for over one hundred fifty yards in the dark while moving through enemy machine gun and sniper positions. He spent over four hours in Jap territory before creeping back with the wounded. Private First Class Boelter's courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Homer C. Bradley, 38319758, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. In the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy threw a tremendous, large calibre artillery barrage into the First Battalion perimeter. Most of the forty rounds landed to the rear of the perimeter among the foxholes of the mortar platoon. Sergeant (then Corporal) Bradley, a mortar gunner, left his foxhole in the middle of the barrage to dig two members of his squad from their hole after a shell had landed on its edge. Making certain that they were unharmed, he so inspired the men by his own calmness in the face of incessant shell fire that they conquered their fear and nervousness. Sergeant Bradley then crawled from hole to hole around the perimeter in constant danger from the heavy artillery fire. After having checked each man personally, overcoming their growing panic by his cool instructions and cheering words, he then returned to the man who had been buried by the shell first, and placed them in another hole to fill the gap in the perimeter. Sergeant Bradley's unflinching courage and quick, calm thinking were undoubtedly responsible for the maintenance of a solid perimeter in the rear of the battalion. Sergeant Bradley's actions 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 Albert Bodine, 6247128, 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 Bodine, an ammunition bearer, with his squad on Charlie Hill were under heavy enemy counter mortar fire. Four men in the immediate area were seriously wounded. Private First Class Bodine dashed to the men and assisted other members of his section in rendering first aid. He then aided in the evacuation of the four men three hundred yards to safety and returned through the barrage to his position. Private First Class Bodine's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Franklin A. Boelter, 36540230, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Boelter volunteered for a litter detail to evacuate ten men from Kakazu Ridge who had been wounded behind enemy lines during an attack. He was forced to crawl on his stomach for over one hundred fifty yards in the dark while moving through enemy machine gun and sniper positions. He spent over four hours in Jap territory before creeping back with the wounded. Private First Class Boelter's courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Homer C. Bradley, 38319758, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. In the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, the enemy threw a tremendous, large calibre artillery barrage into the First Battalion perimeter. Most of the forty rounds landed to the rear of the perimeter among the foxholes of the mortar platoon. Sergeant (then Corporal) Bradley, a mortar gunner, left his fox-hole in the middle of the barrage to dig two members of his squad from their hole after a shell had landed on its edge. Making certain that they were unharmed, he so inspired the men by his own calmness in the face of incessant shell fire that they conquered their fear and nervousness. Sergeant Bradley then crawled from hole to hole around the perimeter in constant danger from the heavy artillery fire. After having checked each man personally, overcoming their growing panic by his cool instructions and cheering words, he then returned to the man who had been buried by the shell first, and placed them in another hole to fill the gap in the perimeter. Sergeant Bradley's unflinching courage and quick, calm thinking were undoubtedly responsible for the maintenance of a solid perimeter in the rear of the battalion. Sergeant Bradley's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas H. Bowman, 3699008, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Bowman, a machine gunner, and his squad were dug-in on Charlie Hill and were under heavy enemy mortar fire. When four men in the immediate area were seriously wounded, Private First Class Bowman, in company with other members of his section, rushed to the men and rendered first aid. He then aided in the evacuation of the four men three hundred yards through the barrage to safety and returned to his gun through this same barrage. Private First Class Bowman's inspiring devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Richard C. Brownell, 36534458, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Seeing two wounded men lying on the ground exposed to intense enemy fire from machine guns, mortar, and small arms, Private First Class Brownell voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled from his position of cover, advancing over open terrain to the wounded men approximately forty yards away. Administering first aid, he then dragged the two men to safety, making two trips in the face of the intense enemy fire. His courage, devotion to duty and unselfishness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

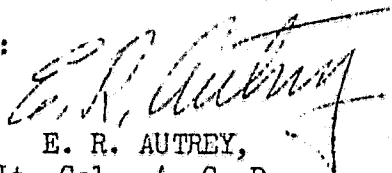
Private First Class Jesse B. Dunn, 18191934, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When the assault companies in attack upon the forward ridges of Yuza-Dake escarpment were cut off from the Command Group without communications by deadly enemy machine gun crossfire, Private First Class Dunn voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety made his way across the open terrain two hundred yards to relay a message from his Battalion Commander to the troops. His act of heroism was instrumental in the success of the maneuver with a minimum of casualties, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Rex Bond, 38581845, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Bond, an ammunition carrier in an 81mm mortar platoon, volunteered to go forward on a litter detail and aid in the evacuation of fifteen casualties that another company suffered in an attack on Love Hill. The casualties were brought back to a forward aid station under cover of darkness, but the evacuation, four hundred yards to the First Battalion Aid Station, was not completed until the next morning under heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Private First Class Bond's action undoubtedly saved the lives of several men and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Gordon W. Carlson, 39622584, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Carlson, a machine gunner, and his squad were dug in on Charlie Hill and were under heavy enemy counter mortar fire. Four men in the immediate area were seriously wounded. Private First Class Carlson in company of other members of his section rushed to the men and rendered first aid. He then aided in the evacuation of the men three hundred yards to safety and returned to his gun through this same mortar barrage and carried on his duties as gunner. Private First Class Carlson's inspiring devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. ✓

Private First Class Simon Carrier, 38261072, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Carrier, an ammunition bearer, was dug in with his squad on a ridge north of Kakazu Ridge. During a heavy enemy mortar barrage, four men were wounded in his immediate area. With utter disregard to his own safety, he dashed through the enemy fire to the wounded and with three other men, administered first aid. He then assisted in the evacuation of the wounded five hundred yards to the aid station. Completing his mission, he returned over the same route to maintain his position on the perimeter for the night. Private First Class Carrier's actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. ✓

Private First Class Henry V. Cortez, 38244848, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. An ammunition and pioneer squad, of which Private First Class Cortez was a member, was called upon to remove mines from the unsecured village of Osato. Moving into the village in the face of intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Cortez set about his task of removing the mines, which already had inflicted heavy casualties upon the battalion. Although constantly exposed to the heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Cortez, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, remained in his position until the hazardous assignment had been completed. His courage, coolness under fire and untiring efforts reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Sergeant Bernard C. Cerajewski, 36405242, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945 and 13 June 1945. Although wounded twice within fourteen hours on 15 May, Sergeant Cerajewski courageously chose to remain with his Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon which was bringing up vital supplies for the assault companies in attack upon Love Hill, near Tobaru. Again on 13 June, Sergeant

Cerajewski and his squad were called upon to remove mines which already had inflicted heavy casualties upon the battalion, from the unsecured village of Osato. Leading his squad into the village in the face of the intense enemy machine gun, mortar and small arms fire, Sergeant Cerajewski set to work removing mines. Forced from the village by the intense fire, Sergeant Cerajewski set to work removing mines. Forced from the village by the intense fire, sergeant Cerajewski withdrew his squad to cover. Then he returned alone and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, completed the task of removing all the mines despite being subjected to heavy fire from the enemy. His courage, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty which contributed materially to the success of the operation, served as an inspiration to the entire battalion.

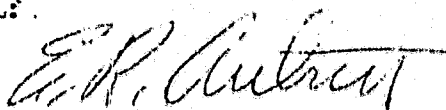
Private First Class James R. Camburn, 36917178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Private First Class Camburn, an ammunition bearer in an 81mm mortar platoon, volunteered to go two hundred yards past the front lines with a litter detail to aid in evacuating fifteen casualties that another company suffered in an attack on Love Hill. The wounded were brought to a forward aid station under the cover of darkness and under an intermittent mortar barrage. The casualties were then taken five hundred yards to the First Battalion Aid Station. The following morning under heavy enemy artillery fire Private First Class Camburn rejoined his squad. Private First Class Camburn's heroic action aided materially in saving the men's lives and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Donald I. Thurlby, 36704259, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Thurlby, while a mortar observer attached to another company, crawled one hundred yards ahead of the front lines under intense enemy machine gun fire to direct 81mm mortar fire on a strong enemy counter-attack of approximately one hundred men. His fire helped to break up the attack leaving the enemy with at least fifty percent casualties. Staff Sergeant Thurlby then crawled one hundred yards back to the lines while the enemy covered the area with knee mortar fire. The heroic service of Staff Sergeant Thurlby reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 779, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-1,5 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Sergeant Hugh J. Culverhouse, 31213644, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When the assault companies, in an attack against the village of Ozato, were subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage inflicting eight casualties, Sergeant Culverhouse voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, remained with the wounded. After administering first aid, he then personally assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men to safety in the face of heavy enemy fire. His devotion to duty, unselfishness and courage served as an inspiration to his entire company and was instrumental in the saving of the lives of the wounded men.

Corporal Gerald Clemens, 39344006, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Corporal (then Private First Class) Clemens, an ammunition bearer in the mortar platoon, volunteered to help carry rations five hundred yards to an adjacent unit. Upon receiving heavy artillery and machine gun fire, most of the detail turned back but he, with three others, continued with their mission. On the return trip, one of his comrades was mortally wounded so he aided in bringing in a litter squad by moving, at great personal risk, over two hundred yards through an intense artillery barrage. By completing his mission, Corporal Clemens aided in supplying the adjacent unit with much needed ammunition and rations. His devotion to duty in the incidents cited was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Class Charles E. Dixon, 34836392, Infantry, United States Army. For service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While acting as an ammunition bearer, Private First Class Dixon volunteered to go on a litter detail to help evacuate casualties suffered in an attack on Kakazu Ridge, back to the battalion aid station. Because of the exposed position, accurate enemy artillery fire made it impossible to return as originally planned. Under cover of darkness, he again attempted to reach the battalion aid station. Because of the persistent and accurate enemy artillery fire, he reconnoitered for and found a route of evacuation to another aid station. He successfully completed his mission at great risk to his own safety. On 13 April at Kakazu Ridge, he volunteered for duty on the edge of the perimeter with another company from which place, he was evacuated as a casualty. The exemplary conduct and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Dixon were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class William K. Dixon, 35239042, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Dixon, an ammunition bearer, and his machine gun squad were dug-in on Charlie Hill. While supplying his gun with ammunition, his squad came under heavy enemy counter-mortar fire. Four men in the immediate area were seriously wounded. Private First Class Dixon and other members of his section rushed to the men and rendered first aid. He then aided in the evacuation of the four men, three hundred yards through the enemy barrage to safety. He then returned through the barrage to his position. Private First Class Dixon's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Alvin L. Egan, 38312625, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Egan, an acting squad leader, was dug-in with his squad on Charlie Hill. While directing fire on enemy troops, his immediate area was subjected to an enemy counter-mortar barrage. Three men in the immediate area were seriously wounded and Sergeant Egan and other members of the machine gun section rushed to the men and rendered first aid. He then aided in the evacuation of the wounded, three hundred yards through the enemy barrage, to safety. Upon seeing that the wounded were in places of safety, he returned to his gun under the same barrage and directed fire on enemy troops. Although eight men participated in this action, the prompt and successful completion of this mission could not have been accomplished without outstanding work on the part of each individual. Sergeant Egan's inspiring devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Arthur C. Frank, 35050836, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Frank, while an assistant gunner, was dug-in with his squad on a ridge north of Kakazu Ridge. During a heavy enemy mortar barrage, four men were wounded in the immediate area. With utter disregard for his own safety, he dashed through the enemy's fire to the wounded. With three others, he rendered first aid, then assisted in the evacuation of the wounded three hundred yards to the aid station. Completing his mission, he returned through the same fire to maintain his position on the perimeter for the night. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men displayed by Sergeant Frank were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Sergeant Francis G. Blair, 37436128, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 1 July 1945.

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AWARD OF THE GOLD STAR TO THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of Circular 345, War Department, 23 August 1944, as amended by Section II, Circular 421, War Department, 26 October 1944, the 321st Medical Battalion having been previously awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque per General Orders No. 57, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 February 1945, a Gold Star is hereby awarded it in lieu thereof for superior performance of duty of exceptionally difficult tasks over the period 13 March 1945 to 13 September 1945, prior to, during and subsequent to the Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, campaign.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Staff Sergeant James E. Cambel, 13192082, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. While acting as a mortar gunner in the Kakazu Ridge area, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Cambel was forced to assume command of his squad when the squad leader was wounded. While members of the squad evacuated their wounded leader, the others, in panic, sought cover. The Japs were counterattacking. Fearlessly, Sergeant Cambel changed the position of his mortar for enemy artillery had found the primary position. Under the intense barrage and with complete disregard for his own safety, he set up the mortar in the new position. The enemy fire continued to land near his position, but, returning to the men still in covered position he persuaded them to return to their mortar. Undoubtedly his action prevented a break through in his assigned area and a strengthening of our positions was effected immediately.

Private First Class Henry C. Graziani, 36700471, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Private First Class Graziani, a machine gunner, and his squad were dug in on Charlie Hill and came under heavy enemy counter-mortar fire. Four men in the immediate area were seriously hit. Private First Class Graziani rushed to the men and assisted other members of his section in rendering first aid. He then returned through the barrage to his gun to complete his mission. Private First Class Graziani's action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Edward M. Hale, 0519382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When it was necessary for a network of wire communications to be installed during the hours of darkness to all companies and to two observation posts, in preparation for a battalion attacking prior to dawn on the following morning, First Lieutenant Hale personally took it upon himself to lay the wire to the most forward observation post which was under enemy observation and subjected to intense machine gun and small arms fire. Although fired upon by an enemy sniper, First Lieutenant Hale would not be deterred from his mission. He coolly worked his way over to the enemy position, destroyed the enemy and then completed the installation of the phone. His calm courage, coolness under fire and profound devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Arthur W. Collins 36357815, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 2 June 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Peter J. Kaczor, 36534034, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Kaczor, as an observer for an 81mm mortar attached to an Infantry company, crawled, with utter disregard to his own safety, to a small hill seventy-five yards in front of the lines from which he could observe a small pocket of our riflemen cut off from our lines by enemy machine gun fire. From this observation post, with no protection for himself and under intense enemy machine gun fire which threw rock fragments on him, he calmly directed an 81mm smoke barrage for over an hour which enabled the riflemen to withdraw successfully. He then crawled back through his own lines at night. Staff Sergeant Kaczor's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

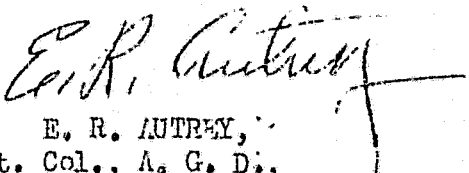
Private First Class Ervin W. Kneuppers, 38680383, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Late in the afternoon while attacking Kakazu Ridge the company was subjected to an intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage. At the same time, the enemy was forming for a strong counterattack. Private First Class Kneuppers immediately, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, proceeded to move forward through the intense barrage in order that he might set his squad machine gun up in a more advantageous position. In order to get to the best location, it was necessary to cross an open field fifty yards in length which was exposed to enemy observation and covered with machine gun and sniper fire. Private First Class Kneuppers was successful in setting up the gun and was instrumental in repelling the enemy counterattack that followed. After the action had quieted down, thirty-four dead Japs were counted. However, Private First Class Kneuppers was wounded by shell fragments and it was necessary to evacuate him. The coolness, courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Kneuppers was instrumental in the successful advances of the company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Joseph M. Kulig, 36609665, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Corporal (then Private First Class) Kulig, acting instrument-corporal in a machine gun platoon, while occupying a position on Charlie Hill, was helping direct fire on enemy targets. In an enemy counterattack, two men were seriously wounded and Corporal Kulig, in company with two others, rendered first aid and helped evacuate him three hundred yards through open terrain to a place of safety. He then returned to his position through enemy small arms fire and resumed his duties. Corporal Kulig's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

First Lieutenant William E. Beard, 01315535, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. After his battalion had made an unsuccessful attempt to capture Kakazu Ridge, First Lieutenant Beard took over the command of a heavy weapons company after his company commander had been seriously wounded and proceeded to set up a perimeter defense for the company that withstood strong enemy counterattacks for for three days. He was forced, due to the treacherous terrain, to place his machine guns in exposed positions during the night and withdraw them to covered positions under the cover of early morning darkness to more concealed daytime positions. Due to the constant machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, the strength and morale of the troops were continuing to fall. First Lieutenant Beard continued to visit his exposed gun positions at great risk to his own personal safety and thereby instilling in his men, confidence in their ability to fight in addition to determination and a great sense of courage which carried them through safely until relief was effected three days later. First Lieutenant Beard's daring courage, coolness, aggressiveness and determination served as an inspiration to his company and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 317, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

Private First Class Robert L. Bolton, 36271694, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945. 557, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 August 1945.

Chaplain (Captain) John J. Regan, 0543556, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945. Chaplain Regan continuously and without thought of personal safety exposed himself to enemy fire in order to console and comfort the wounded, administer last rites to the dying, and inspire all men in the front lines. Upon one occasion he administered first aid and cared for a seriously wounded man, under direct enemy fire, until aid arrived. Often it was necessary for him to walk great distances through sniper-infested territory to visit all front line units. During the final phase of the operation, Chaplain Regan carried out his duties in spite of ill health and when hospitalized proceeded to care for the spiritual welfare of all incoming patients. Previous award per General Orders 16, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 January 1945.

Second Lieutenant Robert S. Shoemaker, 01690819, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 15 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders 466, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 July 1945.

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Technical Sergeant Samuel Sargis, 31391069, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 11 May 1945, on Okinawa Island. As a leader of a demolition team, Technical Sergeant Sargis advanced on an enemy held cave in the face of heavy enemy fire. Technical Sergeant Sargis grabbed up two satchel charges and called to the rest of the men in his team to cover him and approached the cave. Moving forward by bounds and taking advantage of what small cover the terrain afforded him, he ran up the slope and dashed to the side of the cave entrance; placed his charges and scurried to cover. Through determination, courage and coolness under fire, he completed his mission. During the action Technical Sergeant Sargis was wounded but despite his wound he finished his job and then gave instructions to his second in command before allowing himself to be evacuated. Previous award per General Orders 852, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 September 1945.

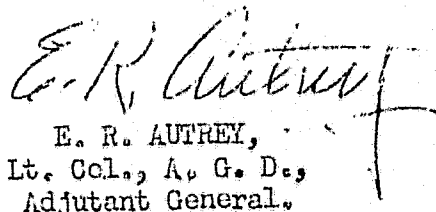
Captain William G. Vallery, 01286926, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. While reconnoitering for positions in setting up the battalion perimeter defense, several men were wounded by an intense artillery and mortar barrage. Captain Vallery, seeing a man enveloped by flames when a white phosphorous hand grenade exploded after being hit by a piece of shrapnel, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, and without a moments hesitation, pulled the grenade from the dirt, extinguishing the flame. Then, despite the intensity of the barrage and heavy sniper fire, he administered first aid to the wounded men and effected their evacuation to safety. His courage, coolness under fire, and spontaneous reaction to a difficult situation reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Previous award per General Orders 196, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 11 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Earl Hankammer, 35763714, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Hankammer, an ammunition bearer, was dug in with his squad on a ridge north of Kakazu Ridge. During a heavy enemy mortar barrage, four men were wounded in his immediate area. With utter disregard for his own safety, he dashed through the enemy fire to the wounded. With three other men he rendered first aid. He then assisted in the evacuation of the wounded to the aid station. Completing his mission he returned over the same route to maintain his position on the perimeter for the night. Private First Class Hankammer's actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Hubert W. Harkins, 18199964, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Shima on 8 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Harkins, during a surprise enemy night counter-attack, was called upon for emergency mortar fire. As soon as his squad began firing, an enemy counter-mortar started zeroing in on his mortar. When his men became panic stricken, Staff Sergeant Harkins went to every man, moving constantly during the barrage, and so inspired the men by his example of fearlessness that they never ceased their fire upon the enemy attack. Finally, the enemy mortar rounds landed so close to the squad that on his own initiative, Staff Sergeant Harkins shifted his mortar to the flank and resumed a heavy fire within three minutes. When the ammunition ran low, he personally directed the transporting of additional ammunition, moving to the dump and back four times urging his men on. A nearby shell burst gave him a severe shoulder wound, but heedless of his own pain, he continued to direct his squad until the counter-attack had been fully stopped. His steady and accurate fire was the principal reason for the repulsion of the enemy counter-attack. Staff Sergeant Harkins' heroic act was entirely in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Ralph E. Hobbs, 38309675, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 8 April 1945. While in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Hobbs heroically moved in front of his own lines, assisting in the evacuation of four riflemen that had been left behind in a withdrawal. This was accomplished under constant enemy observation and the men were forced to crawl back on their hands and knees dragging the litter laboriously through the mud under unremitting enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Private First Class Hobbs' actions and devotion to his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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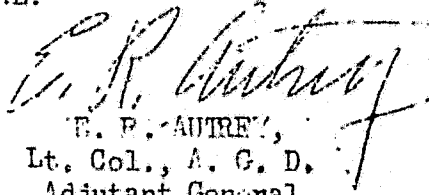
Second Lieutenant Robert A. Howley, 01327847, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. While his battalion was advancing along the wooded roadside toward the town of Momobaru, Second Lieutenant Howley's rifle platoon was suddenly halted by strong enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire coming from cleverly concealed enemy pill-boxes. Second Lieutenant Howley surveyed the situation and decided that further advance for the entire battalion would be held up thus placing the battalion in a precarious position for the night. Second Lieutenant Howley so directed the movement of his platoon that they were able to knock out the strong enemy positions and assure further advance of the battalion. During this action Second Lieutenant Howley personally accounted for three enemy killed as they rushed out from their positions. Enemy fire wounded several of his men, two of whom were still exposed to the enemy. Second Lieutenant Howley, with disregard for his own personal safety worked his way to the side of the wounded men and administered first aid. He then carried one of the wounded men through strong enemy sniper and machine gun fire to safety. His actions so inspired other members of his platoon to such a point that they were able to successfully rescue the other wounded men. Second Lieutenant Howley's devotion to duty regardless of personal risk reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Gaylord W. Jellison, 02012078, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. When his Battalion was receiving heavy casualties and was being held up in their advance to reach a suitable location for night defenses, Second Lieutenant Jellison, forward observer for an 81MM mortar platoon, moved across open terrain exposed to intense enemy fire, to a position from which he directed fire upon the enemy emplacements, permitting the Battalion to advance. Again on 7 April Second Lieutenant Jellison, seeing two wounded men lying exposed to enemy fire, crawled through intense enemy fire to the men. After administering first aid, he then effected their evacuation to safety. During the time his Battalion occupied Charlie Hill, near Tobaru, Second Lieutenant Jellison constantly exposed himself to enemy fire bringing accurate mortar fire upon the enemy. It was during one of these occasions that Second Lieutenant Jellison was seriously wounded. His courage, outstanding leadership and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his men throughout the entire operation.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9179, 1 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in HR 500-45 (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 James W. Macaulay, 19187286, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Private First Class Macaulay, an ammunition bearer in a mortar platoon, volunteered to help carry rations five hundred yards to an adjacent unit. Upon receiving heavy enemy fire, most of the detail turned back but three others continued with their mission. On the return trip, one of his comrades was mortally wounded so he remained alone with him and administered first aid to ease the man's pain. This was done under the same heavy artillery barrage. By completing his mission, Private First Class Macaulay helped supply the adjacent unit with rations enabling them to hold the ground they had gained. Private First Class Macaulay's devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Leonard A. Martin, 37439533, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. While his battalion was occupying the ground immediately north of strong enemy-held Kakazu Ridge, Staff Sergeant Martin, a company mess sergeant, was in charge of all the ration and water carrying parties which were the only means of supplying his forward weapons company. The only possible supply route to the harassed troops was across an open field that was completely covered with long range enemy machine gun, sniper and deadly artillery fire. Numerous casualties were suffered by the supply personnel while making that trip. The men are quite reluctant to expose themselves to that strong enemy fire, but Staff Sergeant Martin, always calm and courageous, led and directed the parties. His outstanding leadership instilled a feeling of confidence in his fellowmen. Without his noncommissioned officer, supply would have been a critical problem. On 8 April, Staff Sergeant Martin's display of courage was especially outstanding. During one of their daily trips to the front, a heavy artillery concentration caught the supply group in the open. Three of the group were badly hit and Staff Sergeant Martin, without regard for his own safety, rushed to the side of one of his men and carried him through the still falling artillery to a more covered position. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Leo S. Martinez, 3708932, 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 Martinez exhibited superior devotion to duty, courage and resourcefulness in executing his duties as a member of a mortar platoon. On 10 April, he voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to an exposed position looking toward

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Kakazu Ridge from which he sniped at enemy installations firing upon his mortar position. Although receiving intense counter-fire, he remained at his position, killing three of the enemy. On 15 April, he voluntarily entered a cave, known to house three enemy soldiers and effected their surrender. On another occasion, Private First Class Martinez, through his knowledge of the Japanese language and resourcefulness, persuaded eighteen civilians and five enemy soldiers to surrender thereby gaining vital enemy information which contributed to the success of the operation. His assistance in effecting the evacuation of many enemy prisoners and hostile civilians on numerous occasions, prohibited them from jeopardizing the progress of the operation. In addition, his duties as a member of the mortar platoon were executed in the same efficient, complete and courageous manner characteristic of him. The coolness, courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Martinez was instrumental in the successful advances of the company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

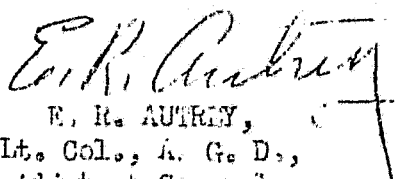
Private First Class Earl F. Morris, 38243652, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Morris went to the aid of wounded men stranded behind enemy lines when the battalion was forced to withdraw after meeting fierce enemy resistance in its attack upon Love Hill. After reaching the wounded men, he administered first aid and then effected their evacuation to friendly lines two hundred yards away. Twice, Private First Class Morris returned to the scene of battle to complete the successful evacuation of three wounded men. When all of the casualties had been brought to safety, Private First Class Morris, displaying the same devotion to duty, loaded them on his truck, driving them to a clearing station over roads subjected to enemy artillery fire. His courage, perseverance and untiring efforts were instrumental in saving the lives of three men and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Ralph H. Murphy, 38291244, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Murphy, acting squad leader in a machine gun squad, was occupying a position on Charlie Hill. While firing on enemy targets, two men were seriously wounded. Sergeant Murphy, in company with two others, went to one man and administered first aid, then helped evacuate him three hundred yards through open terrain to a place of safety. He then returned to his position through enemy small arms fire and continued to fire on the enemy. Sergeant Murphy's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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SECTION I
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Miguel G. Flores, 39595845, 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 Love Hill, the gun to which Private First Class Flores was assigned was located on the crest of Charlie Hill, up even with the most advanced elements of the rifle companies. An enemy machine gun on Love Hill was keeping most of the troops pinned down. Private First Class Flores gun's field of fire was blocked by a dead log lying out in front about twenty five yards. Private First Class Flores, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to go out by himself although exposed to the heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire to remove the log in order that their gun could bring effective fire on the enemy emplacement. As a result of his actions, Private First Class Flores' gun was able to knock out the enemy emplacement. Private First Class Flores' courage and aggressive action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Anita S. Flores, Wife, 1111 South Dakota St., Los Angeles, California.

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 second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Technical Sergeant Gerald D. Sisk, 38292040, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands, on 28 October 1944. The decisive action, courage and leadership of Technical Sergeant (then Private) Sisk enabled his company to capture its objective at Tabontabon on 28 October. When his unit was pinned down by interlocking enemy machine gun fire, his platoon became completely disorganized. Technical Sergeant Sisk, an acting assistant squad leader in another platoon, dashed from his platoon despite the enemy fire, quickly reorganized the platoon and led it forward in attack. Charging with grenades and rifle fire, Technical Sergeant Sisk personally knocked out two enemy machine guns and killed five of the enemy. Previous award per General Orders 76, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 March 1945.

Major Hugh D. Young, O1286752, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945 and 7 April 1945. When the Battalion of which he was S-3 was held up by intense enemy machine gun fire on 2 April on the high ground near Momobaru, Major Young, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward in the face of the heavy fire to a position one hundred yards from enemy installations from whence he directed mortar fire upon the emplacement holding up the Battalion's advance. Although mortar bursts were landing dangerously close, he remained at his position until the emplacement had been rendered useless. Again on 7 April, near the approaches to Kakazu Ridge when the bulk of the Battalion had been cut off from the Command group by machine gun fire from their rear, Major Young moved from a covered position over the open terrain exposed to the enemy machine gun fire to issue orders which resulted in the taking of the objective, after he had failed to contact the assault companies by radio. The vital information, relayed to the troops by his display of courage was instrumental in taking the immediate hill mass, which was necessary for the safety of the Battalion's position that night. His coolness under fire, spontaneous reaction to a difficult situation and unflinching bravery served as an inspiration to his entire Battalion. Previous award per General Orders 64, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

SECTION III
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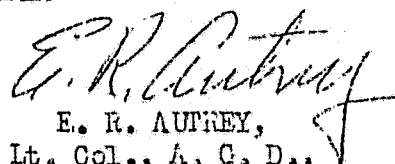
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Private First Class Richard N. Matches, 32839705, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Due to effective enemy sniper activity, the observer section in which Private First Class Matches was an ammunition bearer found the observation post untenable. It was a crucial moment, for enemy troops were advancing under the cover of sniper fire. Pin-point, carefully observed mortar fire was absolutely necessary. Without regard for his own life, Private First Class Matches took up an exposed position and killed five of the enemy. As a result of his display of courage and marksmanship the observation post once more became useful. Effective mortar fire definitely checked the enemy attacks.

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Private First Class Ignacio L. Narvaiz, 38254911, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Narvaiz, together with another man, returned along a battalion supply route subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire to evacuate a seriously wounded man stranded along the trail. Improvising litters, they carried the man about three hundred yards through the intense barrage to safety. His coolness under fire, devotion to duty and unselfishness served as an inspiration to his entire battalion and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John J. Nalevanko, 33673394, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Nalevanko and one other man returned along a battalion supply route subjected to intense artillery and mortar fire to evacuate a seriously wounded man stranded along the trail. Improvising litters, they carried the man about three hundred yards through the intense barrage, to safety. His coolness under fire, devotion to duty and unselfishness served as an inspiration to his entire battalion and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class James B. Nelson, 39730154, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Nelson volunteered to go forward two hundred yards on a litter detail to aid in evacuating casualties that another company had suffered in an attack on Love hill. The men were brought to a forward aid station under cover of darkness but the evacuation, four hundred yards to the rear aid station, was not completed until the next morning under heavy machine gun and sniper fire. This action aided materially in saving the wounded men's lives. Private First Class Nelson's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charley C. Paulk, 38231344, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When the attack on his battalion upon Love hill was stymied by intense machine gun fire from enemy emplacements, Private First Class Paulk, an anti-tank gunner, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved his gun forward to an exposed position from which he could bring fire upon the enemy installations. Although subjected to intense mortar and machine gun fire, he remained at his vantage point until the enemy fortification had been rendered useless thus contributing materially to the attack. His courage, devotion to duty and outstanding leadership served as an inspiration to his battalion.

Private First Class Charles R. Pryor, 39724835, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. With complete disregard for his own personal safety Private First Class Pryor, a member of a battalion intelligence section, remained at his observation post, subjected to intense enemy fire from an enemy direct fire weapon, until the gun emplacement had been destroyed through information furnished by him. His coolness under fire and devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

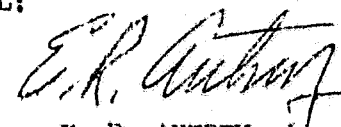
First Lieutenant Charles D. Simon, 01286721, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 19 May 1945 to 17 June 1945. First Lieutenant Simon displayed superior devotion to duty, courage and integrity in the performance of his duties as battalion intelligence officer. On 13 June, First Lieutenant Simon was at a forward observation post assisting in the coordinating of mortar support with the advance of the assault companies in attack upon the village of Ozato when he was wounded by shrapnel from an enemy mortar shell. Although wounded and subjected to heavy enemy counter-fire, he refused medical aid until his mission had been completed. On many occasions, faced with the difficult problem of dealing with enemy prisoners and hostile civilians, he effected their evacuation to higher echelons in the speedy, thorough and efficient manner characteristic of him. At no time did their interference jeopardize the progress of the operation. Through his untiring efforts, much vital enemy information and equipment was relayed to high headquarters contributing materially to the success of the campaign.

Second Lieutenant John E. Smith, 01327894, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. While his battalion was fighting desperately for the village of Ozato, Second Lieutenant Smith was performing in the capacity of forward observer in an 81mm Mortar Platoon which was giving direct supporting fire to a front line rifle company. One platoon of riflemen who were spearheading the attack were suddenly caught in withering cross fire from cleverly entrenched enemy snipers and machine gunners. A withdrawal action was ordered but it was impossible without the aid of strong covering fire. Second Lieutenant Smith, without regard for his own safety, worked his way forward to a better spot for observation. Subjecting himself to deadly enemy small arms and mortar fire, he brought and directed accurate 81mm mortar fire on the enemy positions and thus aided materially in the trapped troops' withdrawal. Second Lieutenant Smith remained in his exposed position until all the men were out of the enemy fire and then proceeded to work his way safely through the still strong enemy fire. His courageous actions and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Adolph F. Rabbermann, 36431702, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, of which Private First Class Rabbermann was a member, was called upon to remove mines from the unsecured village of Oqato. Moving into the village in the face of intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Rabbermann, set about his task of removing mines, which already had inflicted heavy casualties upon the Battalion. Although constantly subjected to heavy enemy fire while removing the mines, Private First Class Rabbermann, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, remained in his exposed position until the hazardous task had been completed. His courage, coolness under fire and devotion to duty was instrumental in the success of the attack which followed and reflects credit upon both himself and the military service.

Private First Class Mariano Renteria, 38230232, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Renteria, an assistant gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, was emplaced in a forward position of the battalion area. In the early morning, the enemy staged a bitter counter attack on the battalion's position. During the attack, two men in this squad were wounded. Private First Class Renteria and one other man administered first aid and then together carried the wounded men two hundred and fifty yards to safety. He then returned to his gun under intense enemy small arms fire and helped stop the attack. His heroic actions under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Martin L. Salas, 37312039, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private First Class Salas, acting with utter disregard for his personal safety, rushed twenty five yards through heavy machine gun and mortar fire to drag a wounded comrade out of the line of machine gun fire. Although still exposed to the enemy mortar fire he administered first aid and assisted the casualty to the Battalion Aid Station for further treatment. Private First Class Salas demonstrated great courage and initiative and tremendous concern for the welfare of a wounded man.

Private First Class Elmer V. Rogers, 38271418, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While acting as a ammunition bearer, Private First Class Rogers volunteered as a litter bearer to aid in the evacuation of wounded left behind in a withdrawal after an attack on Kakazu Ridge.

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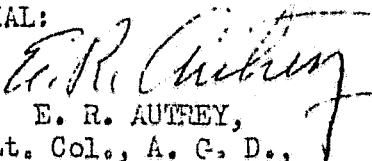
The men were one hundred and fifty yards in front of our lines. Because of heavy enemy artillery fire, it was impossible to return as originally planned. Undaunted and under cover of darkness, Private First Class Rogers attempted to reach the First Battalion Aid Station with the wounded men. On his own initiative, when a heavy barrage closed this route, he persuaded the men with him to go five hundred yards in pitch darkness under steady harassing fire from enemy mortars, carrying the wounded to the Third Battalion Aid Station where they finally found refuge. Refusing to accept shelter there for the night, Private First Class Rogers rejoined his own outfit in the early hours of the morning. Private First Class Rogers' initiative and courage reflect great courage upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Reinhold J. Schnabel, 37315632, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Schnabel, a machine gunner was emplaced near Uchitomari. Four men were wounded in fire fights near this position. Private First Class Schnabel, disregarding accurate enemy small arms fire bearing on these men, left his position and went to them, with one other man. He administered first aid and then helped evacuate the four men three hundred yards through this same harassing small arms fire. His mission completed, he returned to his position and continued to fire on the enemy positions and troops. Private First Class Schnabel's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal Paul Seaman, 39080222, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. During the fight for Love Hill, Corporal Seaman and one machine gun was in position well out on the forward slope of Charlie Hill when suddenly an enemy anti tank gun opened fire on their position. The exacting accuracy with which the enemy was firing forced the men to withdraw to a location with some cover. In doing so, they had to abandon their weapons and valuable ammunition. It was imperative that the weapons and ammunition either be destroyed or retrieved before nightfall because they lay outside the battalion perimeter. Corporal Seaman, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, unhesitatingly volunteered for the task. In order for him to get to the location of the weapons and ammunition, it was necessary to cross open terrain seventy five yards in length, exposed to enemy observation and machine gun and sniper fire. Regardless of the danger involved, Corporal Seaman was successful in recovering the weapons and destroying the abandoned ammunition. Corporal Seaman's courage and aggressive action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 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 Lyle Spielman, 36906440, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Spielman, an ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad, was dug-in with his squad in a forward position in front of the battalion zone of action. That evening, the enemy staged a counterattack which seriously imperiled the battalion position. In the ensuing fight, two men in this squad were wounded. Private First Class Spielman helped administer first aid and then helped evacuate the wounded to a place of safety, three hundred yards to the rear. This evacuation was carried out under intense enemy small arms fire and at great personal risk. The evacuation completed, Private First Class Spielman immediately returned to his gun and delivered intense fire until the attack was broken up. The exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellowmen displayed by Private First Class Spielman were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Garland L. Thomas, 38290731, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Thomas, acting platoon sergeant, while with a machine gun squad, was emplaced near Uchitomari. Four men were wounded in fire fights near this position. Technical Sergeant Thomas, disregarding accurate enemy small arms fire bearing on these men, left his position and went to them and with one other man, administered first aid and then helped evacuate the four men three hundred yards through this same harassing small arms fire. His mission completed, he returned to his position and continued to direct fire on enemy positions and troops. The heroic and fearless actions of Technical Sergeant Thomas are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant Richard J. Wadley, 02012489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ozato, Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Forced to set up a hasty perimeter after his Battalion had occupied the village of Ozato after fierce enemy resistance, Second Lieutenant Wadley, realizing the tactical value of holding the town at all costs, personally supervised the moving and emplacing of machine guns to assure best possible defensive positions. Constantly exposing himself to enemy mortar, artillery and small arms fire, he, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, formulated the defense for the night in the speedy, efficient, and thorough manner characteristic of him. The impregnable positions which he set up were directly responsible for the destruction of a heavy enemy counterattack which materialized that night. In the midst of the savage enemy thrust, Second Lieutenant Wadley

about, under a hail of enemy fire, instructing and inspiring his men and as a result, the enemy was turned back with heavy losses. His calm courage and heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Tommie Warren, 38293355, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. An Ammunition and Pioneer squad, of which Private First Class Warren was a member, was called upon to remove mines from the unsecured village of Ozato. Moving into the village in the face of intense mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Warren set about the task of removing mines which already had inflicted heavy casualties upon the battalion. Although constantly subjected to heavy enemy fire while removing the mines, Private First Class Warren, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, remained in his exposed position until the hazardous assignment had been completed. His coolness under fire, perseverance and courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert E. Weibel, 01317850, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. While leading a heavy machine gun platoon in direct support of an attacking rifle company, against strongly entrenched enemy positions guarding the treacherous approaches to Conical Hill, First Lieutenant Weibel so skillfully and courageously directed the fire of his machine guns in the face of strong enemy machine gun and mortar fire that the rifle troops were able to capture important ground with a minimum of casualties. Once the commanding ground was reached, he reorganized his platoon and directed the setting up of the night perimeter defense for the protection of the rifle company and his men. During the early morning of the 12th of May, the enemy staged a counterattack and First Lieutenant Weibel who was on guard at the time, maned one of his machine guns and personally accounted for killing six Japs who were advancing toward his position. His actions in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

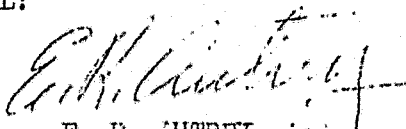
Technical Sergeant Walter G. Kleinschmidt, 36430306, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 19 April 1945.

Sergeant Herman Schneidweis, 38805972, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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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 Robert J. Meana, 37439405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. A machine gun squad from his company dug in on Kakazu Ridge. During a heavy enemy mortar barrage, four men were wounded. Private First Class Meana, an ammunition bearer, although wounded himself, performed first aid on the others before attending to his own wounds. After bandaging his own wounds, he helped evacuate the other wounded men five hundred yards to a place of safety. Only then did he accept further treatment needed for his own wounds. Private First Class Meana's heroic action, done at great personal risk, was instrumental in saving the lives of his wounded comrades and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant John W. Mitchell, 37229142, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. A heavy machine gun section under Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Mitchell was supporting another company on Charlie Hill. While firing on enemy troops, one man was mortally wounded and Staff Sergeant Mitchell, from his position as an observer, crawled one hundred yards through enemy sniper fire to render first aid. Dressing the wounds, he then aided in the evacuation of the wounded man some one hundred and fifty yards through enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Completing his mission, he returned to his position to successfully direct fire on enemy positions. The heroic and fearless actions of Staff Sergeant Mitchell are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Felix P. Villegas, 39709858, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. While in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Villegas heroically volunteered to assist in the evacuation of four riflemen who had been left behind in a withdrawal. This was only accomplished after he had traveled one hundred fifty yards under constant enemy observation and at great personal risk from heavy enemy artillery fire. He continued moving forward in spite of the enemy barrage which constantly threw rocks and shell fragments in his direction. By careful search under fire, he located the wounded men and aided not only in carrying them back under the withering shelling, but also in giving first aid. Private First Class Villegas' heroic service is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class William N. Ticer, 38609230, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 13 June 1945. When his battalion commander and a company commander were seriously wounded by enemy mortar shells near Cato, Private First

Class Ticer, realizing the necessity for haste, completely disregarded his own personal safety in returning for aid through an area strewn with enemy mines. Arranging medical aid and litters, he then led the party to the wounded men in time for them to be safely evacuated. His spontaneous reaction to a difficult situation, coolness under fire and devotion to duty was instrumental in the saving of two lives.

Corporal Michael H. Torpey, 3723250, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Corporal Torpey, while a part of a litter detail in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, heroically directed and assisted in the evacuation of four riflemen when the leader of the litter detail was wounded. The riflemen were over one hundred yards in front of our lines and Corporal Torpey's direction accomplished the evacuation under constant enemy observation and a steady fire from Jap machine guns and snipers. Corporal Torpey's initiative in assuming command reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class Oscar L. Vickers, 38271787, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. An ammunition and pioneer platoon, of which Private First Class Vickers was a member, was called upon to remove mines from the unevacuated village of Ozaso. Moving into the village in the face of intense enemy mortar, machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Vickers set about his task of removing mines, which already had inflicted heavy casualties upon the Battalion. Although constantly subjected to heavy enemy fire while removing the mines, Private First Class Vickers, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, remained in his exposed position until the hazardous assignment had been completed. His coolness under fire, courage and devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of the attack which followed.

Sergeant Wilbert Wall, 36701826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. During an attack upon enemy fortifications near Tobaru, Sergeant Wall's company received heavy casualties and in their withdrawal were forced to leave some of the wounded members behind. In order to effect the evacuation of these, it was necessary to call for a smoke screen. To place the shells where they would furnish the maximum effect, it was necessary for Sergeant Wall, a mortar section sergeant, to advance to a position approximately fifty yards beyond the lines, exposed to enemy machine gun and mortar fire where he could get better observation. From this forward Observation Post Sergeant Wall effectively directed the mortar fire, enabling other members of the company to evacuate the wounded. Although receiving wounds during this action, Sergeant Wall remained at his post until his mission had been accomplished. His devotion to duty, courage and coolness under fire served as an inspiration to his men and was instrumental in the saving of many lives.

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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 Art 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 Eric S. Backholm, 0131540, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service near Ozato, Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When the platoon leader of an assault platoon participating in the reduction of heavy enemy fortifications near Ozato was killed and his platoon, battle weary from many days of fighting, became disorganized, First Lieutenant Backholm immediately moved forward from a reserve position, and consolidated his reserve platoon and the assault platoon. He then advanced alone approximately sixty yards over open and unsecured ground and found the point of origin of the enemy fire. First Lieutenant Backholm, then returned and brought up tanks, directing them in destroying three of the enemy's almost impregnable fortifications, each of which housed at least one machine gun. Through this intrepid action, some of the devastating fire was knocked out, and First Lieutenant Backholm although still under heavy fire, rallied his inspired men and led them on, fearlessly continuing to expose himself with utter disdain for the enemy, and placed his company on the objective. Through the heroic actions of First Lieutenant Backholm, the entire battalion was able to advance, and smash one of the enemy's last bastions of defense.

Private First Class Joseph Beebe, 39596184, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. When in the afternoon, the enemy started a counter attack with small arms fire and hand grenades, Private First Class Beebe, gathering up all hand grenades he could carry, rushed to the ridge of the hill and, without regard for his own safety, hurled more than two boxes of grenades, which were passed to him by the men of his squad. Private First Class Beebe's action was instrumental in stemming the attack and keeping the enemy from over running the company's position. His actions brought great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Mike Bocko, 37312532, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When his battalion went into the front lines six hundred yards west of Tobaru, Private First Class Bocko was helping carry supplies for the Battalion when a Jap machine gun opened fire on a jeep, and the driver was wounded. Private First Class Bocko ran to the man, administered first aid, then drove the jeep back through intense machine gun fire to the aid station. Private First Class Bocko's actions were instrumental in the saving of the man's life. Private First Class Bocko's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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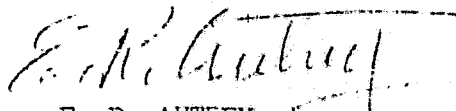
Private First Class Travis A. Bullington, 37751956, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Private First Class Bullington was one of six volunteers to work with tanks which were to fire at enemy positions and clear the way for the advance of our troops. The tanks were stopped by mines ahead of the vehicles and the men were receiving sniper fire from three directions. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Bullington moved around in front of the tanks and cleared a path for them. Continuing the move ahead, one of the members of the squad was killed by sniper fire. As the rest of the squad moved to cover, Private First Class Bullington remained and carried the man's body to cover from the enemy. His courageous actions were an inspiration to all members of his unit and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Benito S. Candelaria, 39865754, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. Private First Class Candelaria, a machine gunner, who was in a reserve company on an outpost, spotted an enemy force about to attack the flank of another company. With complete disregard of his own personal safety, Private First Class Candelaria moved his gun to an unprotected position and brought fire upon the enemy who was laying down an intense artillery and mortar barrage in preparation for their advance. Private First Class Candelaria was wounded in this action by shell fragments from the enemy barrage but he continued to keep up his fire until another company had repulsed the enemy attack. Private First Class Candelaria's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his comrades, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ernesto M. Chiquette, 39855764, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Private First Class Chiquette was evacuating wounded in the vicinity of Charlie Hill, when enemy artillery and mortar fire opened up, pinning him down. He was wounded but he continued bringing out other wounded men until they were all evacuated. It was only then that he received aid for his own wounds. Private First Class Chiquette's heroic action and unselfish devotion to duty 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 Alvy B. Casstevens, 38631933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When attack was made by his company on Love Hill, near Tobaru, Private First Class Casstevens with five of his comrades, was cut off from the rest of the company by enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. They were unable to advance or withdraw. Private First Class Casstevens took up a partially covered position with his comrades and returned harassing fire upon the enemy until his supply of ammunition was exhausted. Private First Class Casstevens remained in this position until all his comrades had either been killed or wounded, at which time his platoon leader asked him to attempt to get help. Braving heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he crawled to a ditch to conceal his advance to our lines. Upon reaching his own lines, Private First Class Casstevens returned to his company and delivered his platoon leader's message, and immediately returned by the same route to aid others in evacuation of the wounded. Private First Class Casstevens' unselfish devotion to duty, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert S. Clark, 3934673, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Private First Class Clark volunteered to go along with another man on a patrol with the mission of wiping out a machine gun nest which had been firing on the company command post. Sizing up the situation, Private First Class Clark cautiously advanced to a position above the nest. Crawling to the edge of the emplacement, Private First Class Clark threw a hand grenade into the gun position and knocked out the gun. During the advance to the machine gun, the enemy was constantly firing at the advancing men. This voluntary deed on the part of Private First Class Clark was an inspiration to all of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Francis A. Cooper, 39933199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. In the vicinity of Saw Tooth Ridge, Private First Class Cooper and a comrade, were in advance of their company when the enemy counter attacked. They engaged the enemy with hand grenades and rifle fire, killing eighteen of them, and holding off the attack until more of their company could move forward to their aid. His actions enabled his company to repulse the counterattack and later clear the disorganized Japs from the village of Kochi. Private First Class Cooper's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Wayne L. Courtney, 37735426, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When his company made an attack on Charlie Hill and the wounded were so numerous that volunteers were called for to help evacuate them Private First Class Courtney was one of the first to volunteer to evacuate a litter case from the top of the hill. To accomplish his mission it was necessary to cross an open field seventy five yards in length which was covered by enemy machine gun fire. When the hill was reached they carried the wounded man down the hill during an enemy mortar barrage. In a place of some cover they administered first aid to the wounded man and then ran across the open field where the enemy machine guns were still firing. They were successful in reaching the battalion aid station where the surgeon administered medical treatment to the wounded man. Private First Class Courtney's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

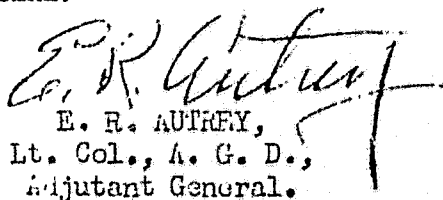
Private First Class Robert N. Dunson, 35293980, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When the platoon in which Private First Class Dunson was a member was in close hand to hand combat with the enemy, one of the men was wounded by a grenade and required medical attention. The platoon withdrew from their position leaving the wounded man behind. Private First Class Dunson without regard for his own life, volunteered to go forward and get the wounded man out. His heroic and courageous action in face of the great risk involved undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade and was an inspiration to all members of his unit.

Private First Class Harold Rohloff, 37748811, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Private First Class Rohloff, manned his gun under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and warded off the attack which was directed against his left flank. Although wounded, he stayed with his machine gun until the attack had been stopped. He then helped carry out a wounded comrade before going to the aid station himself. Private First Class Rohloff's outstanding devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Technical Sergeant Vernon M. Elston, 36430031, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. As his company was attacking a fortified position, an enemy machine gun fired on and pinned down his platoon. Technical Sergeant Elston led an infiltration group of seven men through the machine gun fire seventy five yards to the cover of a wall immediately below the emplaced machine gun. Upon reaching the wall fifteen of the enemy made a suicide charge from their left flank; five of them were personally accounted for by Technical Sergeant Elston, the remaining ten killed by a BAR from the unit to their right. Organizing a perimeter defense, Technical Sergeant Elston administered first aid to a man who was wounded in the action. Their position known to the enemy, he and his group were subjected to sniper and hand grenade fire for two hours until a flanking unit caused the Japs to withdraw. Technical Sergeant Elston then attacked the machine gun position, leaving several men to cover their movements, he led the rest of the men around to the left of the emplacement and with grenades and rifle fire succeeded in neutralizing it. The courageous action and devotion to duty of Technical Sergeant Elston were an inspiring example to all members of his command.

Technician Fifth Grade Bruno Kucharski, 161A1550, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Kucharski, an Armorer Artificer of a rifle company, was attached to the forward battalion supply dump. On his own initiative, Technician Fifth Grade Kucharski carried much needed supplies to his company over rough terrain. At this time the enemy laid down a heavy artillery and mortar barrage and several of the men were seriously wounded at this time, but Technician Fifth Grade Kucharski administered first aid to the wounded and crawled back to secure litters, returning to assist in the evacuation of the wounded. He then returned to carry supplies to his company. Technician Fifth Grade Kucharski's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Harry J. Novak, 37313144, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company was attacking Kakazu Ridge at dawn, it reached the top of the ridge and the enemy opened fire. Under heavy rifle, machine gun and mortar fire, Private First Class Novak, killed six Japs advancing in a counterattack, and then gave first aid to a wounded man. During the company withdrawal, Private First Class Novak voluntarily chose to remain

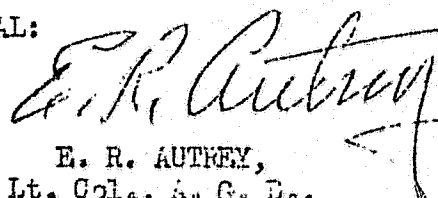
Behind and gave first aid to another wounded man under the heavy fire. Private First Class Novak then helped carry a litter case across one hundred and fifty yards of open fire covered terrain to friendly lines. This outstanding action, in which Private First Class Novak displayed remarkable courage and resourcefulness, materially aided our forces to overcome enemy resistance and accomplish their mission.

Private First Class Peter T. Riccitelli, 31471575, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. While advancing on Yuza-Dake Ridge Private First Class Riccitelli's platoon was met by strong enemy opposition from a section of enemy machine guns hidden in well camouflaged caves. The platoon messenger was seriously wounded by the guns and collapsed just ten yards from the enemy position. Fully realizing his own danger, but with the determination to bring his fellow soldier to safety, Private First Class Riccitelli crawled through the fire to the side of the wounded man. Despite all the efforts of the Japs to prevent this heroic rescue, Private First Class Riccitelli reached his comrade and pulled him seventy five yards to a spot where aid men could administer first aid. This deed of Private First Class Riccitelli is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Raymond E. Rohrbouck, 37712187, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. Private First Class Rohrbouck was one of five men sent out on a patrol to blow up caves and seal the hidden Japs inside. In the course of readying one of the charges, one of the men was seriously wounded by sniper fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Rohrbouck rushed to the aid of his fellow soldier and was bandaging the wounded man when he himself was shot in the arm. Although bleeding profusely, Private First Class Rohrbouck paid no attention to his own wound and continued to give aid to his comrade. Only after completely preparing the other man for evacuation did Private First Class Rohrbouck accept care for himself. Private First Class Rohrbouck's courageous action in the face of great danger saved the life of his fellow soldier and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Perry Bond, Jr., 6574181, 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 preparing to attack Conical Hill, Private First Class Bond was individually assigned the mission of cleaning out the caves on the forward slope of Gaja Hill to pave the way for his unit's advance. Private First Class Bond, exposing himself to accurate long range machine gun and mortar fire, boldly and aggressively completed his mission which helped in the killing of eighteen of the enemy. At one position, he exposed himself in exchanging hand grenades with the enemy and killing several of them. The cleaning of the forward slope of Gaja Hill enabled his company to advance to Conical Hill. His courage and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant William C. Bonifay, 01056641, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When Second Lieutenant Bonifay and his platoon were thrown into the battle as a precaution against an impending counter attack; they quickly seized the initiative and drove the enemy back to prepared positions. Rifle fire and grenades had little effect on the enemy in their new positions and when the platoon drew heavy sniper fire from the right flank, Second Lieutenant Bonifay made his way through heavy enemy fire, and traded grenade for grenade with the enemy, killing many of them, and scattering the rest on the flank. As a result his platoon was able to advance and secure the positions. Although wounded, Second Lieutenant Bonifay continued on the mission. His heroic actions and great courage were an inspiration to the men of his command.

Private First Class Cleo E. Bowers, 38701919, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 May 1945. Private First Class Bowers volunteered to lead a reconnaissance patrol forward of his company's prepared positions, to determine the enemy's strength in that area. While patrolling he made contact with an estimated platoon of enemy. With total disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Bowers, in the face of machine gun and rifle fire, quickly dispersed his men and held his position until reinforcements arrived. His heroic and courageous actions in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Noah A. Bottoms, 44020453, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. While Private First Class Bottoms' company was moving forward, the enemy threw a mortar barrage and opened

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up with three light machine guns and succeeded in seriously wounding several men. The third platoon's wounded were over and around a small ridge covered by an enemy heavy machine gun. Aware of the great dangers confronting him, Private First Class Bottoms volunteered to help remove the casualties. It was necessary to throw smoke grenades several times for the trip. Although he had been pushing forward all day he carried three men to safety. His untiring devotion to duty was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and a great credit to the military service.

Private First Class Jewel U. Britnell, 44031021, 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 consolidating their position on the right slope of Conical Peak, enemy sniper and mortar fire struck down several of the men, severely wounding them. Private First Class Britnell, with utter disregard for his own safety, volunteered to run the fifty yards to get them. Advancing under a heavy concentration of enemy mortar and sniper fire he reached the wounded, helped administer first aid and carried them to safety, thus saving the lives of his comrades by his instantaneous and courageous action.

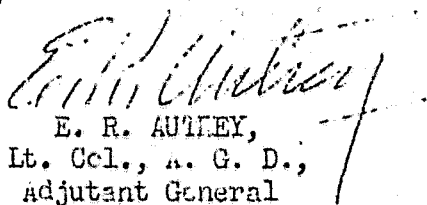
Private First Class James L. Carmichael, 37775473, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 28 May 1945. In the advance on Little Queen Hill, Private First Class Carmichael and his platoon were pinned down and unable to move, but with complete disregard for his own safety he crawled to within grenade throwing distance of a cave which concealed the enemy machine gun that had his unit pinned down. Private First Class Carmichael tossed a smoke grenade into the cave. The Japs inside, however, threw it out near the soldier where it burned him on his hands and arms. Ignoring his wounds, Private First Class Carmichael reached the entrance to the cave and killed the Japs inside. His courageous actions were an inspiration to all members of his command and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Edward C. Brown, 35885060, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. Sergeant Brown's platoon was dug in on Conical Hill when he volunteered to go forward through thirty-five yards of intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire to evacuate two wounded men of his platoon. Although he was wounded himself while evacuating one of the men, he refused medical aid for himself, until his mission was completed. His heroic action was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and a credit to the military service.

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Private First Class Eugene Brown, 39426277, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. During the afternoon, as Private First Class Brown's company was advancing towards their objective in the vicinity of Okan, it was met by stiff enemy resistance. While his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire they began to dig in for protection from intense knee mortar fire. When one of Private First Class Brown's fellow squad members was wounded, he took his M-1 and began firing at the enemy position but persistent fire caused him to seek cover. Sensing the necessity of getting medical attention to his comrade immediately, he, with complete disregard for his own life, took up a BAR and rushed forward charging towards the enemy machine gun. While he was giving tremendous fire power, other men were able to remove the wounded man to safety. Private First Class Brown's heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Joseph L. Collins, 37712057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. On this date Private First Class Collins' company was held up by sniper fire about one hundred fifty yards to their left. After three men had been wounded, the platoon leader called for aid from the rest of the unit. Private First Class Collins, with disregard for his own safety, volunteered to knock out the snipers and cautiously advanced to the vicinity of the snipers. When he was but fifty yards away, he was spotted and a hail of rifle fire came towards him. With great daring, Private First Class Collins continued his advance by crawling and creeping, and succeeded in obtaining a position suitable for firing and killed one of the snipers. His action, in which he displayed great courage, enabled litter squads to reach the wounded, thus saving the lives of several men and enabling the platoon to withdraw to a better position.

Private First Class George E. Cooper, 36470969, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Maeda, Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Private First Class Cooper was on guard in the early morning hours when he noticed a Jap infiltrating through the lines and placing harassing fire on squads all around the perimeter. Sensing the need for action, Private First Class Cooper, with utter disregard for his own safety, left his hole and moved to an area from which he could fire at the Jap. When he fired, a loud explosion was heard and the Jap soldier was seen going through the air. The next morning it was learned that the enemy had carried a satchel charge with which he was attempting to get through to damage some American tanks a few yards behind the lines. Private First Class Cooper's courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to the members of the command.

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~~Staff Sergeant Anthony Micas, 19538494, Infantry, United States Army.~~ For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. While his unit was advancing to seize a ridge against heavy enemy resistance, Staff Sergeant Micas was wounded by mortar fire. After he had been bandaged, a litter was brought over, but Micas steadfastly refused to be evacuated, instead, he carried on with his regular duties as a rifle squad leader. Staff Sergeant Micas continued to lead his squad for several days, until the unit was relieved and only then did he accept further medical care. The action of Staff Sergeant Micas was an inspiration to all of his men, and his deed brings great credit to himself and the military service.

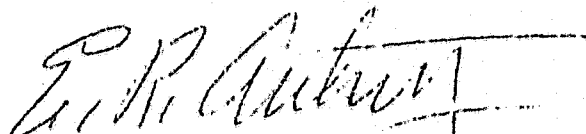
Technical Sergeant Dennis O. Duniphan, 19045811, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When his unit reached the top of Conical Hill, they were met by a strong enemy counterattack from the left flank. Technical Sergeant Duniphan's platoon was holding the left side of the company area and he was the first to see the Japs. Technical Sergeant Duniphan first threw three hand grenades into the Jap company making the attack. He then emptied two BAR's, an M-1 and a carbine into the midst of the enemy force. Single-handedly, Technical Sergeant Duniphan held off the strong counterattack and drove off the Japs. His courageous action in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of his unit.

Private First Class Ray W. Snow, 38570651, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When the second platoon of his company advanced against Maeda under enemy fire, Private First Class Snow, first scout for the platoon, moved out seventy-five yards in front of the group. Immediately the mortar and sniper fire from enemy positions increased. Private First Class Snow, seeing Japs in a cave, made a daring advance on the cave despite the fire and with complete disregard for his own safety. As he pushed forward, Private First Class Snow was wounded by a shell fragment but he continued to advance until he reached the opening of the cave. He then fired on the Japs and killed four of them, allowing his platoon to move on to its objective. Private First Class Snow's courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

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SUBJECT: Letter Orders - Amendment of General Orders

TO: Mr. Dennis O. Duniphan
20197 Woodbine Avenue
Castro Valley, California

So much of General Orders 877, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 30 September 1945, as pertaining to the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Dennis O. Duniphan, service number 19 045 811, which reads "Dennis O. Duniphan" and "Bronze Star Medal" is amended to read "Dennis O. Duniphan" and "First Oak-Leaf Cluster to Bronze Star Medal".

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

Adjutant General

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Private First Class Pearl H. Bolyard, 36914675, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When the company met stiff resistance and five men were seriously wounded, Private First Class Bolyard, with utter disregard for his own safety, volunteered to run through a mortar concentration in order to get the casualties to safety. After carrying out his grueling task, he returned to the platoon's position where, in order to direct supporting and covering fire, he exposed himself to a merciless enemy mortar and artillery concentration.

Second Lieutenant Richard W. Frothinger, 01331385, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Frothinger personally led an attack on two Japanese machine guns which were firing on an adjacent company and holding up its advance. Through the use of smoke and grenades, the enemy was driven off the hill and twenty-five Japs were killed. Second Lieutenant Frothinger's action cleared the way for adjacent units to press the attack and annihilate the enemy. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private Freeman L. Elliot, 39591233, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When his platoon began to consolidate its position on the peak of Conical Hill, they were interrupted by a fierce enemy counterattack. The intensity of the attack was so strong that the platoon was forced to withdraw. In attempting to lend fire to support the movement of his fellow soldiers, Private Elliot was wounded seriously. Despite his wounds, he remained in position and gave fire support until late in the evening when his platoon had completed its withdrawal to safety. Then, instead of asking for aid, he made his own way by creeping and crawling back to his lines where he could get medical attention. Private Elliot's courageous action, although seriously wounded, in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Raymond F. Goodrich, 15360947, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. While his platoon was advancing against a pillbox on the right flank, several Japs were discovered in an embrasure adjoining the pillbox. Since one of the men had been wounded in front of this emplacement, it was impossible to throw grenades into the opening. With complete disregard for his own

life, Sergeant Goodrich advanced by individual fire and movement to a place fifteen feet from the position and fired on it. In this action, he was wounded but despite the wound and severe pain, Sergeant Goodrich continued his firing and after expending much ammunition, succeeded in killing the Japs in the embrasure. Sergeant Goodrich's steadfast devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Mayo W. Goffard, 34813723, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While his unit was advancing against Cactus Ridge, a squad of the first platoon was cut off from the organization. At this time, Private First Class Goffard, a rifleman, volunteered to go back and attempt to show the other two squad leaders his squad's location. Moving directly into the heavy sniper fire which had forced the incident, Private First Class Goffard succeeded in reaching his objective. While leading the men to the correct area, he was wounded in the hand by a sniper. With disregard for his own wound and safety, he continued on his mission and accepted medical care only after his mission of bringing both squads to safety had been accomplished. Private First Class Goffard's deed demonstrated great courage and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

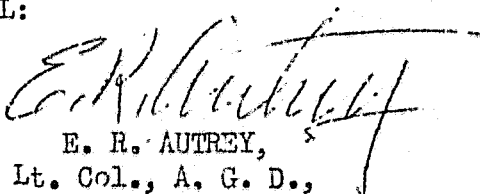
Private First Class Glen O. Hansford, 39470591, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When his company was getting its position set up at Conical Peak, a Jap counterattack was expected and orders were given for two men to dig their holes while one would stand guard. During the guard time Private First Class Hansford, he sighted three Jap soldiers attempting to infiltrate through the lines with one of their machine guns. Private First Class Hansford, realizing the need for quick action, picked up an extra supply of grenades and started a cautious advance toward the Japs. Crawling and creeping, Private First Class Hansford got to within forty yards of the gun before being sighted. As the Japs opened fire upon him, Private First Class Hansford knelt and threw a hand grenade. He continued to throw grenades in the midst of the Japs, finally knocking out the gun and killing the Japs. This action of Private First Class Hansford showed great fortitude and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Albert P. Halter, 38312701, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 May 1945.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 7 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 A. Harp, 39344120, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. While his company was pushing forward, the lead platoon was pinned down and several members were wounded by enemy sniper and mortar fire. The platoon moved back to a covered position and helped all but one of the wounded to safety. Several attempts were made during the day to rescue this man but each time they were driven back by intense enemy machine gun fire. As soon as darkness came, Private First Class Harp volunteered to go out and carry in the wounded man. As he moved out in the darkness, he was subjected to both enemy and friendly fire but his courage and devotion to a comrade inspired him to move on. He moved boldly in the darkness until he reached the man's position and then carried him back over five hundred yards of rough terrain to friendly lines. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger saved the man's life and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Staff Sergeant William T. McCord, 37518280, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When Staff Sergeant McCord led a patrol into Yonagasuku to feel out the enemy position, he ran into enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and several of the men were wounded, forcing the patrol to withdraw leaving three wounded men in the village. Staff Sergeant McCord returned to the aid station and had his own wounds dressed, then returned to the wounded men alone to try to help them. He was wounded by sniper fire while helping the wounded men. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger, undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men and was an inspiration to all members of his command.

Sergeant Elmer R. Madsen, 37313149, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. When his company was preparing to move forward in the attack but was held up by the enemy machine gun, Sergeant Madsen, without thought of the dangers involved, ran out into the open in order to throw smoke grenades and draw the enemy gunners' attention away from the squad. This enabled the squad to advance and knock out the machine gun. Sergeant Madsen was wounded as the result of his deed of great courage and daring but the lives of his squad members were saved and the enemy destroyed. The company was able to move forward and take their objective. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

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Private First Class Gerald J. Peterson, 19164544, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Private First Class Peterson volunteered to go forward of his company's prepared positions as a member of a tank-infantry team which was moving out to place direct fire on the Yaeju-Dake escarpment. While the tanks were firing, one of the members of Private First Class Peterson's team was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, and had fallen in an exposed position. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Peterson moved out into the intense enemy small arms fire to retrieve the wounded man. His heroic and courageous actions in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and was an inspiration to the men of the command.

Private First Class Carl J. Romine, 37748751, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. The company had just dug-in for the evening when the enemy threw a concentration of heavy mortar fire in their sector. Several men were badly wounded. Private First Class Romine, a company runner, aware of the great danger confronting anyone who ventured out of his foxhole, volunteered to go from the company command post to the wounded men. He had just started out when the enemy threw more shells in the area but undaunted, he moved forward, helped administer first aid to the stricken and helped to evacuate them to the rear. Private First Class Romine's devotion to duty saved the lives of several of his comrades and was an inspiration to all.

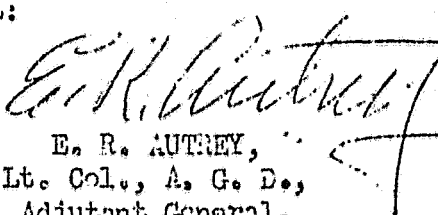
Private First Class Gilbert F. Schneider, 39729131, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Private First Class Schneider, a member of an assault platoon, volunteered to go forward to locate enemy anti-personnel mines and booby traps. Advancing alone and moving about seventy-five yards forward of the front lines, Private First Class Schneider located several mines and marked them so they could be seen by others. Private First Class Schneider then directed a volunteer mine removal squad to the location of the mines there, while working exposed to the fire of an enemy machine gun, he supervised the clearing of the mined area. In the action, Private First Class Schneider was wounded. His action was an example of great courage and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Alvin J. Warren, 38291477, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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Private First Class Joseph Wiley, 32601997, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. A heavy machine gun squad from his company moved into position on Kakazu Ridge. Before the squad could dig in, a heavy enemy mortar barrage fell in the squad area and four men were seriously wounded. Headless of his own safety, Private First Class Wiley, an ammunition bearer, exposed himself to the heavy enemy fire and with three others administered first aid to the wounded. He then helped evacuate the casualties to the aid station. After doing this, he returned to his gun position through the same mortar fire and held man the machine gun. Private First Class Wiley's heroic act aided materially in saving the lives of his wounded comrades and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Frank P. Yugovich, 37315964, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Sergeant Yugovich, squad leader of a 60 mm Mortar section led his squad through open terrain under heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire to contact one of the rifle platoons which at the time was undergoing a terrific mortar barrage. Sergeant Yugovich's job was to silence the enemy machine gun that was pinning the rifle platoon down. In order to accomplish this, it was necessary for Sergeant Yugovich to move forward, completely exposed to enemy observation, to the reverse slope of Charlie Hill. Sergeant Yugovich with complete disregard for his own personal safety stood up in an exposed position to direct the fire on the enemy machine gun and thus enable the rifle company to secure the ground for a coordinated attack the following day. Sergeant Yugovich's courage and aggressive action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Robert C. Scarp, 01295281, 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.

Technical Sergeant Harold M. Carl, 36193666, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, from 3 April 1945, to 26 June 1945.

Captain Paul A. Leigh, 01307983, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, from 12 April 1945 to 30 April 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Thomas L. Ouellette, 37233428, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 12 May 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Leonard G. Nunley, 38294127, 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.

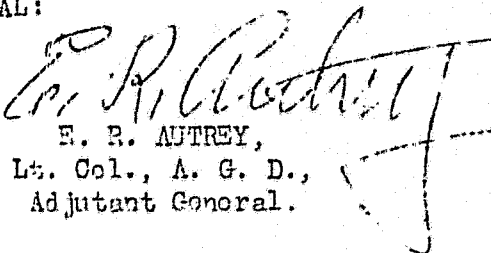
Private First Class Benjamin H. Reed, Jr, 15170631, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class James W. Hoffpauir, 38260156, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 15 June 1945.

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

Sergeant Joseph T. Angeloni, 32694338, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Voluntarily, Sergeant Angeloni fashioned three litters out of ponchos to carry three wounded men. While under constant enemy artillery mortar and machine gun fire he courageously went out into a field and carried a wounded man seventy-five yards back to cover. In so doing he was wounded but despite his wound he assisted in carrying the three men eight hundred yards back to the aid station.

Private First Class John Apostolou, 15401650, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. During the withdrawal from King Hill, Private First Class Apostolou, together with several other men, cut off from the rest of the company by deadly machine gun crossfire and concentrated mortar fire, remained behind enemy lines until nightfall when they made their way back to friendly lines. There, learning that three wounded men were still stranded behind enemy lines, Private First Class Apostolou volunteered to go to their rescue. With complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Apostolou returned to the scene of the battle, administered first aid to the wounded and aided in their evacuation to our perimeter one hundred fifty yards away. His courage and unselfishness were instrumental in saving of the lives of three men.

Private First Class James A. Barnes, 35725739, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When the non-commissioned officers and officers of his platoon were wounded in action, Private First Class James A. Barnes, an acting assistant squad leader, took charge of the remaining members, trapped in a gorge exposed to intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, and directed their withdrawal when the battalion order was given. Only after he had arranged the evacuation of two walking wounded and constructed litters for two other casualties did he leave the scene of battle, leading the men through the heavy enemy fire to safety about one hundred fifty yards away. His outstanding leadership, coolness under fire and courage served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Private First Class Henry P. Bonomo, 38313061, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Although suffering from a wound received in his Battalion's attack upon Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Bonomo, with complete disregard for his own safety, chose to remain with three litter cases when his company was given the order to withdraw, and aided in their evacuation to friendly lines approximately one hundred fifty yards away. His devotion to duty and unselfishness served as an inspiration to his entire company.

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Private First Class Herbert A. Brown, 39596077, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. Voluntarily, Private First Class Brown led a night patrol four hundred yards behind enemy lines in an effort to rescue several soldiers trapped in a cave on Love Hill. Although fired upon while advancing over the rugged terrain, the four, with complete disregard for their own personal safety, silenced the enemy gun and continued their mission. Nearing the destination, Private First Class Brown found the cave in which the men were reported, occupied by the enemy. Crawling to the entrance of the cave, he set off a satchel charge, sealing in an unknown number of the enemy. His outstanding leadership, unselfishness, and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Private First Class Spencer A. Bullard, 36623017, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company suffered heavy casualties in the attack on Kakazu Ridge, they were given the order to withdraw. Without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Bullard stayed with four wounded men and administered first aid while under heavy enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire. He helped construct litters and voluntarily assisted in carrying the men seven hundred yards through enemy fire to safety. His courage, coolness under fire and unselfishness were an inspiration to his entire company.


Private First Class Joe Casillas, 39865787, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Casillas moved from his position of cover forty yards in the face of intense enemy machine gun fire to an exposed position where he brought fire upon enemy emplacements permitting his platoon to advance. When his platoon was forced to withdraw due to fire which was brought upon their rear by machine gun, Private First Class Casillas, voluntarily chose to remain with three wounded men. After administering first aid, he again aided in their evacuation through the intense machine gun fire which covered the platoon's rear to safety forty yards away. His courage, coolness under fire and unselfishness were an inspiration to his entire company.

Private First Class Cecil D. Collier, 36700389, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Collier voluntarily helped bring two wounded men fifty yards to cover in a gorge below a ridge. He then fashioned litters out of ponchos to carry the wounded across open fields which were constantly covered by enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Collier carried two wounded men eight hundred yards back to the aid station. His devotion to duty and unselfishness served as an inspiration to his entire company.

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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 Elvin Cheatham, 38290615, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company was given the order to withdraw after receiving heavy casualties in the assault upon Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Cheatham, despite the fact that he had a sprained leg, voluntarily chose to remain behind with four wounded men, exposed to intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire. After administering first aid and improvising litters, he then aided the wounded men to safety approximately one hundred yards away in the face of the heavy enemy fire. His courage, coolness under fire and unselfishness was instrumental in the saving of the lives of four men.

Private First Class George Doggett, 38661881, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When the order to withdraw came after an attack on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class George Doggett voluntarily chose to remain with the wounded. After administering first aid and improvising four litters, Private First Class Doggett, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, aided in their evacuation across an open field exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to our friendly lines two hundred yards away. During this withdrawal, Private First Class Doggett killed three of the enemy. His coolness under fire, unselfishness and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Sergeant Arthur D. Dubin, 16105913, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company came under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Dubin remained at his radio calling for smoke to enable his company commander and thirty walking casualties to escape from an enemy trap. Voluntarily he stayed with five wounded men, improvised litters and aided in their evacuation one hundred yards down a gorge exposed to heavy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. His coolness under fire, unselfishness and devotion to duty were instrumental in the saving of many lives and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Earl Embree, 39470412, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Seeing three men wounded in his company's attack upon Love Hill lying in a position exposed to enemy fire approximately one hundred yards away, Private First Class Embree, voluntarily and with complete disregard of his own personal safety, moved from his position of cover, making his way across open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to the men. After administering first

aid, Private First Class Embrue remained with the three men until darkness. Then, despite the fact that he had been wounded in reaching the men, aided in their evacuation to friendly lines approximately one hundred yards away. His spontaneous reaction to a difficult situation, courage and unselfishness was instrumental in the saving of the lives of three men.

Private First Class Donald E. Eaton, 36915567, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Voluntarily, Private First Class Eaton pushed forward sixty yards over rugged terrain in the face of intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire in an attempt to neutralize enemy positions in order that his platoon might advance. After killing three of the enemy he was wounded but concealed himself until nightfall. Private First Class Eaton, under the cover of darkness, aided in evacuating three wounded men to friendly lines about one hundred yards away. His courage, devotion to duty and coolness under fire served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Private First Class Corby Harris, 38227538, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Voluntarily Private First Class Harris remained with three wounded men, trapped in a gorge exposed to intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire when his company was given the order to withdraw from Kakazu Ridge. After administering first aid to the wounded men, Private First Class Harris aided in their evacuation over rugged terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to friendly lines one hundred fifty yards away. His unselfishness, courage and coolness under fire was instrumental in the saving of many lives.

Private First Class Merle Ninneman, 36610939, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his platoon was given the order to withdraw after it had received heavy casualties in its assault upon Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Ninneman, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily chose to remain behind with the wounded, administering first aid and aiding in the evacuation of the four wounded men over open terrain subjected to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire to friendly lines approximately one hundred fifty yards away. His devotion to duty, unselfishness and bravery served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Staff Sergeant L. T. Stinnett, 38290735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company was ordered to withdraw from Kakazu Ridge after receiving heavy casualties, Staff Sergeant Stinnett voluntarily chose to remain behind with two wounded men. Administering first aid and improvising litters, he then helped in their evacuation over three hundred yards of open terrain exposed to intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire to safety. His courage and unselfishness served as an inspiration to his entire company.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Theodore W. Hughes, 39622368, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tobaru, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When his unit was receiving heavy casualties from devastating enemy fire, Private First Class Hughes saw a wounded comrade lying in an open field, about thirty-five yards distance from him. Fully exposed to heavy enemy mortar fire, and heavy enemy machine gun cross fire, Private First Class Hughes fearlessly plunged across the field in the face of the hail of enemy fire. Upon reaching his wounded comrade, he rendered first aid in full view of the enemy; then effected the evacuation of the injured man. This display of calm courage, heroism, and devotion to his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Harold J. Van Wert, 01266929, 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 attacking Charlie Hill, in the vicinity of Amuru, Captain (then First Lieutenant) Van Wert, company commander, moved forward with the leading platoon against the heavy enemy machine gun, small arms, and mortar fire, to direct the fire of the company efficiently. Later the same day, the enemy counterattacked in force and Captain Van Wert with complete disregard for his own personal safety, remained at the most forward vantage point to direct the fire of his company. It was during this action that Captain Van Wert and two of his men were seriously wounded by an enemy machine gun. He disregarded his own wound and dragged the two men twenty yards over exposed terrain to cover. He then called for the aid man and would not consent to first aid treatment of his wounds until the men had been properly treated. His courage, devotion to duty, and unselfishness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James M. Cheek, 37753224, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Private First Class Cheek, a BAR man, was protecting and supporting lead scouts. As the scouts crossed an open field, they were fired on and pinned down. Private First Class Cheek, who had been covering them from an irrigation ditch, voluntarily and at great risk of his own life left his position of comparative safety and charged the enemy position firing his BAR from the hip. He killed three of the enemy and captured a knee mortar. This action allowed the scouts to be evacuated and given medical treatment. Private First Class Cheek's courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Wayne S. Smith, 38570908, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Conical Peak, Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When a member of his squad was pinned down and wounded fifty yards to the front of friendly positions, Private First Class Smith, disregarding the enemy machine gun and the safety of his own life, crawled across open ground to where his comrade lay seriously wounded, and through continuous enemy machine gun fire dragged the wounded man to safety behind our own lines. His heroic action in the face of enemy fire saved the life of the wounded man and was an inspiration to all the members of the command.

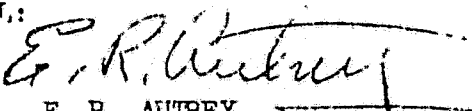
Sergeant Walter M. Stolpa, 37318489, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chatan, Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Sergeant Stolpa's platoon was advancing over a wide piece of open terrain when it received heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire. The fire was so intense that the entire platoon was forced to take cover, but despite the intensity of the fire Sergeant Stolpa, a machine gunner, voluntarily continued to advance forward until he had reached a small rise in the ground from which he could return fire on the enemy. Here he brought his gun into action with such efficiency as to gain fire superiority. Despite heavy mortar fire directed against him, he maintained his position and continued to lay down a base of fire. His heroic actions were so inspiring and his base of fire so effective that his platoon was able to continue forward and capture its objective.

Technician Fifth Grade Delos D. Pickman, 36243388, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Pickman, a truck driver, had his vehicle loaded with ammunition and water needed urgently by his company. A six hundred yard stretch of road in the vicinity of Conical Hill was being subjected to heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire, nevertheless, Technician Fifth Grade Pickman, refusing to think of his own safety and thinking only of the needs of his company and the time that would be lost in hand carrying this load forward, voluntarily drove his vehicle over the hazardous route and delivered the supplies in time to be of most value. As a result of Technician Fifth Grade Pickman's action the company was able to continue its mission with a minimum of casualties. His devotion to duty and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Donald W. Shoaf, 33926041, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 May 1945. While three members of his squad were digging an outpost twenty-five yards ahead of the lines to be used as an observation post the next day, they were attacked by five Japanese soldiers who wounded the men so they were incapable of retaliating. Promptly, with the idea of aiding his comrades, Private First Class Shoaf left his guard hole and ran to the wounded men; at the same time attacking the Japanese soldiers with hand grenades. Private First Class Shoaf succeeded in killing the five enemy soldiers and then moved the most seriously wounded man to a position of safety. Only after directing other squad members to the wounded and ascertaining that all the injured men were receiving medical care did Private First Class Shoaf return to his guard position.

Private First Class James L. Simpson, 36431789, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Bitter fighting was taking place in the Gaja sector. The enemy held commanding positions on Gaja Ridge and were offering increasingly stiff opposition. Private First Class Simpson led a small group of volunteers and directed flame throwing tanks toward the enemy positions. After a furious conflict of close-in fighting, in which he was in the midst, he quickly moved his men in on the stunned enemy positions. His outstanding leadership and ability enabled him to capture key positions and hold them until the rest of the units moved up. His courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Frederick C. Smith, 19164369, 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 Smith, acting as a light machine gun squad leader, volunteered to lead a patrol from his unit's position near Iwa in a southern direction toward Yuza-Dake Ridge. Moving cautiously forward, with Private First Class Smith in the lead, they came across two Japs hiding beneath a shack. When told to surrender, the Japs, armed with grenades and rifles, rushed forward throwing grenades as they came. With complete disregard for his own life, Private First Class Smith ran into the bursting grenades and killed the two Japs. While advancing further, the patrol spotted another Jap in a ditch and Private First Class Smith succeeded in forcing him to surrender. From this prisoner, valuable information was later obtained. Private First Class Smith's action in leading this successful patrol reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Henry R. Snow, 39622594, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When the platoon of which Private First Class Snow was a member was hit by a strong enemy counterattack near Gaja, Private First Class Snow was in position on the platoon's left, where the strength of the enemy was greatest. When several of the men around him were wounded and killed and the others were beginning to withdraw, Private First Class Snow flung himself from his hole and dashed forward to a better firing position where he placed heavy rifle fire against the enemy. His courage inspired the remaining men who, then commenced to fire at the advancing enemy. This fire turned back the threatening counterattack. The success of the platoon, in holding the position, was a direct result of the high example of courage and devotion to duty set forth by Private First Class Snow.

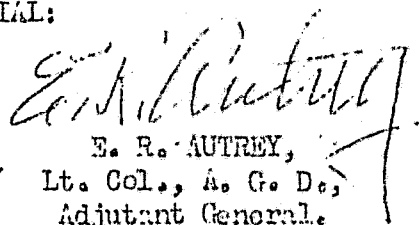
Technician Fifth Grade Donald Vener, 37319053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. While his unit was advancing in the vicinity of Hishiberu, they were met by heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire. One platoon was caught in the cross fire of two machine guns and several men were wounded. All of the injured men were evacuated except three soldiers who were in the vicinity of intense sniper fire. With complete disregard for his own safety, Technician Fifth Grade Vener volunteered to lead a group of litter bearers to the wounded men for whom immediate treatment was a necessity. Under cover of smoke which proved to be only of little effect because of adverse wind conditions, Technician Fifth Grade Vener led the men out into the sniper fire. Dodging as best as he could he picked the safest possible route and succeeded in reaching his comrades and in bringing them to safety. The deed of Technician Fifth Grade Vener resulted in the saving of the lives of his fellow soldiers and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

~~Technical Sergeant~~ ¹⁰⁰⁴⁴⁵ ~~Wolf, 38104975, Infantry, United States Army.~~ For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Through the untiring efforts of Technical Sergeant Wolf, an enemy counterattack was repulsed. Technical Sergeant Wolf was in command of a weapons platoon in absence of a platoon leader and he successfully observed and directed mortar fire in front of two companies. He made a reconnaissance under the fire and personally directed the setting up of his weapons. During the counterattack he set in an exposed position and directed mortar fire. Technical Sergeant Wolf refused to abandon his position in spite of the intense artillery and machine gun fire. Through his bravery and outstanding efforts the attack was successfully repulsed.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class John A. Allen, 39596529, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Harrison W. Anderson, 38291094, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Loyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 25 April 1945.

Private First Class Leon Compean, 36581185, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Voluntarily, Private First Class Compean, pushed forward seventy five yards through heavy enemy machine gun fire to neutralize an enemy position which had pinned down his company in its attack on Love Hill. After knocking out the enemy position with his bazooka, he remained with three wounded men until darkness to aid in their evacuation to friendly lines one hundred yards away. His fearlessness, unselfishness, and coolness under fire served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Sergeant Harold Fosness, 37312114, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yue, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. When his company was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire, Sergeant Fosness, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own safety, advanced forward with a light machine gun in hand in the face of intense enemy machine gun fire. Although he was wounded, he continued his assault and knocked out the enemy gun, killing one of the enemy, thus permitting his company to advance.

Private First Class Richard Jochec, 38244405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. While acting as an assistant gunner, Private First Class Jochec, volunteered to carry rations and ammunition five hundred yards to the Second Battalion. Most of the detail turned back at the village of Ginowan under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. He and three others however continued with their mission. At the completion of his mission, he attempted to return to his own unit. On the return trip, one of his comrades was mortally wounded. Leaving one man behind to guard, he ran through incessant mortar and artillery fire with utter disregard for his own personal safety to bring a litter squad back for the wounded man. He stayed in the impact area until the medics, under his direction, cared for the dying man. Only then did he return to the comparative safety of his own unit. The courage and devotion to his comrades displayed by Private Jochec, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles Sherburn, 36914701, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Seeing two wounded men lying on the ground exposed to concentrated enemy mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class Sherburn, his platoon pinned down and cut off from the rest of the company, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, voluntarily crawled from his position of cover and made his way forward through intense enemy fire to the wounded men forty yards away. Administering first aid, he then helped the two men to safety one hundred yards away in the face of deadly machine gun crossfire. His courage, unselfishness and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Sergeant Alfred W. Zarn, 37318244, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Cactus Ridge, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When a call was made through the battalion for volunteers to hand carry rations to an adjacent unit which was unable to get supplies except by this method through enemy observed terrain, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Zarn, volunteered for the mission. After the platoon had gone about half the distance, the Japs noticed them and fired artillery on them. One of the shells burst a few feet to the rear of Sergeant Zarn and the concussion and fragments knocked the rations and his rifle from his arms. Although unsteady from the concussion, he refused to turn back. Instead he aided in removing one of the seriously wounded men to safety and then took upon himself the task of carrying this wounded comrade's rations to the destination. Sergeant Zarn's action, in the face of such conditions, was an example of devotion to duty and to completion of a mission begun.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth Brown, 36352433, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant William T. Noble, 12506364, 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.

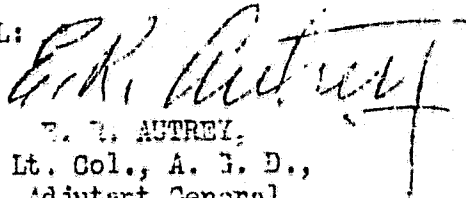
Technician Fourth Grade Leonard J. Robbins, 36383071, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Major Boyd W. Walker, 024998, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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SECTION

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

SECTION I - POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Wayne Baker, 35830386, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Voluntarily and single handedly, Private First Class Baker attacked an enemy machine gun emplacement on Love Hill, knocking it out and killing six of the enemy. Then, seeing a wounded man lying seventy yards away exposed to the intense enemy fire, Private First Class Baker, without a moment's hesitation and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, made his way to the man and effected his evacuation. During this action, Private First Class Baker was fatally wounded. His courage, determination and devotion to duty were instrumental in the saving of a man's life and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Nabel Baker, Mother, 632 Oakwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio.

Captain Irven T. Larsen, 0385056, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When the leading assault elements of his company were held up by a strong enemy position, the defense of which was built around one heavy and three machine guns, Captain Larsen, calling to four privates near him, led a charge to a position close to the heavy machine gun. With grenades and rifle fire, he killed the crew and captured the gun. He then turned the captured weapon against the other machine guns, neutralizing their fire so effectively that they were quickly captured by other men in the company. He continued on and was then pinned down by an enemy sniper who had killed his radio operator. Captain Larsen drove the sniper out into the open with a smoke grenade and killed him with his rifle. As Captain Larsen got up to go forward, an enemy machine gun opened up from a concealed position and killed him. His heroism and courageous actions will live in the memory of all men of his company. Next of Kin: Mildred M. Larsen, Wife, 518 Cedar Street, Laramie, Wyoming.

Private First Class Michael May, 39344031, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During the attack on Kakazu Ridge, the company received heavy casualties. Private First Class May, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crawled up within a few feet of a strong enemy position and single handedly fired on the emplacement. Throwing hand grenades each step of the way, despite the fact that he received a fatal wound during the course of this action, he silenced the position and killed six of the enemy. In so doing, he effected the safe evacuation of the casualties. His gallantry, courage and devotion to duty will long live in the memories of his entire company. Next of Kin: Mrs. Merle May, Mother, Box 666, Ryderwood, Washington.

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:

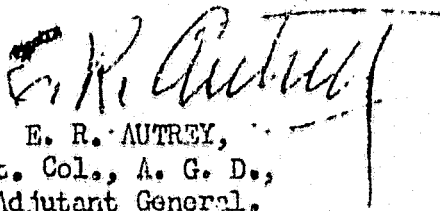
Private First Class Claude E. Cash, 37647248, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Gaja Hill, Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. While his platoon was circling from Gaja Hill to take the nose in the right front of the village, tanks were pouring fire in direct support. Despite all the fire, a lone machine gun persisted in giving trouble. So well camouflaged was this Jap position that its exact location could not be found. Suddenly, Private First Class Cash, a BAR man of the supporting platoon, saw the smoke from the enemy machine gun barrel. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Cash asked his assistant and ammunition bearer to come along and the three of them started to work their way towards the knoll. With supporting fire from his comrades, he personally rose up and charged the position and wiped it out. Private First Class Cash's action on his own volition and his outstanding leadership in handling this situation, was a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class William H. Rose, 39866653, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Private First Class Rose, acting squad leader during an attack on the Yuza-Dake Hill mass, an important and key terrain feature, spotted a pillbox which was delivering flanking fire and holding up the advance of the Battalion. Private First Class Rose, never hesitating and without an aid, started for the pillbox. The Japs observed him and started a mortar and grenade barrage, but Private First Class Rose did not stop, moving to within twenty feet of the pillbox where he was wounded by mortar shrapnel. Even though he was seriously wounded, he still tried to move closer to the pillbox and threw two grenades at the position before he collapsed. His gallantry and courageous act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of this command and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded 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 Harley T. Bierman, 36271712, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a concentrated enemy counterattack was launched at 2200, Private First Class Bierman, automatic rifleman of the platoon, voluntarily and at the risk of his own life, exposed himself in securing a firing position from which he could command the situation with his automatic rifle. He personally killed twenty-eight of the enemy and so seriously wounded seventeen others, they were unable to withdraw. This action was undoubtedly directly responsible for the disorganization and defeat of the enemy. His action, so courageous and heroically performed, was an inspiration to all in the command and a great credit to himself and the military service. Previous award per General Order No. 56, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944. ✓

Private First Class Carl T. Brehm, 37676014, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his battalion was given the order to withdraw from Kakazu Ridge after receiving heavy casualties, Private First Class Brehm, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, chose to remain behind with the wounded. After administering first aid and improvising four litters from ponchos, he aided in the evacuation of the four wounded men over open terrain exposed to our friendly lines approximately one hundred yards away. His courage, unselfishness and coolness under fire were instrumental in the saving of the lives of four men. Previous award per General Order No. 56, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944. ✓

Technical Sergeant Howard L. Davis, 38329460, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When one of his scouts was seriously wounded fifty yards in advance of his platoon during the attack on Cactus Ridge, Technical Sergeant Davis, with utter disregard for his own life, immediately left his position of cover and, in the face of heavy fire from two enemy machine guns, moved forward to his wounded comrade, administered first aid and dragged him the fifty yards to safety. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the life of his comrade and was an inspiration to all concerned. Previous award per General Order No. 45, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 February 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant Barney M. Hewitt, 39151216, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Hewitt, leading a ration party over terrain exposed to enemy observation, suddenly came under fire from an estimated platoon of the enemy from a position only four hundred yards distant, wounding six of the men in the party. He quickly placed the men in covered positions and proceeded alone

through the heavy enemy fire with a box of rations on his back. Upon reaching his unit, he had fire placed on the enemy positions and then returned to his ration party. Through his spontaneous action, the men followed Staff Sergeant Hewitt over the hazardous ground and succeeded in delivering the much needed supplies to the unit. His heroic action not only inspired his men to go through with their mission but also was instrumental in the destruction of a great portion of the enemy force. The heroic and courageous actions on the part of Staff Sergeant Hewitt reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 117, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945.


Private First Class George W. Kemp, 32964397, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While the company was attacking Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Kemp voluntarily and at the risk of his life, while under heavy enemy machine gun fire, crawled about fifty yards to a wounded man, administered first aid and carried him back to cover. He fashioned two litters to carry two wounded men out of the gorge. After a hard hand struggle over the rough terrain, he got the wounded men eight hundred yards back to the aid station. Previous award per General Orders No. 59, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 December 1944.

Corporal Martin J. Philbin, 32694221, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. When his unit was leading the attack toward Futema, they received heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Corporal Philbin, a messenger, seeing one of the men lying wounded on the road, courageously and without regard for his own personal safety, voluntarily left his position of cover and crawled thirty yards through the intense enemy machine gun fire to give aid to the wounded soldier. While Corporal Philbin was effecting the evacuation of the wounded soldier to the battalion aid station one hundred and fifty yards down the road, he drew the intense enemy machine gun fire that was covering the road. The bullets tore his clothes and penetrated his canteen but disregarding his own danger, he continued on his mission. Due to his unflinching courage, the life of one of his comrades was saved. His superior performance of duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 61, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

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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 Rolland W. Garrett, 39595083, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a man from drowning in the Pacific Ocean near Blue Beach, Mindoro, Philippine Islands on 26 August 1945. Upon hearing a cry for help from a comrade who, while swimming, was caught in a violent undertow approximately thirty yards from shore and was in grave danger of drowning, Private First Class Garrett picked up an air filled mattress cover and, completely disregarding his own safety, immediately started to swim to the drowning man's aid. Reaching the side of the exhausted swimmer, who was being held up by another man who had come to his aid, Private First Class Garrett succeeded in lifting the drowning man on to the float. By this time, the three men had been swept out over two hundred yards from the beach and it was only with extreme difficulty and perseverance that they managed to brest the strong current and reach the shore. The courage and prompt action displayed by Private First Class Garrett on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Adolph E. Newton, 37711759, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in rescuing a man from drowning in the Pacific Ocean near Blue Beach, Mindoro, Philippine Islands on 26 August 1945. Upon hearing a cry for help from a comrade who, while swimming, was caught in a violent undertow about thirty yards from shore and was in grave danger of drowning, Private First Class Newton left the beach and, disregarding his own personal safety, swam to the aid of the drowning man and succeeded in keeping him afloat while both were being rapidly swept out over two hundred yards to sea. Another man set out behind him, pulling an air filled mattress cover. On reaching the drifting pair, the mattress cover was used to support the exhausted swimmer and after much effort, the three men reached the safety of the beach approximately three hundred yards from where they entered the water. The heroism and presence of mind displayed by Private First Class Newton on this occasion 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. 9411 of 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944); and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by

Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Sergeant Ben R. Lee, 39622087, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When an enemy artillery piece was observed firing from the side of a hill two hundred yards to the front of the platoon of which he was a member, Sergeant (then Private) Lee, along with another man, volunteered to advance upon the position and destroy it. Enemy sniper and machine gun fire caused them to crawl half way to their objective. Sergeant Lee covered the emplacement twenty-five yards away, from a high, advantageous position and, with an M-1, opened fire on it as his companion approached within ten yards and threw hand grenades in on the enemy. From his position, Sergeant Lee killed two in a second hole close by who were ready to open fire on his comrade. Together, they entered the cave and killed the three remaining occupants. His coolness and courage saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all his comrades.

Corporal John C. Pearson, 20905095, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 4 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Corporal John C. Snook, 39413840, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

SECTION III

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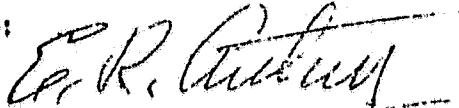
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Enlisted Man per Section II, General Orders No. 388, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 October 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Sergeant Ben R. Lee, 39622087, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When the first scout of his squad was pinned down and wounded by an enemy machine gun, Sergeant Lee, disregarding the sweeping fire of the enemy machine gun, rushed forty yards across an open field to where his scout lay seriously wounded and rendered immediate first aid. From this dangerous position, he spotted the enemy machine gun three hundred yards to his right front which later enabled him to direct the fire of a tank, thus knocking it out. He then threw a smoke grenade to conceal his withdrawal and carried the wounded man to cover. His courageous action in the face of deadly fire was an inspiration to the members of this command.

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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 AF 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 H. Bales, 33701931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chan, Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. When his platoon had moved up a position on a ridge to dig in for the night, Private First Class Bales volunteered to stand guard while the other members dug their foxholes. Sighting a small group of the enemy and they opened fire mortally wounding him. His deed prevented the enemy from organizing for an attack. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Delma Leona Bales (Wife) Rt #2 N. E. Bains, Baird, Texas.

Private First Class Howard T. Brown, 37232927, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Brown, remained with six wounded, administering aid to four of the litter cases, after his company had received heavy casualties on Kakazu Ridge. In his company's withdrawal, Private First Class Brown stood up and fired upon an enemy machine gun emplacement, knocking it out and killing five of the enemy. During this action, which permitted the wounded members of the company to be evacuated to safety, Private First Class Brown, was fatally wounded. His courage, unselfishness and devotion to duty will long live in the memories of the members of his company. Next of Kin: Mr. Thomas Brown (Father) P5 #2 Sedalia Missouri.

Private First Class Vernon Burdick, 16141563, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Gaja, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. During the attack upon Gaja Ridge, the platoon of which Private First Class Burdick was a member, was caught in a murderous crossfire of machine gun and sniper fire. The platoon had to withdraw and leave its wounded. Private First Class Burdick, volunteered to return for the wounded. After evacuating one man he was wounded on a second trip but refusing aid, he continued on and evacuated his second comrade. His courageous and heroic action in this great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company. Next of Kin: Charles Burdick (Father), 1104 W. 59th St., Chicago, Ill.

Private Thomas F. Burgess, 38569990, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Konabaru, Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When Private Burgess' platoon advanced to the top of Conical Hill, they started to prepare their positions and were interrupted by a strong enemy counterattack. The intensity of the counterattack was strong enough to force the platoon to withdraw. Private Burgess, holding down the extreme left flank, disregarded his own safety and held his position in an attempt to cover the withdrawal of his comrades. In so doing, Private Burgess, had to expose himself to get a good field of fire from his automatic rifle. When he had set up and begun to fire, a Jap sniper found his position and shot him. Private Burgess' heroic deed

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It is the hope of the Commanding General that all comrades in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Madge Burgess, (Wife) Plunkettville, Oklahoma.

Private First Class Clair Cullen, 19200985, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During the attack on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Cullen, voluntarily and without regard for his own personal safety, crawled through a withering hail of enemy machine gun fire to give aid to a wounded man. Private First Class Cullen, half carried and half dragged the wounded man through the intense machine gun fire, despite the fact he was fatally wounded in this action. He did not relax his efforts until he was sure the man was safe. His courage and devotion to duty will long live in the memories of his entire company. Next of Kin: Mr. Clair Cullen, (Father) 1545 W. Holmer, Portland, Oregon.

Private William Edgar, 39596297, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Nishibaru, Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When two litter bearers were wounded by enemy sniper fire while attempting to evacuate a wounded man to safety, Private Edgar along with three others volunteered to become a litter team to evacuate the wounded through enemy sniper fire. Disregarding their personal safety, the four crawled out to the wounded, threw a smoke grenade, and dashed back across rough terrain with the wounded. The team made three trips in all and each time drawing more fire from the enemy. Private Edgar's heroic action and dauntless courage was an inspiration to all the members of the command and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Juanita K. Edgar (Wife) 1645 W. 51st St., Los Angeles, California.

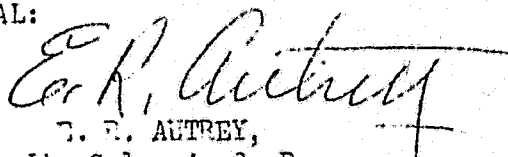
Technical Sergeant Robert D. Jones, 20905875, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 8 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mary L. Jones (Wife), Devine, Texas.

Private First Class John Mackonis, Jr., 13131375, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 9 May 1945 to 24 May 1945. Next of Kin: Josephine Mackonis (Mother), 923 McKean Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

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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 Norman D. Wiedler, 22995206, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 25 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Captain Irving B. Cohen, 01286443, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Captain Harry L. Cross, Jr., 01286446, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 22 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Frank J. DeVere, 19097935, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 25 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class William S. Earle, 34792423, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Frederic W. First, 38404082, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Captain Philip T. Griffin, 01304897, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 26 January 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Robert L. Creeke, 36382335, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert J. Hesington, 32485873, 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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Sergeant Howard E. Killough, 37392776, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 31 May 1945.

Corporal Francis E. Lewis, 36429385, 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.

Major John R. Loggie, 0342183, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade Andrew B. McLeod, #2123002, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Harvey C. Parker, 38338226, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 6 June 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant Henry V. Prince, 02012806, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 12 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant George C. Rry, 36383247, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Frederick R. Rayala, 16059182, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

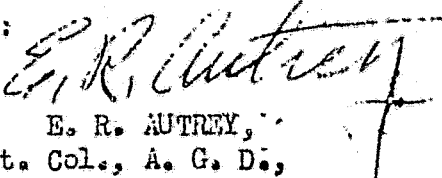
Major Thomas Rounell, 034291, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 23 July 1945.

Captain Howard W. Vango, 0391197, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 25 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Technician Fourth Grade Raymond G. Bear, 36405355, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Myron V. Buroker, 36423957, 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 Sanford Feingold, 12225623, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Claude D. Finger, 34435525, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Earl L. Fox, 01317772, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 3 April 1945 to 7 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Hubert G. Grubbs, 38271550, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant Gilbert E. Harding, 37042894, 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.

Technical Sergeant Fitzhugh Hogan, 38283092, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944.

Private First Class Robert Moody, 36826117, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Pebble V. Roberts, 01315728, 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 Raymond G. Rehl, 38272723, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Herman A. Souba, 37265579, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Richard F. Steinarwald, 35049726, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 21 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Peter Tewksbury, 01327903, 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.

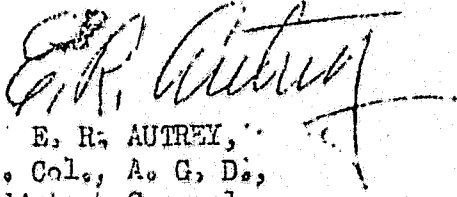
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*Second Lieutenant ~~Albert S. Williams, 10201234, Infantry, United States Army.~~ For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 June 1945.

Private First Class Donald A. Williams, 36582909, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When an enemy 150mm artillery piece was observed firing from the side of a hill two hundred yards to the front of the platoon of which he was a member, Private First Class Williams, along with another man, volunteered to locate and knock out the gun. Enemy sniper and machine gun fire caused them to crawl half way to their objective. While his companion covered the emplacement with an M-1, Private First Class Williams approached within ten yards of the emplacement and tossed in hand grenades. Together they entered the cave and killed the remaining three occupants, two having been previously killed by the grenades. His heroic and courageous action saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class James F. Barnes Jr., 38319711, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 June 1945.

First Sergeant Raymond E. Marglin, 37159710, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 13 April 1945.

Private First Class Jose E. Gallegos, 37353534, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 23 November 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank Gibson, 36534638, Infantry, United States Army, for meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands, from 20 October 1944 to 20 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Robert M. Holm, 16149000, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 20 October 1944 to 20 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Frank J. Liska, 38557217, 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 Paul R. Loughlin, 36322911, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island, from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Thomas A. Martin, 6267084, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Edward F. McDonough, 13123653, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 15 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945.

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Sergeant Elmer G. Mehrmann, 33269128, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 25 January 1945 to 20 June 1945.

Private First Class Wayne W. Paolo, 36903906, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 15 November 1944, to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island, from 1 April 1945 to 21 May 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant Wayne M. Owen, 34435347, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 May 1945. ✓

Technical Sergeant Anthony F. Palermo, 32172995, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 11 March 1945 to 12 July 1945. ✓

Sergeant Lawrence S. Pritz, 38312921, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island, from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant Gale R. Russell, 36117120, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 1 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 10 May to 22 June 1945.

Private First Class Rollin O. Smith, 37571738, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 10 June 1945 to 20 June 1945. ✓

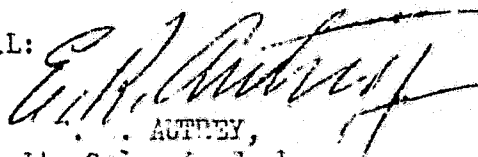
Private First Class William L. Thompson, 38271672, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 20 June 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant Jerome Weissman, 32694392, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with pre operations for the military operations against the enemy on Oahu, Leyte and Okinawa Islands, from 1 August 1944, to 22 June 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 Enlisted Man:

Private First Class Ysabel Trujillo, 36470966, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When his company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire near Tobaru, Private First Class Trujillo, seeing men who were evacuating the wounded being cut down by machine gun fire, stood up in full view of the enemy and, regardless of the intense fire, advanced against the position firing into the emplacement until he was within grenade range. After throwing two grenades, one of which silenced the gun, he was fatally wounded. This display of gallantry and intrepidity, although it cost him his life, undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades. His undaunted courage, undying devotion to his comrades and duty will ever serve as an inspiration to all the members of the command. His every action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Virginia S. Trujillo, Wife, 38 A Ryerson Heights Komer, Muskegon, Michigan.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Leahmon L. Rowlett, 38293147, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Rowlett, leading a patrol of five men, had scouted out the enemy's positions near the town of Yusa. As he returned to the command post with information of great value to his commanding officer, his patrol was fired upon by the enemy. Sergeant Rowlett, realizing that he could no return until the enemy position was neutralized, crawled forward to a position fifty yards from the enemy machine gun. Then leaving his place of comparative safety, he charged the enemy position with grenades and rifle, knocking out the enemy machine gun and killing four of the enemy. He then returned to his organization with the information he had gained. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Mameel N. Banon, 37362F, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. Private First Class Banon was on guard when he noticed movement to the right front. About this time, the guard on the right flank was firing in the same direction. Two enemy had infiltrated to a ditch about thirty feet in front of the position and were throwing hand grenades in the area. Private First Class Banon, voluntarily and at the risk of his own life, left his position of comparative safety and flanked the enemy, killing them with his rifle. This heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations) 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 61, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant Donald F. Pickel, 36404920, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When his company was defending its zone of action on Kakazu Ridge, an estimated company of Japanese attacked the position after a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire. Staff Sergeant Pickel, whose foxhole was located approximately ten yards from the enemy, exposed himself with great courage, to deliver deadly rifle fire at the enemy. He accounted for ten of the enemy and refused to withdraw to a safer position until the counterattack was repelled.

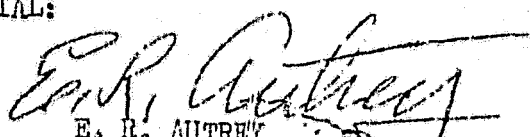
2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 61, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant Donald F. Pickel, 36404920, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. During the attack on Conical Hill, when Staff Sergeant Pickel's platoon was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire, one man was killed and five were wounded. Staff Sergeant Pickel, with calm courage and great devotion to duty, gave aid to the wounded men and then began to evacuate them across one hundred yards of open terrain. The enemy machine gun and mortar fire was intense in the area. Staff Sergeant Pickel's heroic action was instrumental in saving the lives of his wounded comrades and his outstanding courage was an inspiration to all members of the command.

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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 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 C. Chadwick, 39053411, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. His platoon was digging their foxholes for the night on the top of Conical Hill when they were interrupted by a strong enemy counter-attack. Private First Class Chadwick with complete disregard for his own safety, elected to hold his position and cover the withdrawal of his platoon. In so doing he had to expose himself to the enemy. This brought a mortar barrage which resulted in his death. His courageous action in the face of great danger saved the lives of many of his comrades and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Rose Chadwick (Wife) 706 13th St., Oakland, California.

Staff Sergeant Harold A. Doucette, 39544117, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. As his company was defending its position it was counter-attacked by a strong enemy force which was preceded by heavy artillery and mortar fire. Staff Sergeant Doucette was at the company outpost and before he realized it the enemy had bypassed his position. He quickly notified the company of this fact and told them that the enemy was moving directly toward the company. Then moving into a new position he waited for the returning enemy patrol as he knew they would have vital information. As they came by he opened fire with his Automatic Rifle and with the aid of his few comrades he succeeded in killing or wounding the entire enemy group. Staff Sergeant Doucette's initiative and heroic action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Margaret Binfield, (Mother), 10 SE Harold St., Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class Arthur H. Hite, 37699170, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Hite's platoon was in support of a tank attack on Gaja Hill when he volunteered to lead the tanks and act as fire observer. Without regard for his personal safety he led the tanks to positions where their direct fire was indispensable to the success of the attack. While Private First Class Hite was maneuvering a tank into position to knock out an enemy machine gun emplacement, he was killed by enemy sniper fire. His courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of his unit. Next of kin: Mrs. Lillie Hite (Mother) Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Sergeant Joseph Lengyel, 36363251, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun

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fire coming from its immediate front, Sergeant Lengyel, spotting the emplacement, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved from his position of cover in the face of the intense fire to a location twenty yards away from which he brought fire upon the enemy, silencing the machine gun and killing two of the enemy. During this action which permitted his platoon to continue its advance, Sergeant Lengyel was fatally wounded. His courage, fearlessness and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Anna Risek (Grandmother) 3533 N. Hoyne Ave, Chicago, Ill.

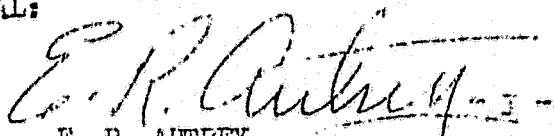
Private First Class Raymond I. Paulson, 39477002, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. When his unit was dug in north of Cutaway Hill, heavy enemy mortar fire was being used against the positions. Private First Class Paulson volunteered to go forward and direct mortar fire on the enemy's position. By so doing, he exposed himself to heavy mortar and sniper fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, he advanced and began directing fire. While in the course of zeroing in the mortars, an enemy sniper fatally wounded him. Before he was killed Private First Class Paulson had directed sufficient fire on the enemy emplacements to begin the destruction of their position. Private First Class Paulson's heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger resulted in his death, but saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers. Next of kin: Anna Marie Paulson, (Mother) 8338 S.W. 41st St, Portland, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant Ervin C. Rieck 37313180, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During the attack on Kakazu Ridge when the battalion was forced to withdraw after receiving heavy casualties, Staff Sergeant Rieck voluntarily led his machine gun section over rugged terrain in the face of intense artillery and mortar fire to offer supporting fire. Seeing two wounded men lying on the ground exposed to heavy enemy machine gun and smallarms fire, Staff Sergeant Rieck, with complete disregard for his personal safety, made his way forward to the casualties dragging them to safety fifty yards away. When his section was forced to withdraw after an enemy counter-attack of overwhelming number, Staff Sergeant Rieck, displaying the same fearlessness, remained at his position personally manning the machine gun in covering the withdrawal of his men. During this action, he was fatally wounded. His heroism, courage and devotion to duty will live long in the memories of his entire company. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Rieck (Mother) RFD #2 Mansfield, So Dakota.

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Sergeant Floyd B. Walsh, 39596199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. While in position along a ridge on Conical Peak, three rifle platoons were being held in position by an intense mortar barrage and heavy machine gun fire from the enemy on the reverse slope of this ridge. Sergeant Walsh, disregarding his own safety, voluntarily moved his post of observation to a vantage point several yards in front of our lines. From this spot, he began directing the fire of the mortar section intelligently and effectively. Two enemy machine gun positions and five or six knee mortars were put out of action, permitting the company to continue their attack. This heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and was of great material assistance to the company in reaching its objective. Sergeant Walsh's courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and upon the military service.

Private First Class Thomas Shorty, Jr., 38584556, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When two litter bearers were wounded by enemy sniper fire while attempting to evacuate a wounded man to safety, Private First Class Shorty, along with three others, volunteered to act as a litter team to evacuate the wounded through enemy sniper fire, disregarding their personal safety. The four men crawled out to them, threw a smoke grenade, and dashed back across rough, open terrain with the wounded on the litters. The team made three trips in all and each time drawing more fire from the enemy. His heroic action and dauntless courage was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Christian J. Gaetano, 19127265, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While attacking a strategic portion of enemy terrain the leading rifle platoon was suddenly caught in a crossfire of enemy machine guns and mortar fire. Private First Class Gaetano was wounded by mortar shell fragments but refused to be evacuated. With utter disregard for his life, he maneuvered across seventy five yards of open terrain to the mouth of the cave from which the enemy machine gun was firing. From this position, he threw a grenade into the cave killing two enemy soldiers, thus silencing the enemy machine gun. Private First Class Gaetano's heroic action while wounded, was an important factor in the successful advance of his company against the enemy and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas J. Ellis, 39866270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When a platoon was caught in the murderous crossfire of two Japanese machine guns, a number of men were wounded. One of the wounded men tried to crawl back to safety, but was unable to do so. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Ellis, acting on his own initiative, crawled across forty yards of open ground in the face of the heavy machine gun fire to

reach the injured man. He then administered first aid and dragged the man back to a position of safety. His heroic and most courageous action in the face of great danger, saved the life of a wounded man and was an inspiration to all men of this command.

Private First Class Wallace E. Wood, 36471009, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. When his company came under heavy enemy machine gun and artillery fire and was pinned down, Private First Class Wood, a member of the reserve platoon, learning of the serious plight of several of his wounded comrades who were lying under enemy fire, volunteered to evacuate the wounded men. He left his position of cover and proceeded towards the enemy lines through heavy cross fire for a distance of one hundred yards. By his action, he removed several casualties to safety and undoubtedly saved the lives of three men who were seriously wounded. This courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class David H. Gutierrez, 39595789, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 15 May, 1945. Private First Class Gutierrez advanced with his squad up to the peak of Conical Hill. Upon reaching the top, he was wounded along with four others. The enemy counterattacked and Private First Class Gutierrez, though wounded, chose to remain with his squad and assist in repulsing the enemy. He killed five enemy with his M-1, and only after reinforcements had arrived would he allow himself to be evacuated. This courageous action on the part of Private First Class Gutierrez, undoubtedly resulted in his unit ability to hold a very important position.

Private First Class Bertie F. Reed, 37335826, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While directing the fire of a tank to destroy enemy emplacements which were holding up the advance of his company, Private First Class Reed observed a group of enemy soldiers rush to an adjacent tank and place a magnetic mine on it. Private First Class Reed, rushed forward, voluntarily and under heavy machine gun fire, removed the mine and throw it aside. The mine exploded without harm to himself or the tank. The heroic action and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Reed, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Robert S. James, 3314344, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. While his company was attacking a tank, Private First Class James's squad was caught in a cross fire of enemy machine guns and was pinned down. The tanks then began firing heavy enemy artillery fire from the high ground to their front. Private First Class James courageously ran from his position in a small hole to the plow in the rear of a tank. He then directed the tank's fire during which time the tank neutralized six enemy machine guns and a 47 mm anti-tank gun. He gave the fire direction for another mission and the tank moved forward to a better firing position. In doing so the tank hit a land mine, the explosion of which killed Private First Class James. His heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of this command. Next of kin: Florence James (Mother) 8097 Turkey St., Detroit, Mich.

Private John K. Wagner, 33147036, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Macda, Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. While his company was assaulting a hill and receiving heavy casualties from enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Private Wagner with utter disregard for his own safety, worked himself across an open field in the direct path of enemy machine gun fire. He made several trips evacuating wounded men until all were out of danger. During his third successive trip he was mortally wounded. Private Wagner's exemplary courage and coolness under fire and his unhesitating willingness to help his wounded comrades is in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service. Next of kin: Hazel M. Wagner, (Mother), 299 N Miami St., Wabash, Indiana.

Private First Class Elmer Mickey, 37234310, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ginawa, Okinawa Island, on 4 April 1945. On this date, Private First Class Mickey, although wounded, volunteered to carry a message to a unit that was pinned down by heavy enemy mortar, gun and mortar fire. Before he reached his destination he was again struck by enemy fire, but still he continued on his mission, reaching the unit just in time to deliver the vital message. This heroic action was above and beyond the call of duty and as a result his company was able to continue to their objective. Next of kin: Chester Mickey (Father) Rt. 3, Wakarusa, Kansas.

Staff Sergeant Francis J. Schoenmaker, 39214162, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Gaja, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. During some of the most bitter fighting of the campaign, three members of Staff Sergeant Schoenmaker's squad were wounded while patrolling six hundred yards ahead of our lines. While under intense machine gun, mortar, sniper and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Schoenmaker's squad was ordered by the company commander to withdraw. The squad returned to our lines and litter squads were dispatched to the wounded men but because of

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terrific fire only one could be evacuated. Staff Sergeant Schoemaker, knowing the condition of the wounded men and with utter disregard for his life returned through this intense fire directly through the village with the express purpose of administering morphine and leaving extra water for the men, because the men could not be evacuated during daylight. Next of kin: Joan J. Schoemaker, (Father), 4903 13th St., S. Seattle, Washington

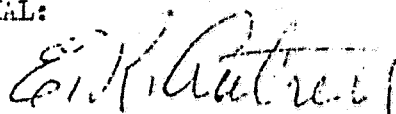
Technical Sergeant Howard C. White, 19014717, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When one of the members of his platoon lay wounded close to the enemy lines, Technical Sergeant White, disregarding his own personal safety and on his own volition, went forward under intense enemy machine gun fire to effect rescue of the man. Fully aware of the hazards he was subjecting himself to, Technical Sergeant White crawled forward in the direct path of an enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in evacuating the wounded man from the dangerous position. While performing this heroic deed he was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. His actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Florence E. White, (Wife) Blackwood Hill, McMinnville, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant Robert F. Whitsett, 39926059, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. When another company was assaulting a hill and receiving heavy casualties from enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Whitsett with complete disregard for his own safety worked himself across an open field in the direct path of enemy machine gun fire and made several trips evacuating wounded men until all were out of danger. During his fifth trip, he was mortally wounded by an enemy sniper. His heroic action and devotion to his comrades was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military service. Next of kin: Robert C. Whitsett, (Father) Ellis, Idaho.

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Private First Class Willard L. Sanders, 37712659, 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 Sanders was a scout in the leading rifle platoon of his company in the attack on Conical Hill. As they advanced over a small rise in the ground, they received a hail of enemy fire which wounded the other scout. With utter disregard for his own safety, he dragged the wounded man into a ditch and gave him first aid. Because of the intensity of the fire, he could not get the man back to the rear. However, he raised out of the ditch and resumed fire with his rifle. When his ammunition began to run low, he got up and dragged his wounded comrade back to a position of comparative safety where he could receive medical attention. During this courageous and heroic deed, Private First Class Sanders killed four of the enemy and saved the life of his comrade. His devotion to duty in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Arnold J. Molendorp, 37432942, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Molendorp, upon finding some disorganized men from two different units, quickly organized the men into a fighting team and assumed command. As they started to attack an enemy pillbox, his scouts were suddenly caught in a deadly machine gun fire from their right flank. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he charged across fifty yards of open terrain and assaulted the enemy machine gun, killing the four man crew. His courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of his scouts as well as causing two enemy positions to be knocked out.

Private First Class Carl E. Mansfield, 36404166, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During the attack on heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge when the forward rifle companies were in need of heavy supporting fire, Private First Class Mansfield drove his ton and a half truck with a 37mm anti-tank gun attached, through heavy machine gun and artillery fire and uncharted mine fields, to the front lines. The gun was taken over by an anti-tank squad and brought to bear on a number of pillboxes in the area. The gun aided greatly in reducing the pillboxes and enabled the rifle company to move on. This utter disregard for his own personal safety and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Lawrence Winters, 36430881, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Winters, battalion wire chief, personally led his men forward to a new position through a heavy enemy barrage of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Although darkness had set in, Staff Sergeant Winters reconnoitered the route alone, making sure his men could advance in comparative safety. After arriving at the new position, he disregarded his own personal safety and laid the lines of communications to the forward elements working in total darkness. His devotion to duty, aggressiveness and fortitude under these hazardous conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

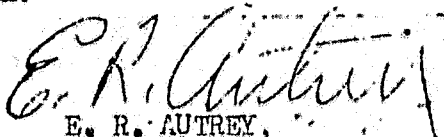
Private First Class Carlton D. Stretch, 36324252, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Stretch's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route lay through a recently taken village that was covered by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety, he made numerous trips through this village with rations, even after several of the carrying party were wounded and one killed. That evening, an urgent call came for ammunition. Private First Class Stretch made several trips over this exposed area with the ammunition realizing that by doing so, he would be subjected to all types of enemy fire. His courage and devotion to duty deserves the highest praise and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Thomas A. Miller, 35602463, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. The battalion supply route lay through a recently captured village which was covered by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Miller made several trips to reach the forward elements, carrying rations, even after several members of the group were wounded and one killed. He continued to carry some of the supplies to the battalion's position, including barbed wire and ammunition, working into the late hours of the night, constantly exposed to all types of enemy fire. Private First Class Miller's courage, fortitude, exemplary conduct and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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