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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. 7, 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 John P. Austin, 38394025, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. After carrying many loads of supplies to the forward elements, Private First Class Austin volunteered to carry barbed wire to these same elements. This was accomplished under a hail of enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Austin worked until dark carrying this unwieldy load over the tortuous and extremely dangerous trail. That same night Private First Class Austin made a number of trips to these forward troops carrying ammunition, of which there was an acute need. Private First Class Austin worked in darkness, in open fields, constantly exposed to enemy fire. The bravery and fortitude of Private First Class Austin reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Matthew F. Burkham, 38319753, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Burkham's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route to them lay through a recently taken village that was covered by heavy enemy fire. Without thought of his own safety, Private First Class Burkham made six trips through this village to his battalion, carrying rations, even after several of the carrying party were wounded and one killed. That evening, Private First Class Burkham made several trips over this same route to the battalion with ammunition, realizing the added dangers that were present after darkness fell. Private First Class Burkham's courage and devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward L. Fosmire, 18073950, 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 Fosmire, at the risk of his life, carried a message of vital importance from the battalion observation post located on Cactus Ridge, to one of our line companies. The route to be covered, a distance of one hundred yards, was under intense fire from two enemy machine guns and one enemy sniper, firing from a distance of one hundred and fifty yards. Private First Class Fosmire successfully delivered the message which was necessary to the battalion's coordinated attack. He was wounded by a sniper when he attempted to return to the Battalion observation post. Private First Class Fosmire's aggressiveness and heroic service deserves high praise and commendation.

Private First Class Vernon M. Iwen, 37435406, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Iwen's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route to it lay through a recently captured village that was covered by heavy enemy fire. With disregard for his own safety,

Private First Class Iven made several trips along this route carrying supplies even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That evening, Private First Class Iven made several trips over this route to the battalion with barbed wire and ammunition, realizing the dangers that were present after darkness fell. Private Iven's calmness and continuous devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Douglas J. Morris, 3635763, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. The battalion occupied a position that the only supply route to it lay through a recently taken village that was covered by heavy enemy fire. Private First Class Morris made several trips to the battalion with rations and ammunition continuing even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That evening due to the precarious position of the battalion, Private First Class Morris volunteered to carry barbed wire to the front lines which was needed to strengthen the defenses. That same evening, Private First Class Morris carried more ammunition to the front lines exposed to both enemy and friendly fire. His aggressive and heroic devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Morris warrants the highest praise and commendation.

Private First Class Wesley J. Morrison, 37313547, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Morrison's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route to it lay through a recently taken village which was covered by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety, he made five trips through this village even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That same evening, Private First Class Morrison carried barbed wire to the forward elements working under dark. This material was needed to strengthen the defenses against an expected enemy counter-attack. For his heroic and cool efficient conduct, Private First Class Morrison deserves high praise and commendation.

Private First Class Milton G. Davies, 39346724, 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 Davies, knowing the position of a wounded comrade, braved intense enemy fire in order to rescue this man. Knowing full well the hazards involved, he nevertheless went forward into the face of the enemy fire and was successful in evacuating the wounded man to the safety of our own lines. Private First Class Davies' courage under fire and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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GENERAL ORDER
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2 October 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 EP 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 James T. Crowder, 6569484, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Conical Hill, Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When the leading platoon of his company received cross fire from an enemy machine gun ambush which killed two men and wounded six including the platoon leader, Technical Sergeant Crowder the platoon sergeant, immediately moved forward and assumed command. He maneuvered the platoon into the best cover offered and supervised the evacuation of the wounded. Then with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he led an assault on the right flank machine gun. As they approached the cave from which the enemy machine gun was firing, Technical Sergeant Crowder, ordered his men to lay down a base of fire, then crawled forward throwing several grenades until he had destroyed the gun. When two of the enemy tried to escape, Technical Sergeant Crowder, killed them with rifle fire. In the close-in fighting which developed as the frontal attack was resumed, Technical Sergeant Crowder, accounted for three more Japs with rifle fire. It was largely because of the inspiration his platoon received from Technical Sergeant Crowder's actions under the duress of heavy enemy fire that they were able to take the strongly defended objective.

Sergeant George J. Greifer, 36429608, Infantry, United States Army. For her service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yakezu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. During a strong enemy counter-attack at midnight, Sergeant Greifer, a communications Sergeant, volunteered at great risk to his life, to lay new wire to the forward Command Post. While under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire, which, falling in the area, cut the wire many times, Sergeant Greifer, voluntarily exposed himself many times in the maintenance of communications with all platoons. Sergeant Greifer's courage and untiring efforts contributed greatly to the success of the company and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Richard Gundlach, 32897907, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Gundlach, displayed extreme courage and devotion to duty by doing forward observation work for his mortar squad under a hail of enemy machine gun fire. Informed of an enemy counter attack and receiving orders to lay mortar fire on the advancing enemy, he crawled out into an exposed area through heavy enemy machine gun fire in order to bring effective fire upon a position within thirty yards of his observation post. Staff Sergeant Gundlach's action was partially responsible for repulsing the enemy counter attack. His heroic action, coolness and courage was an inspiration to all and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jackie L. Hanson, 3959530, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wada, Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. When his company was defending a ridge of strategic importance between the hours of 0400 and 0600, it was subjected to a strong counterattack. When his platoon called for mortar fire and found that the communications were disrupted, Private First Class Hanson, volunteered to adjust the fire and then go back to the mortars and give them the proper corrections. He did this a number of times, each time exposing himself to enemy mortar fire. His accurate adjustments in the face of great danger to his personal safety, resulted in the killing of a large number of the enemy and was instrumental in repulsing and disorganizing the enemy attack.

Private First Class Willie P. Lanford, 38222417, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Private First Class Lanford refused evacuation after being wounded during a strong enemy counterattack in the vicinity of Wada, and alone in his foxhole he exposed himself countless times as he threw grenades at the advancing enemy. When his supply was exhausted, he took his rifle and fired continually at the enemy, killing six Japanese. During this time Private First Class Lanford was constantly exposed to enemy mortar and grenade fire but only after the enemy counterattack was repulsed did he allow himself to be evacuated. Private First Class Lanford's courage, bravery and devotion to duty, is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Warren B. Miller, 39201966, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. During the night enemy troops began to infiltrate into the platoon area. At 0030 wire communications with the platoon outpost were severed and Private First Class Miller, volunteered to carry a vital message to the outpost. He crawled through four hundred yards of the Jap infested village, encountering three enemy patrols and barely escaping detection before reaching the outpost. He made a return trip through the village with an equally important message for his platoon leader. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all men of the organization.

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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 1600-5 (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:

Private First Class Charles E. Cunningham, 34722186, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. The battalion was practically cut off from their combat team, the only route forward being covered by enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Cunningham, at the risk of his own life, volunteered to lay communication lines to the forward elements in order to maintain constant contact with them. He worked steadily, even after darkness, to complete his mission. His performance of duty under such hazardous conditions enabled his battalion to take and hold its position. This heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant George C. Payte, 38424239, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Payte's battalion was attacking an enemy held ridge. In the midst of the attack, due to a broken line, it was necessary for him to go forward and lay a communications line to his battalion outpost. Despite the fact that he was exposed to heavy mortar and machine gun fire, he kept the line intact throughout the entire day so as to insure his battalion commander the necessary communication. With utter disregard for his own safety, he remained there at his assigned post and repaired the line repeatedly in the midst of heavy concentrations of fire. Sergeant Payte's devotion to duty and calmness under these conditions deserves the highest possible praise and commendation.

Technician Fourth Grade Jack E. Roe, 36533691, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Roe, a radio operator, went forward with his battalion commander in order to give him radio contact with one of the forward elements that was attacking a ridge. Although he was continually under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Technician Fourth Grade Roe remained at his post to give his battalion commander the necessary radio communications to successfully complete the capture of the ridge. The fortitude and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Roe, under these conditions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Lester A. Taylor, 39933354, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Private First Class Taylor volunteered to help carry a seriously wounded man from a line company which had been pinned down all afternoon by three enemy machine guns and mortar fire. The route to and from the wounded man was covered by enemy snipers. He was pinned down for twenty minutes in one spot before being able to continue on his way to the man. Because of serious wounds, the man had to be evacuated as quickly as possible which made it necessary

For Private First Class Taylor and the other man carrying the litter, to run across the enemy sniper covered area. Private First Class Taylor materially aided in saving the wounded man's life while risking his own and showed commendable heroism and aggressiveness through such actions. This devotion to his fellow men reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Estil C. Terrill, 37643345, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Conical Peak, Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Private First Class Terrill volunteered to help carry a seriously wounded man from a line company which had been pinned down all afternoon by three enemy machine guns and mortar fire. The route to and from the wounded man was covered by enemy snipers. He was pinned down for twenty minutes in one spot before being able to continue on his way to the rear. Because of serious wounds, the man had to be evacuated as quickly as possible which made it necessary for Private First Class Terrill and the other man carrying the litter, to run across the enemy sniper covered area. Private First Class Terrill materially aided in saving the wounded man's life while risking his own and showed commendable heroism and aggressiveness through such actions. This devotion to his fellow men reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

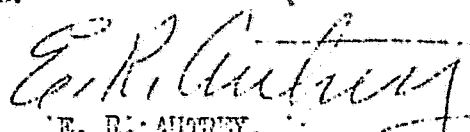
Private First Class Luther L. Weaver, 38293491, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Weaver's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route to it lay through a recently taken village which was covered by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Disregarding his own safety, he made several trips to his battalion with rations, even after a number of the carrying party were wounded and one killed. That same evening, Private First Class Weaver carried barbed wire to his battalion, working until darkness set in. Later that same night, an urgent call came for ammunition. Private First Class Weaver carried ammunition to the forward units although constantly exposed to fire from his own troops as well as the enemy. Private First Class Weaver's bravery, fortitude and outstanding devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William H. Berger, 36915043, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Berger went to the aid of a wounded man during an intense artillery barrage and effected his evacuation to a position of safety one hundred yards away. With this mission completed, Private First Class Berger, with the same display of fearlessness, returned to another wounded man whom he carried to safety. His courage, coolness under fire and devotion to duty 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 Philip R. Baxter, 16117180, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. On this date, Private First Class Baxter's company occupied positions on the crest of a hill and immediately upon their occupation of the crest, they were driven back to the reverse slope by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Without orders and entirely upon his own initiative, Private First Class Baxter worked his way up to the exposed crest in order to direct mortar fire upon the enemy. Despite the enemy's efforts to drive him off his observation post, he maintained his post and with a coolness and deliberation that were an inspiration to all his comrades, he successfully directed mortar fire which destroyed two enemy grenade dischargers and three enemy machine guns. His courageous action and the accuracy of his fire enabled his company to regain fire superiority and thus hold their newly won position. Private First Class Baxter's display of courage and efficiency under fire was a credit to himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Vernon L. Bonny, 39475912, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. While his company was held up in the town of Yuza, Staff Sergeant Bonny was sent on patrol to contact an adjacent company of his battalion. On reaching the adjacent company, he found that they were pinned down by two Japanese machine guns. Staff Sergeant Bonny on his own initiative, at the risk of his own life, attacked the machine gun position, knocking it out and then sealing five caves with demolitions and driving 14 Japs from their positions in the caves, killing four of them personally. The actions of Staff Sergeant Bonny were an inspiration to all men who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Mason D. Casey, 44032698, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. On this date, Private First Class Casey's platoon was digging-in in the vicinity of Chan, when an enemy machine gun sixty yards to their front opened fire. With utter disregard for his life, Private First Class Casey grabbed his automatic rifle and jumped to his feet, advancing through enemy mortar and machine gun fire to a position where he could bring fire on the enemy machine gun. He killed one of the gunners before his automatic rifle jammed. Dodging grenades from the same enemy positions, he ran back to his own lines and obtained an M-1 rifle. Then returning to his point of vantage, he killed the other occupant in the machine gun nest. His heroic and most courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and was an inspiration to all members in his organization.

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Private First Class Erwin J. Draper, 39470343, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. On this date, while acting as first scout for an attacking platoon, Private First Class Draper discovered several enemy soldiers. Upon passing all the information back to his platoon leader, he voluntarily and at the risk of his life, got up and ran forward, drawing the fire of the enemy, and exposing their positions. Through the heroic action of Private First Class Draper, two enemy machine gun positions were neutralized and then destroyed by a squad led by Private First Class Draper that flanked their positions. Private First Class Draper's cool courage and devotion to duty was directly responsible for the destruction of the dangerous enemy positions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

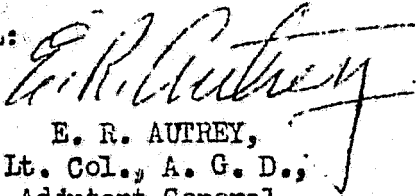
Staff Sergeant Lloyd W. Furman, 32748629, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Furman advanced as a scout in an infantry-tank team on Cactus Ridge. At the base of the ridge, the platoon of which he was a member, came under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery, anti-tank, machine gun and mortar fire. Under enemy machine gun fire coming from the left flank, Staff Sergeant Furman moved boldly and aggressively, disregarding his own safety, towards the emplacement to destroy it. He crawled to a covered position about fifteen yards away, leaped into the position firing his rifle and killed three of the enemy. He then took over the machine gun and turned it on another enemy machine gun position, pinning it down, thus enabling the platoon to advance to their objective. His heroic action and dauntless courage was an inspiration to all members of his unit.

Private First Class Harry L. McGill, 39217085, 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. On this date, Private First Class McGill, an assistant automatic rifleman, was in position with the automatic rifleman, acting as an outpost. An enemy counterattack developed and in repulsing the attack, the supply of ammunition became dangerously low. Private First Class McGill, voluntarily, and at great risk of his own life, procured the needed ammunition for the weapon and upon reaching the firing position, covered the automatic rifleman with his own M-1 rifle. While doing so, they were attacked from the left flank by four of the enemy. Private First Class McGill, not having time to kill but two of the enemy before the others were upon him, by sheer strength and courage, closed with the enemy in hand to hand combat, overpowering and killing them. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, and Title No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 38 USC 15 (Reorganization), 23 September 1943, as amended by Change 1, 24 April 1945, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Orville R. Casper, 30774872, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. On this date, Private First Class Casper's platoon was drawing enemy mortar fire from a cave. In enemy light machine gun position started firing, pinning the platoon down in the zone of the enemy mortar fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Casper moved to the enemy machine gun position and destroyed it with his automatic rifle and hand grenades. In the course of this action, he was wounded but his courage and devotion to duty saved the lives of several men in the platoon and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Robert R. Herring, 39470688, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. When Private First Class Herring was advancing ahead of his platoon spraying all Jap positions with his BAR, an enemy grenade was thrown from the top slope of the hill wounding him. At that moment, an enemy mortar barrage caused the platoon to withdraw, leaving Private First Class Herring who crawled to a covered position. Upon seeing four Japs taking defensive positions on the crest of the hill, he crawled up to their flank and immediately killed them, thus holding the ground until the platoon could reorganize and resume the advance. His heroic action, although wounded, saved the lives of members of the advancing platoon and was an inspiration to all the members of his unit.

Private First Class Nicholas Ricciardelli, 33810831, 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 machine gun and artillery fire and was pinned down, Private First Class Ricciardelli, a member of the reserve platoon, learning of the serious plight of several of his wounded comrades who were lying under enemy fire in an exposed location, volunteered to evacuate the wounded men. He left his position of cover and proceeded toward the enemy lines through heavy enemy cross-fire for a distance of one hundred yards. By his action, he removed several casualties to the safety of our lines and undoubtedly saved the lives of three men who were seriously wounded. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Herman L. Russell, 20606040, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. As his company was advancing toward the town of Yuza, Technical Sergeant Russell, platoon sergeant, was ordered to reconnoiter to the left of the company's zone. While he was on this patrol, the platoon drew enemy

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AWARD OF THE BRASS STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 2, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 15-15 (Regulations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change 1, 25 April 1944, the Brass Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Orville H. Casper, 3777832, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. On this date, Private First Class Casper's platoon was drawing enemy mortar fire from a cave. In enemy line, machine gun then started firing, pinning the platoon down in the zone of the enemy mortar fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Casper changed the enemy machine gun position and destroyed it with his automatic rifle and hand grenades. In the course of this action, he was wounded but his courage and devotion to duty saved the lives of several men in the platoon and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Nicholas Ricciardelli, 33810831, 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 machine gun and artillery fire and was pinned down, Private First Class Ricciardelli, a member of the reserve platoon, learning of the serious plight of several of his wounded comrades who were lying under enemy fire in an exposed location, volunteered to evacuate the wounded men. He left his position of cover and proceeded toward the enemy lines through heavy enemy cross-fire for a distance of one hundred yards. By his action, he removed several casualties to the safety of our lines and undoubtedly saved the lives of three men who were seriously wounded. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Herman L. Russell, 20606040, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. As his company was advancing toward the town of Yuza, Technical Sergeant Russell, platoon sergeant, was ordered to reconnoiter to the left of the company's zone. While he was on this patrol, the platoon drew enemy

fire and was pinned down. Technical Sergeant Russell advanced to a position fifty yards from the enemy position and then, with grenades and rifle, charged the position, killing six enemy soldiers and capturing a heavy machine gun and a knee mortar. This action relieved the pressure on his platoon and the wounded were taken out safely. His heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all in the unit.

Private First Class Harold J. Smith, 36761956, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. As the leading rifle platoon advanced over a small rise in the ground, they were suddenly subjected to enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Until the enemy machine gun on their left flank was neutralized, they were unable to advance. Private First Class Smith located the enemy gun and volunteered to occupy the position. Completely exposing himself, he fired a white phosphorus grenade into the position forcing the enemy soldiers into the open, enabling him to kill five of them. His courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.

Private Donald J. Tunnell, 39470413, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. As the leading rifle platoon was pinned by enemy sniper fire while attempting to advance, Private Tunnell, along with three others, volunteered to act as a baiter team to suppress the wounded through enemy sniper fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private Tunnell carried out to the wounded, threw a smoke grenade for concealment, and backed back across rough open terrain with the wounded on his back. He was hit three times, each time drawing more fire from the enemy. His heroic action and fearless courage was an inspiration to all members of his unit.

Technician Fifth Grade John Zorn, 37253201, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. The battalion supply area was subjected to an intense artillery barrage and sniper fire. Technician Fifth Grade Zorn spotted the sniper and, on his own initiative, to stop the enemy fire. He was wounded by mortar fragments but, disregarding his wounds, he and another soldier stalked the sniper and killed him. He then returned to the aid station to have his wounds treated. Refusing to be evacuated, Technician Fifth Grade Zorn returned to his duties on the front lines. His unselfish devotion to duty and his actions for his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in WP 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 E. Cox, 38319107, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During the attack on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Cox, a PAF man, was covering the advance of his platoon when he and two other men were wounded. Despite his wounds, he helped the other two men to safety, and returned to his platoon until the attack was completed before allowing himself to be evacuated. Private First Class Cox's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his wounded comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant John W. Kludt, 0528948, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 June 1945. First Lieutenant Kludt, Anti-Tank Platoon Leader, made a reconnaissance of the town of Iha, a portion of which was still in enemy hands, in advance of foot troops, to find positions for his anti-tank guns. A sniper opened up on him as he neared a building but he drove the sniper out with a smoke grenade, killed him, and continued on his way. Spotting good positions, First Lieutenant Kludt went back through the town and brought up his anti-tank guns. In bringing up the guns, he took a truck in a dash along a road covered by an enemy machine gun which was holding up a platoon of Marines. He reached his new positions and immediately set up his three guns and brought effective fire on an enemy strong point. His heroic and courageous actions were an inspiration to all members of his command.

Sergeant Herman Nilsson, 37313188, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Nilsson, an acting squad leader, although seriously wounded by a bullet fired from an enemy machine gun, crawled to a covered position twenty yards from an enemy gun emplacement and from here threw a hand grenade directly in the emplacement, thus killing the enemy runner. This action enabled the platoon to advance to their objective with fewer casualties. His heroic action and dauntless courage, undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Lenhart J. Thompson, 37586206, 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 forced to withdraw after meeting fierce enemy resistance in the attack on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Thompson, voluntarily chose to remain behind to cover the withdrawal of the wounded. After killing four of the enemy, he then aided in the evacuation of a wounded man across open terrain in the face of intense mortar, artillery and rifle fire of friendly lines one hundred and fifty yards away. His courage, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty reflect credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade John J. Watts, 33529229, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Watts, volunteered to carry rations and water to a forward company which was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire and to evacuate their wounded. To reach their position, necessitated the crossing of six hundred yards of open lowland. In crossing this open area, Technician Fifth Grade Watts, was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire. The total disregard of his personal safety, initiative and fortitude displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Watts, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain John R. White, 01286745, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. One rifle company had assaulted and moved up on Cactus Ridge; the second assault company was cut off and under heavy enemy artillery fire and a counterattack was expected. As Captain White, the Headquarters Company Commander, moved forward to the ridge. He moved across a six hundred yard area covered by three enemy machine guns firing from the Battalion's left flank; made his reconnaissance and returned under the same withering fire. Upon arriving at the old Command Post, he ordered the Command Post group forward and personally directed each man in crossing the area covered by enemy fire. When Captain White saw a man wounded, he dashed out in the open to render first aid to the casualty. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Denton D. Jackson, 38319703, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 15 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Jackson, led his squad up Conical Hill. When the squad reached the peak, they were hit by a heavy enemy counterattack. In the ensuing action, Staff Sergeant Jackson, was seriously wounded. Although both his legs were broken, he refused to leave his men until sufficient reinforcements arrived to hold the hill. The courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Jackson, served as an inspiration to his men to hold their positions and as a result of his courage the enemy was driven back and the position consolidated.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Staff Sergeant John F. Cooper, 36383409, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. On this date, Staff Sergeant Cooper's platoon was pinned down by the crossfire of two enemy machine guns. One of these guns was located thirty yards to the right front of Sergeant Cooper's position. Without orders and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he crawled forward to within ten yards of the enemy machine gun position. He then threw a grenade into the position and, firing his carbine from the hip, charged the last ten yards into the enemy gun crew, completely destroying them. Sergeant Cooper's heroic action not only brought about the death of three enemy soldiers and the capture of an enemy machine gun but also broke up the crossfire which had been pinning down his platoon, thus enabling his platoon to continue its advance on the objective. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John W. Cramer, 36906438, 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 Cramer was the radio operator on a six man patrol in the vicinity of Yuza. The patrol was five hundred yards forward of the front lines when it discovered a platoon of enemy digging-in. The radio being too far away to reach the company command post, had to be set up on higher ground in order to reach the company command post. Private First Class Cramer voluntarily moved to the top of a hill exposing himself to the enemy; then taking a prone position, called for mortar fire on the enemy position causing seventeen of the enemy to be killed. Private First Class Cramer was then fired on and withdrew in the opposite direction of his patrol, drawing the enemy fire away from the patrol. This action undoubtedly saved the lives of the other men who returned with information of great value.

Sergeant Lorian A. Cummings, 36431690, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Sergeant Cummings' battalion was in such a position that the only supply route to it lay through a recently captured village that was covered by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Without thought of his own safety, he made several trips through the village to the battalion with rations, even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That same evening, an urgent call came for ammunition. Sergeant Cummings made numerous trips over this same route with ammunition although constantly exposed to fire from both friendly and enemy troops. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Cummings deserves the highest praise and commendation.

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Private First Class Charles H. Fry, 36271715, 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 came under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire and was pinned down, Private First Class Fry volunteered to go out into an open field and assist in administering first aid and evacuating men wounded in the attack. After first aid had been rendered, he acted as litter bearer to help carry the seriously wounded to an aid station. He was continually under fire but remained in the field until all the wounded had been evacuated. His heroic and unselfish actions under fire aided in saving the lives of many men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

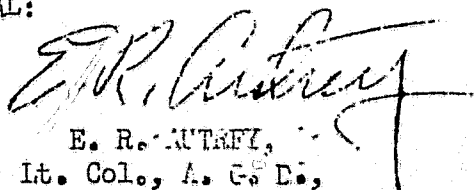
Private First Class Ray Remy, 33318846, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Remy's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route lay through a recently captured village covered by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety, Private First Class Remy made several trips with rations, even though a number of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That evening, in response to an urgent call for barbed wire that was necessary due to the battalion's precarious position, he volunteered and carried the load over this route to the forward elements. After dark, Private First Class Remy continued to carry ammunition even though he was dangerously exposed. His fortitude and keen devotion to duty is deserving of the highest praise and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald P. Ritter, 37435561, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Ritter's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route to it lay through a recently taken village which was covered by heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Ritter made several trips through this village with rations for his battalion even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That same evening, an urgent call came for ammunition. He carried ammunition over this route although constantly exposed to fire from both friendly and enemy troops. The fortitude, initiative and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Ritter deserves the highest praise and commendation.

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he was pinned down by machine gun fire. His automatic rifle was knocked out of his hands and he was wounded in the leg, making it impossible for him to run. He crawled over to a comrade who had been killed, picked up his M-1 rifle and kept firing until he was evacuated by the aid men. Private First Class Lamp's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald D. Cory, 37735452, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 31 May 1945. During the attack on Charlie Hill, near Tobaru, the company was fired upon by enemy snipers. Private First Class Cory, an automatic rifleman, moved to a point of observation and spotted the enemy sniper on whom he fired until his automatic weapon jammed. He then crawled forward to the sniper position and killed the enemy with hand grenades. Private First Class Cory's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his comrades, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

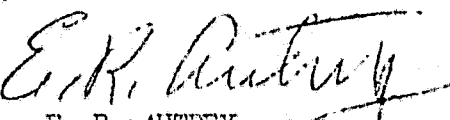
Private First Class Glen Carter, 39596103, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. The platoon of which Private First Class Carter was a member, was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire coming from two directions. Private First Class Carter, armed with an automatic rifle, took up a position and returned fire on the enemy thus reducing the enemy fire and enabling the rest of his platoon to withdraw and evacuate their casualties to a covered position. He held his position until his weapon was rendered useless by a Jap bullet. He then helped get the wounded back to a covered position. This outstanding leadership, courage and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward J. Hartlein, 39141617, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Hartlein, a member of a supply group, knew that the only supply route possible lay through a recently taken village which was covered by heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire. Without thought of personal safety, he made several trips to reach his battalion with rations, continuing even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That same evening, due to the precarious position of the battalion, barbed wire was called for. He volunteered to carry this load to the forward companies through this hail of fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Pickard P. Brucker, 35545830, 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 Brucker's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route possible lay through a recently taken village that was covered by heavy enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety he made several trips with rations to reach the forward elements, continuing even after several members of his carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That same evening, Private First Class Brucker, voluntarily worked until night fall carrying much needed barbed wire through murderous concentrations of enemy fire. That night, another call for ammunition brought the response of Private First Class Brucker. He again helped in the delivery of much needed supplies while constantly exposed to all types of enemy fire. Private First Class Brucker's courage, fortitude and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John S. Budd, 12202338, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Budd's battalion was in such a position that the only supply route possible lay through a recently taken village which was covered by heavy enemy machine gun, artillery and mortar fire. Without thought of his own safety, he made several trips to reach his battalion with rations, continuing even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. After dark, a call came from his battalion asking for immediate delivery of ammunition. Private First Class Budd, helped carry the sorely needed ammunition through darkness, exposed to fire from both enemy and friendly troops. His heroic and most courageous actions were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

Private First Class Jean C. Faulk, 38261485, 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 was in such a position that the only supply route lay through a recently captured village covered by heavy enemy fire. Without thought of personal safety, Private First Class Faulk, made several trips to deliver rations to the forward elements, continuing even after several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one killed. That evening he carried much needed barbed wire to the forward elements. After dark, a call came asking for immediate delivery of ammunition and Private First Class Faulk, helped carry it forward while constantly exposed to all types of enemy fire. Private First Class Faulk's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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First Lieutenant Richard F. Gillen, 01297883, Infantry, United States Army, For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. First Lieutenant Gillen, Battalion Communications Officer, volunteered to find the exact right flank of the Battalion. At that time the Battalion was being subjected to an intense artillery barrage, during which all lines of communication to assaulting companies had been destroyed. Leaving the Battalion Command Post at 1600, First Lieutenant Gillen, proceeded across treacherous terrain which was covered by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Disregarding his own safety and ignoring terrific enemy fire, he moved forward and ascertained the location of the right flank and returned with the vital information needed for coordinating defensive lines that night. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of this command.

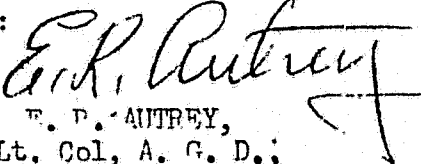
Staff Sergeant Peino A. Jurvelin, 6559099, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. It was discovered that, due to the intensity of enemy fire, the communication line from the battalion to the regiment was being continually broken. Staff Sergeant Jurvelin, without regard for his own safety, remained in a small village that was covered by heavy enemy fire, in order to repair and relay the line every time it was broken. His conduct, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Eldon D. Rose, 36539758, 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 Rose, 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 companies to move on. The utter disregard for his own personal safety and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

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Second Lieutenant Beverly L. Arnold, 01319710, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When a sergeant in his platoon who was responsible for directing the attached tanks was seriously wounded, Second Lieutenant Arnold took his place without hesitation and with full knowledge that he was the target of enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Maintaining his exposed position by the leading tank, he directed their fire as well as that of his platoon with a high degree of effectiveness. He continued in this capacity until the objective had been taken, being directly responsible for the success of the attack. His heroic actions, devotion to duty, and aggressive leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Grady E. Daniels, 39470389, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When his company was ordered to attack Charlie Hill in the vicinity of Tobaru, Private First Class Daniels' platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire during a counterattack from the left flank. With disregard for his own personal safety, he moved from his position of cover, exposed himself to enemy small arms fire and opened fire with his BAR killing six of the enemy. This action was instrumental in repelling the enemy counterattack. Private First Class Daniels' devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Jasper A. Fletcher, 38230017, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. While under an intense artillery barrage, Technician Fourth Grade Fletcher, with utter disregard for his own safety, left his position to give aid to a wounded comrade who was lying in an open field which was under heavy fire. In spite of the intense fire that covered the area, Technician Fourth Grade Fletcher succeeded in reaching the wounded man and in administering first aid. Then, with the aid of another man, he successfully evacuated the wounded man to safety and supervised his removal to the aid station. By his quick thinking and courageous action, he undoubtedly saved the life of the wounded man and set an example in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

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* First Lieutenant Edwin S. Johnson, 01307975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When the carrying parties to the front lines of the battalion began to sustain an undue amount of casualties and it looked as

though the companies would be without necessary ammunition for a coordinated attack. First Lieutenant Johnson, ammunition and pioneer platoon leader, loaded an M-29 with supplies and made the initial trip by a road which was interdicted by heavy enemy artillery fire and subjected to accurate long range machine gun fire. He ordered his men to remain behind and, without regard for his own life, succeeded in placing sufficient ammunition upon the position, thus enabling the battalion to launch a successful attack on a strongly fortified position which had been holding up the advance for days. First Lieutenant Johnson's indomitable courage and aggressive action set an inspiring example for all who were present, reflecting great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant George Krainick, O1292541, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. On his own initiative, First Lieutenant Krainick continually exposed himself to intense enemy fire to take personal command of a section of his platoon that had been cut off and had suffered heavy casualties. He succeeded in evacuating the casualties and returning the remaining men to cover where he reorganized his platoon and continued to lead them in the attack. His heroic actions and outstanding qualities of leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

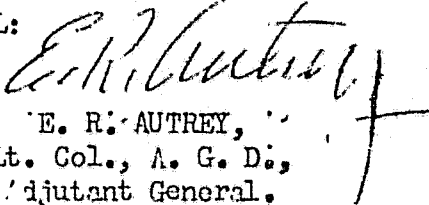
First Lieutenant John H. Landfried, O1325355, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During a night counterattack by the enemy, First Lieutenant Landfried left the comparative safety of a tomb to engage a group of fifteen enemy soldiers bent on destroying the installation with demolition charges. He voluntarily took an exposed position and was wounded by an enemy hand grenade thrown at him after his carbine had failed to operate. Despite his wounds, he procured another weapon and returned to his former position to kill five of the enemy before the remainder were driven off. Only then did he consent to have his wounds treated. His aggressive leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John N. Forsea, 6589228, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Forsea's battalion was practically cut off from the rest of the combat team. The only route forward was covered by enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Forsea volunteered to lay communication lines forward to maintain contact with the forward elements, working even after dark to reach the end. His performance under such conditions enabled the battalion to hold and firmly exploit its position. His conduct and actions deserve the highest praise.

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Private First Class Richard H. Carroll, 39470539, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Charley Hill on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Private First Class Carroll volunteered to assault an enemy pillbox which was holding up his company's advance against Charley Hill. Armed with hand grenade and his rifle, he worked his way over fifty yards of open terrain under constant fire from enemy snipers to reach the pillbox and neutralize it. This accomplished, he gave first aid to three wounded men in his squad and aided in their evacuation. This action enabled his company to continue on its mission. Private First Class Carroll's courage and coolness were an inspiration to all members of the command.

Staff Sergeant Charles C. Carston, 6820455, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Carston, acting communications officer knew of the critical position of his battalion. When communication lines were knocked out by enemy mortars, Sergeant Carston without regard for his own personal safety and in complete darkness, started forward to the front at 2000 to repair the lines. A platoon of friendly troops spotted him and pinned him down but he continued to crawl forward and soon repaired the severed line. On the way back Sergeant Carston was again compelled to hit the ground as friendly troops fired on him. This heroic and courageous action was an inspiration to all members of this command.

Private First Class Walter C. Dick, 37751717, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. During the night, Private First Class Dick, being on guard, observed a slight movement to his front and threw a grenade. Being unable to signal the men in the neighboring hole, he coolly and quickly pulled the pin of a hand grenade, released the handle and held for a sufficient length of time so that when he threw it, he got an air-burst over the enemy's position to his front. By this action the enemy machine gun was silenced, but the enemy, having located his position, threw grenades back at his position. A hand grenade battle resulted that lasted thirty minutes during which time Private First Class Dick personally killed nineteen enemy and captured four knee mortars and two light machine guns. This action undoubtedly broke up a well organized attack of which his unit had no information. This heroic and courageous action of Private First Class Dick reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clarence J. Pic, 37586610, 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, Private First Class Pic gave first aid to a wounded man exposing himself to the enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire covering the area about him, and was wounded by shrapnel. On the company's withdrawal, Private First Class Pic helped another wounded man to friendly lines across one hundred yards of fire covered area. Private First Class Pic's courage and aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.


Private First Class Harry J. Piekarski, 36700663, 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 forced to withdraw after meeting fierce enemy resistance on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Piekarski voluntarily chose to remain behind to cover the withdrawal of the wounded. Among a group of men, including one litter case, pinned down during the withdrawal, Private First Class Piekarski, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved from his position of cover and made his way back to friendly lines seventy five yards away over open terrain covered by enemy fire. Obtaining a litter, he then returned over the same hazardous route to the wounded man and effected his evacuation. His courage, aggressive action and unselfishness serve as an inspiration to his entire company.

Private First Class Vurman P. Vaughn, 39581099, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Private First Class Vaughn was carrying badly needed supplies to his company. On his return to the company he spotted two Japs in a fox hole with a machine gun. He stopped the supply line and he and one other man crawled through the Jap fire and knocked out the machine gun and killed the Japs with hand grenades, allowing the supply line to go through to his company. This performance was done with disregard for his own personal safety. Private First Class Vaughn's devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class George R. Coakley, 39595394, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. Voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Coakley, an assistant mortar gunner went with one other man to the aid of wounded men exposed to intense enemy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire when his company had suffered heavy casualties on Charlie Hill, near Tobaru. Five times Private First Class Coakley went to the aid of wounded men, administering first aid and then effecting their evacuation to friendly lines two hundred yards away. His courage, unselfishness and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Private First Class Juan Contreras J., 39226607, 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, the enemy started a counter-attack. Private First Class Contreras, holding his position, killed four advancing Japs even though enemy mortar shells were bursting all around him. When the order to withdraw came, Private First Class Contreras picked up a wounded comrade, carried him on his back one hundred fifty yards to friendly lines. The route of withdrawal was covered heavily with machine gun, sniper and mortar fire. His devotion to his wounded comrade and his courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth L. Edgett, 39336592, 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, during the advance, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Edgett, a BAR man, spotted two emplacements and in destroying them killed six of the enemy. Later during the company withdrawal Staff Sergeant Edgett helped evacuate a wounded comrade under heavy fire seventy five yards to a cave. Staff Sergeant Edgett helped the wounded man to the cave in spite of being wounded twice during the evacuation. Remaining in the cave for six hours, Staff Sergeant Edgett then helped evacuate two wounded men under the cover of darkness one hundred yards to an aid station. His devotion to his wounded comrades and his courage under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Burton W. Michel, 16143846, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Private First Class Michel's platoon was pinned down on a hill near Chatan, and under intense enemy machine gun fire he crawled to a comrade who was seriously wounded, to administer first aid. He then went on to help two other members of his squad knock out an enemy pillbox which had pinned down his platoon. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Michel reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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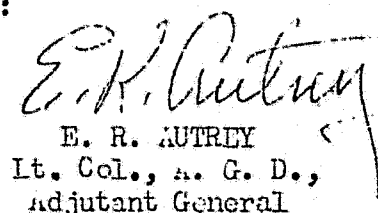
Technician Fifth Grade Robert L. Ray, 38229865, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 and 14 June 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Ray was driving his jeep loaded with ammunition to the front lines when a Jap machine gun opened fire shooting out the windshield and puncturing one of the tires on the jeep. Technician Fifth Grade Ray then carried the badly needed ammunition a distance of one hundred yards to the front lines under the enemy machine gun fire. On another occasion, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Ray drove his jeep with 60mm mortar ammunition into the heavily mined village of Gato. After delivering the ammunition to the front lines, Technician Fifth Grade Ray loaded his jeep with wounded men and evacuated them safely to the battalion aid station. Technician Fifth Grade Ray's courage and devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Aaron L. Wheeler, 37673784, 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 received a strong enemy counterattack, Private First Class Wheeler, a machine gunner, placed his gun in an exposed position on the ridge, an easy target for the advancing enemy, and exposed to heavy mortar fire. He fired his machine gun until it was damaged by enemy fire and then administered first aid to five wounded men and upon the order of withdrawal, helped carry a wounded man one hundred yards to friendly lines through enemy mortar and sniper fire. Private First Class Wheeler's courage and aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Arthur Brestel, 37735404, Infantry, United States Army For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. While his company was in position waiting for air strike, Private Brestel and one other man took an air panel and, although repeatedly fired upon by the enemy from the right flank, displayed it on the hill. Upon returning, a Jap crawled up over the hill and stole the panel. Although they knew they would again be under enemy fire, the men ran up over the hill, shot the Jap and recovered the panel displaying it on the hill just as the first airplane arrived. Private Brestel's heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger, undoubtedly saved the lives of many men of the company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Fred J. Caffrey, 36469925, Infantry, United States Army, For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. When units of his battalion were pinned down by a heavy machine gun and mortar barrage, Private First Class Caffrey was first scout of the platoon which was the point. During the heavy fire, when his squad leader and two other men were wounded, Private First Class Caffrey crawled forward under heavy enemy fire and administered first aid to the wounded men and then helped with their evacuation. While he was administering first aid to these men, his bayonet handle and his ammunition pack were hit by enemy machine gun bullets but he continued to give first aid. Private First Class Caffrey's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his wounded comrades reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles Campbell, 38631941, Infantry, United States Army For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. When his company was occupying Charlie Hill, a patrol of four men had gone out and had failed to return. Private First Class Campbell, a scout, with two other men, volunteered to go behind the enemy lines and find the patrol. They succeeded in finding the patrol with three of the men wounded. Using smoke grenades to cover them, Private First Class Campbell and his patrol evacuated the wounded men through two hundred yards of enemy territory and got them to the battalion aid station. The initiative and resourcefulness showed that day by Private First Class Campbell were instrumental in saving the lives of three of his comrades.

Private First Class Dale D. Farr, 37535999, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During an attack, when the communications section had become casualties and their radio was disabled, Private First Class Farr, voluntar

and without regard for his personal safety, traveled over one hundred and fifty yards of open ground covered by enemy automatic and rifle fire, to successfully establish communications with the forward elements that were pinned down. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles Mitchell, 38260715, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While his company was attacking Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Mitchell was seriously wounded by an enemy machine gunner. However, Private First Class Mitchell would not consent to evacuation until he had personally supervised and helped evacuate three of his seriously wounded comrades seventy-five yards under devastating artillery and mortar barrages to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Mitchell's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

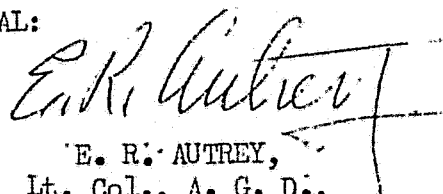
Private First Class Harold S. Wood, 35593725, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When his company attacked Love Hill but failed to take their objective, Private First Class Wood's platoon was pinned down by enemy fire and was unable to evacuate its casualties. Private First Class Wood spotted the cave the enemy fire was coming from and, crawling forward fifteen yards over open terrain, on his own initiative, and against strong enemy small arms fire, poured accurate rifle fire on the cave, keeping the enemy pinned down until the casualties had been removed, thus allowing the platoon to withdraw to their lines. His heroic action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all members of the command and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant Lawrence L. Hager, 20742493, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. When the battalion was at White Hill, First Sergeant Hager received a message that one of the rifle companies had suffered heavy casualties and help was needed to bring them back where they could be given medical aid. He immediately organized a litter carrying party and led it forward across an open field which was covered by an enemy machine gun. Sergeant Hager remained on the scene until the evacuation was completed and helped carry out the last casualty himself. His heroic and most courageous actions under such conditions were an inspiration to all members of his unit.

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SECTION I
AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 842, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 September 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Leo G. Lillie, 37305549, is rescinded.
2. So much of General Orders 853, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 September 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Robert D. Jones, 20205375, and Private First Class John Mackenis, Jr., 15120875, is rescinded.
3. So much of General Orders 747, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 19 September 1945, as pertains to Private First Class David F. Peterson, 33216470, is rescinded.
4. So much of General Orders 890, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 October 1945, as reads "Captain Irving B. Cohen, 01386442," is amended to read "Captain Irving B. Cohen, 01220442."
5. So much of General Orders 890, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 October 1945, as reads "Warrant Officer Junior Grade Andrew J. McLeen" is amended to read "Warrant Officer Junior Grade Andrew B. McLeod,"
6. So much of General Orders 800, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 24 September 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Howard H. Greel, 38315133, as reads "wounded 29 December 1945" is amended to read "wounded 29 December 1944."
7. So much of General Orders 845, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 September 1945, as pertains to Private First Class William W. Sandberg, 37774135, is rescinded.

SECTION II
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded 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 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 regard 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. Previous award per General Orders 73, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 14 December 1945.

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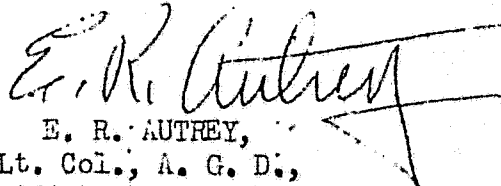
Corporal Martin J. Philbin, 32694221, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. After his company received heavy casualties and was ordered to withdraw, Corporal Philbin voluntarily picked up a radio and operated it for the company commander of another company. While under heavy enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire he fearlessly stood out in the open in order to get the maximum efficiency out of the radio to call for artillery and smoke to aid the evacuation of the casualties. He fashioned litters out of ponchos for three wounded men and assisted in carrying the wounded three hundred yards down the gorge under the ever increasing artillery and mortar fire. Corporal Philbin's unselfish thoughts for the other men and his cool courage was responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades. His bravery, devotion to duty and fearlessness was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 61, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

Staff Sergeant George J. Syer, 38743028, 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 22 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders 66, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 11 December 1944.

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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:

Technician Fifth Grade William E. Bradshaw, 39910753, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Bradshaw, Battalion Clerk, took over the additional duties of Battalion Graves Registration Non-Commissioned Officer. Immediately upon receiving word of the location of fatal casualties on Gaja Ridge, which was being subjected to enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Technician Fifth Grade Bradshaw, disregarding his own personal safety and ignoring the intense enemy fire, crawled one hundred yards to the top of the Ridge. Locating the casualties, he successfully evacuated the fatally wounded man by pulling him over the crest of the ridge down to cover and safety. Realizing the importance of morale among combat troops, he quickly compiled all possible information so that his fallen comrade could receive burial at the earliest possible time. Technician Fifth Grade Bradshaw's heroic and most courageous action in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 535, this Headquarters, 2 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant Harold Gennes 37315853, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Gennes, Battalion Operations Sergeant volunteered to find and determine the width of the gap that existed between the two assault rifle companies so that artillery fire could be zeroed in to cover this area. At that time, the Battalion was being subjected to an intense artillery barrage during which all lines of communication to assaulting companies had been destroyed. Leaving the Battalion Observation Post at 1630, Staff Sergeant Gennes proceeded across the treacherous terrain which was covered by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Disregarding his own personal safety he moved forward and ascertained the exact location of both assault companies, determined the width of the gap between these companies and returned to the Battalion Observation Post with all the necessary information. His heroic and most courageous action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all men in this Battalion. Previous award per General Orders No. 39 this Headquarters, 12 February 1945.

Staff Sergeant Marvin L. Goins, 39156783, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Goins volunteered to lead a supply train through two sections of terrain covered by enemy machine gun and artillery fire with badly needed supplies for the front lines. Enroute, three men were wounded and one was killed. After delivering the supplies, Staff Sergeant Goins returned and assisted in evacuating the wounded men to safety. His unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his wounded comrades, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 76 this Headquarters 18 December 1944.

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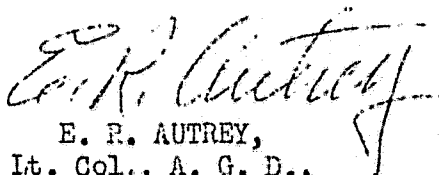
Staff Sergeant Harry E. Magee, 36539857, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When his company made an attack on Charlie Hill in the vicinity of Tabara, mortar fire was called for but was in such a location that it could be dangerous to our men. Staff Sergeant Magee, a weapons platoon Sergeant then took a radio and advanced out ahead of our troops on top of a ridge so he could better observe. He completed his mission and on his way back found a rifleman wounded in the leg, assisted him across an open field of fifty yards which was covered by sniper fire to a place of safety and helped administer first aid. His untiring efforts in the performance of duty are a credit to himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 564, this Headquarters, 7 August 1945

Lieutenant Colonel Avery W. Masters, 022666, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Under extremely hazardous conditions, Lieutenant Colonel Masters, voluntarily accompanied the forward elements of an Infantry battalion on the assault of Needle Rock Ridge, an important terrain feature that was affording the enemy with excellent observation and which, in our possession, would give us excellent observation into the enemy held Shuri defense line. Being among the first to reach the crest of the hill and observing that there were many enemy troops and emplacements in the open before him that had previously been masked to our observation, Lieutenant Colonel Masters quickly established communications with his fire direction center and started to adjust artillery fire, during which time the enemy laid down a terrific barrage of artillery, mortar, rifle and grenade fire, wounding several men within five feet of him. Without regard for his own personal safety Lieutenant Colonel Masters quickly adjusted two battalions of medium and one battalion of light artillery on enemy targets of opportunity resulting in many enemy troops and weapons being destroyed, neutralization of a vast amount of small arms fire to enable friendly troops to consolidate and hold this key terrain feature, and prevented the enemy from organizing a counter-attack which at that moment, with a force of superior strength and fire power, might have won back the position with disastrous results to friendly forces. The courage and valor displayed by Lieutenant Colonel Masters was a major factor in the seizing and holding of this key terrain feature. Previous award per General Orders 138, this Headquarters, 29 April 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Harold L. Beldin, 39212808, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. At 0400 Private First Class Beldin, was on guard in his fox hole when he saw several Japs to his right flank. Fast thinking on his part alerted the Company for the Jap counterattack. He and three of his comrades held off the Japs on the right flank with hand grenades and small arms fire until the company was completely organized. He helped kill eleven of the enemy. Private First Class Beldin's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his comrades, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James R. Brown, 33878125, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. While the battalion was trying to seize Love Hill, Private First Class Brown, volunteered to evacuate a wounded soldier who lay seventy-five yards in front of our lines in an area covered by enemy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire. Private First Class Brown, successfully reached the seriously wounded man and crawled back under enemy observation, a distance of seventy-five yards, to safety and administered first aid. Private First Class Brown's unselfish devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clyde M. Heath, 39865902, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When his company was making an attack on Love Hill, Private First Class Heath, was in one of the attacking platoons. An enemy machine gun and an enemy knee mortar opened up on a platoon of men which was ahead of him, and pinned them down. Private First Class Heath spotted the machine gun positions in a cave and a Japanese officer who was directing the enemy fire. He advanced on the cave, killed the officer, and then proceeded to throw grenades inside the cave, silencing the machine gun. He also silenced the crew of the Jap mortar firing from the same location. His actions thus enabled his fellow soldiers in the platoon that was pinned down to withdraw. Private First Class Heath's unselfish devotion to duty and his heroism in action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Warren G. Higginbotham, 38680178, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. During an attack on the Ozato Escarpment, Private First Class Higginbotham, a gunner in a light machine gun squad, was attached to two attacking platoons. When it became necessary, because of enemy crossfire, for the attackers to withdraw, Private First Class Higginbotham, manned his machine gun in an exposed position until the last of the rifleman had safely withdrawn to a new position. During the entire period of withdrawal he was exposed to enemy machine gun crossfire. Throughout the campaign, Private First Class Higginbotham, showed the same fearless courage, disregarding his own personal safety for that of his comrades. Private First Class Higginbotham's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his wounded comrades, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private Gustav H. Skjeie, 39470543, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. The company was occupying Charlie Hill, and was fighting for the enemy held valley just forward of it. In order to accomplish their mission it was necessary to uncover the hidden Jap emplacements. The previous day a platoon had gone out in front trying to locate the emplacements that were holding up the company's advance, but were badly shot up and several men were missing. Private Skjeie, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, led a patrol of fourteen men into this same valley. Returning with very valuable information on the location of the Jap strong points. Private Skjeie's courage and daring actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Bill C. Smith, 39422189, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. During an attack on his company, Private First Class Smith and two of his comrades were on guard on an out post in the vicinity of Saw Tooth Ridge. At this time they engaged the enemy with hand grenades and small arms fire. Their accuracy in throwing the grenades killed eight of the enemy and caused the rest to run for cover. This broke up the organized attack and held the enemy at bay until the rest of the guards came into action. Private First Class Smith's unselfish devotion to duty, and his heroism in action was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions.

First Lieutenant Elliot A. Short, 01322092, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. While his company was advancing under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Short, with utter disregard for his life, left his position of comparative safety, administered first aid to the wounded and evacuated them to the aid station. Two of the wounded men lay in the direct path of machine gun fire. His actions saved the life of one man who was seriously wounded. First Lieutenant Short's bravery and courage in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and upon the military service.

Private First Class Glenn E. Schreures, 37744494, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. When his platoon made an attack on Love Hill, near the village of Toharu, it was pinned down by enemy machine gun and mortar fire and one of the men was seriously wounded. Private First Class Schreures, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran to the aid of the wounded man, and carried him to cover where he administered first aid and then personally evacuated him to the Battalion aid station, thus saving the man's life. 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. 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 Posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Ivan F. Beville, 37062820, 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 forced to withdraw from Kaka Ridge after receiving heavy casualties, Private First Class Beville, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, aided in the evacuation of a wounded man to safety, one hundred and fifty yards over open terrain exposed to intense mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Then, returning to the scene of battle, he, although wounded himself, helped another casualty to safety over the same hazardous route. His courage, perseverance and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his entire company. Next of Kin: Mrs. Bracie Beville, Mother, Elytheville, Arkansas.

Private First Class Robert B. Coy, 36916981, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. While his company was moving up the west slope of Conical Hill, enemy fire became so intense that one rifle platoon was unable to maneuver. Private First Class Coy got into position with his automatic rifle and continued firing at the enemy while drawing fire his way. He kept firing upon the enemy until wounded. This heroic action, in the face of heavy enemy fire enabled his platoon to maneuver into position whereby they could take and defend their objective. This heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Verneda L. Coy, Wife, 131 1/2 Lake Street, Petoskey Michigan.

First Sergeant Raymond L. Cummings, 39226185, 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, the order was given to withdraw due to overwhelming odds. First Sergeant Cummings was cut off behind enemy lines with thirteen other men of various companies, six of whom were seriously wounded. With complete disregard for his own wounds, he helped evacuate all six of the wounded men one hundred and fifty yards, under cover of darkness, to the battalion aid station. His devotion to duty, outstanding courage and bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Dorothy L. Cummings, Wife, 527, Cookacre, Compton, California.

Private First Class Willie H. Curtis, 38227553, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. The enemy laid down a heavy mortar barrage which was followed by a counterattack in about company force. Private First Class Curtis, a machine gunner, drove the first wave of the attacking enemy back, but so doing, he exposed himself and the enemy proceeded to lay a heavy knee mortar concentration on his position. After the barrage, the enemy again attacked but Private First Class Curtis, courageously remaining at his post, again drove them

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back. Twice more, each time preceding their attack with heavy mortar barrages, enemy tried to penetrate our positions but each time, Private First Class Curtis drove them back with heavy casualties. In the final phases of the attack, Private First Class Curtis, still manning his post, received wounds which resulted in his death. His heroic 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: John P. Curtis, Father, Beardon, Arkansas. ✓

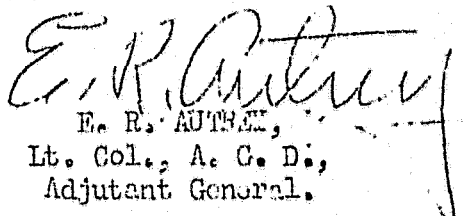
Staff Sergeant Rex D. Haugh, 35629867, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Sergeant Haugh was in command of forces defending a strategic portion of terrain when a heavily concentrated enemy attack developed. Sergeant Haugh courageously exposed himself and called for his men to take pre-arranged positions. Then directing fire, he personally fired magazine after magazine into the attacking enemy. With ammunition for his weapon nearly exhausted, he withdrew to a foxhole and secured more ammunition and grenades. He then returned to his position and continued to fight until the enemy became disorganized and withdrew. Sergeant Haugh's coolness under fire and initiative were undoubtedly the key to defeating the enemy and holding the strategic portion of terrain. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Frances G. Haugh, Wife, 77 South Main Street, Croton, Ohio. ✓

Private First Class Adolph S. Regula, 33926075, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. Private First Class Regula, spotting a machine gun emplacement, fought a battle of his own with the enemy gun until it was neutralized. Then, with great initiative, he moved his gun to an advantageous position to give supporting fire to the advancing troops despite the fact that this put him in an exposed position. It was in this unselfish display of courage that Private First Class Regula was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. His unhesitating devotion to duty, loyalty and his heroism in action were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Walter Regula, Brother, Box 87, Whitney, Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class James A. Duncan, 38573288, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. During the assault on Conical Hill, Private First Class Duncan, a flame-thrower operator, at the risk of his life, maneuvered to a position from which he could bring effective fire in the mouth of a cave. When the igniting device was lit, he found there was no pressure to force the fuel from the flame-thrower. Private First Class Duncan quickly ran back to his squad through heavy enemy fire to secure grenades and satchel charges. After throwing grenades into the cave, he advanced and placed his demolitions to seal the cave. At this time, he personally killed five Japanese soldiers who ran out. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Burdette G. Fletcher, 37435405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge on 12 April 1945. Private First Class Fletcher was manning a machine gun when the enemy laid down a heavy mortar barrage and immediately attacked Private First Class Fletcher's position. He manned his machine gun so effectively that the enemy was driven back. The enemy then proceeded to lay a mortar barrage on Private First Class Fletcher's position to neutralize the fire of his machine gun. Three more times they attacked but each time, Private First Class Fletcher courageously exposed himself to effectively man his gun and repulsed the enemy with heavy casualties. His heroic action was a major contribution towards his company's holding their position and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Vernon J. Roberts, 38300184, 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 making a dawn attack on heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge, upon the order to withdraw, Private First Class Roberts, a mortar gunner, helped evacuate a wounded man through a gulch one hundred and twenty five yards, although receiving heavy enemy mortar fire. Private First Class Roberts returned through the gulch which was still under heavy machine gun and mortar fire to the company position and helped reorganize men of the company for the withdrawal. Private First Class Roberts' courage and aggressive action reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Paul R. Rudolph, 37774420, 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 Rudolph, a runner for the mortar section, volunteered to evacuate three wounded men from under heavy machine

gun and mortar fire. He entered three times into this enemy sector by crawling through an open field seventy-five yards and bringing the wounded out. While doing this, he was wounded. Disregarding his own wound, he continued to help evacuate the wounded. Disregarding his own wound, he continued to help evacuate the wounded until all were clear of the enemy fire. Private First Class Rudolph's outstanding courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Earl E. Smith, 37633215, 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 Smith, a mortarman, participated in the attack on Kakazu Ridge. Under intense mortar and machine gun fire, he fired his mortar until his supply of ammunition was exhausted and then manned a light machine gun covering the withdrawal of the company through a gorge. After coming down he set up his machine gun again to cover the withdrawal of the wounded. He was exposed to small arms fire, but refused to take cover and was wounded. He continued firing until all the wounded were evacuated. Private First Class Smith's unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

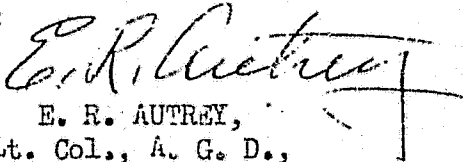
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 9 February 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Harry Engle, 34439511, 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. As the rifle company was advancing under heavy enemy fire from machine guns and snipers, one platoon was pinned down in the crossfire and suffered several casualties. All casualties were evacuated except one who was the lead scout and was lying fifty yards away from cover. Private First Class Engle accompanied a litter squad to try to evacuate the wounded man. Even though smoke grenades were used, it failed to give them the necessary cover and one aid man was killed. Nevertheless, with utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Engle crossed the sniper covered area and was able to evacuate the wounded man to a place where he could receive medical care. His heroic and courageous action saved the life of his comrade and was an inspiration to the men of his company.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

First Lieutenant Robert P. Christensen, 0523959, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. First Lieutenant Christensen's platoon was assigned the mission of securing the eastern slopes of a hill guarding the approaches to Kakazu Ridge and of maintaining contact with the unit on his left flank. He was leading his platoon over two hundred yard area of flat open terrain which stood between him and his objective, when both his platoon and the unit on his left flank, which were advancing toward the objective were pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he worked his way to a point of vantage, from which he could observe the enemy positions. Despite the intensity of the fire directed his way, he maintained this position and from it, directed mortar fire which destroyed three enemy machine guns. At this time, his platoon was subjected to heavy mortar fire, but assaulted the objective which was the only source of concealment in the area. As his platoon reached its objective, the enemy laid down a heavy barrage of artillery fire upon it. Despite the fact that First Lieutenant Christensen received a severe leg wound, he crawled to vantage point from which he shouted instructions to his platoon, thus effecting their reorganization. His aggressive courage in the leading of the assault and his refusal to be evacuated during a time of stress despite the seriousness of his wounds, were an inspiration to those under his command and was a major factor in their taking the vital objective and holding it.

Private First Class Lester D. Donald, 38229698, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. On this date, Private First Class Donald's platoon was halted and then pinned down by an enemy knee mortar and grenade fire. The Japs were firing from a well camouflaged position in the mouth of a deep cave. A flame throwing tank was called into action but could not locate the enemy position. Private First Class Donald volunteered to guide the tank into position. As he crossed into the front of the tank he was hit by a shell fragment in the shoulder. Despite the wound and the intensity of the fire, he continued to maneuver forward guiding the tank by arm and hand signals. As he approached the position he was again hit, this time receiving a severe wound in the right leg. Nevertheless, he continued crawling forward, guiding the tank as he did so. He was then struck a third time by a shell fragment. At this time the tank crew was able to see the target and proceeded to destroy it. By means of Private First Class Donald's gallant and courageous action, a strong enemy position was reduced, thus enabling his platoon to advance.

Private First Class Warren Earl Miller, 39201960, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Private First Class Miller, on a forward outpost, was able to detect five enemy soldiers as they were attempting to withdraw to their own forces on the escarpment to his company's front. The enemy, not realizing that our force occupied the town of Yuza, ran through the city and upon discovering it was occupied began to charge and throw grenades at the resting troops. Private First Class

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Miller, upon seeing them, heroically charged the enemy with only a rifle and bayonet killing five of the enemy. Private First Class Miller's heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

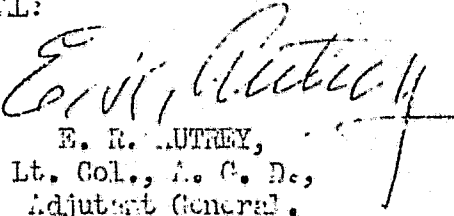
Sergeant Russell E. Jones, 19132957, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Sergeant Jones, while leading a five man patrol with the purpose of making contact with adjacent units, detected an enemy machine gun and a 47mm anti-tank gun. He had his men cover him as he crossed fifty yards of open ground through intense enemy fire to contact a tank. He then directed the tank into position and directed its fire until the anti-tank gun was destroyed. Upon returning to his men, he was fired on by an enemy machine gun. He charged the enemy gun, destroying it and killing four enemy soldiers. This action undoubtedly saved the lives of his patrol and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Royal K. Schellenberg, 02012512, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Schellenberg was leading his platoon in an attack on a heavily defended hill guarding the approach to Kakazu ridge. His platoon was advancing across open terrain two hundred yards in front of the objective behind the cover of a platoon of medium tanks, when the attacking forces received heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire from the front and left flank, bringing the attack to a standstill. First Lieutenant Schellenberg, locating two enemy machine gun positions, rushed to the lead tank and fully exposed to withering enemy fire, directed fire on these positions, knocking them out. At this time anti-tank fire from two 47mm anti-tank guns disabled two tanks three hundred and fifty yards on his right flank. Lieutenant Schellenberg having observed the position of the enemy fire ran to the second disabled tank, seized the telephone and despite a hail of small arms fire and continued anti-tank fire, remained in his exposed position to direct tank fire against the anti-tank guns, destroying them also. Ascertaining that the only adequate cover was offered by the objective itself, First Lieutenant Schellenberg urged them on by his own valiant example and led a successful assault upon his objective. His calm initiative under heavy enemy fire and his gallant example of aggressive leadership was an inspiration to the men under his command and a major factor in the taking of a vital objective.

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

SECTION I ✓

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL ✓

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 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 Robert L. Bruce, 36908932, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Private First Class Bruce was with his machine gun section when a Jap blew up a cave over which the section was passing. Enemy machine gun fire opened up on the cave and the men. Private First Class Bruce, disregarding his own personal safety, dug out an imprisoned comrade who was buried by the explosion. The entire act was performed under machine gun and sniper fire. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Bruce reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Edna Bruce, Mother, 149 East Mansfield, Demont, Illinois.

Private First Class John C. Olson, 37572694, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. In the fight for Nishibaru Ridge, Private First Class Olson displayed outstanding courage and heroism as, without regard for his own personal safety, he dashed across fifty yards of fire-swept terrain to go to the aid of two wounded comrades who were lying exposed to enemy fire. After administering first aid and getting the men to cover, he maintained his forward position and successfully neutralized the fire from two enemy pillboxes with his automatic rifle while his platoon reorganized and came to his aid. Private First Class Olson's heroic action resulted in saving the lives of two men and made it possible for his platoon to successfully drive the enemy from the forward slope of the ridge. His conduct and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Nels B. Olson, Father, 120 4th Street, North Fargo, North Dakota.

SECTION II ✓

POSTHUMOUS 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 Posthumously to the following named Enlisted Men per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Private First Class John C. Olson, 37572694, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. During the battle for Sawtooth Ridge, Private First Class Olson found himself, on one occasion, far in advance and cut off from

his platoon. Instead of seeking cover and trying to withdraw, he put his automatic rifle into action and in thirty minutes, destroyed two knee mortars, a light machine gun and killed thirteen of the enemy. This heroic and courageous action enabled his squad to join him and inflict heavy casualties on the enemy while the company brought supporting weapons to bear on the enemy position. Private First Class Olsen's heroism in action against the enemy resulted in a high degree of effectiveness of his platoon and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per Section I, General Orders No. 917, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 2 October 1945. Next of Kin: Nels B. Olson, Father, 120 4th Street, North Fargo, North Dakota.

Private First Class Otha H. Tuck, 33532335, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During a battalion attack upon Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Tuck, with complete disregard for his own safety, aided four wounded men to the cover of a gorge at the bottom of the ridge. While carrying one of the wounded one hundred yards across an open field exposed to heavy enemy fire, he was fatally wounded. His courage, unselfishness and devotion to duty will live long in the memories of the members of his company. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944. Next of Kin: Mrs. Bernice Tuck, wife, General Delivery, Parrott, Virginia.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

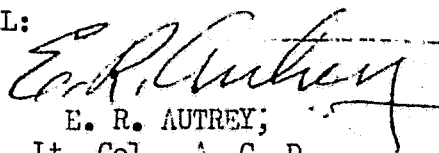
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Officer per General Orders No. 116, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Captain Joseph A. McCaffrey, 01286524, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Captain McCaffrey's company, being in the assault, encountered fire from three enemy machine guns on the company's right flank. Although wounded, he continued to direct his company, employing expert tactics. He personally moved forward to his leading right squad, with utter disregard for his own life. While moving forward, Captain McCaffrey was wounded by a mortar fragment but continued to direct his company until the completion of the attack and the ridge was secure. He refused medical attention until he had personally guided litter bearers to all the wounded men of his command and evacuated them. His courageous action and coolness under fire were an inspiration to all men of his command. Previous award per General Orders 116, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 April 1945.

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In the 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 Paul W. Bortell, 33578778, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Hearing a cry for help coming from approximately thirty yards away, Private First Class Bortell, with utter disregard for the intense artillery barrage, moved from his foxhole to the wounded man's aid. Learning that two men had been seriously wounded and covered with dirt when their foxhole had received a direct hit from an artillery shell, Private First Class Bortell, set to work digging them out in the face of the intense barrage, and with the help of others, effected their evacuation to the aid station. His courage, spontaneous reaction to a difficult situation, and perseverance was instrumental in the saving of the lives of two men.

Private First Class William M. Brasher, 38294162, 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 Brasher, a mortar gunner participated in a pre-dawn attack on Kakazu Ridge. Ignoring mortar and sniper fire he continued firing his mortar until the ammunition was exhausted and then effected the evacuation of the wounded to a place of safety across an open field seventy-five yards in length, covered by enemy artillery and mortar fire. Twice he crossed the field until an enemy mortar shell seriously wounded him. Private First Class Brasher's courage and devotion to duty, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Crawford Cornett, 38272536, 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 forced to withdraw from Kakazu Ridge after meeting fierce enemy resistance, Private First Class Cornett, voluntarily chose to remain behind with the wounded. After administering first aid, he then with utter disregard for his own personal safety, helped the man to friendly lines one hundred and fifty yards away over open terrain exposed to intense enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Although wounded while helping the man to safety, Private First Class Cornett, did not relax his efforts until his mission had been accomplished. His devotion to duty, coolness under fire and courage was instrumental in the saving of a man's life.

Private First Class William Hill, 37682202, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. During the Battalion's attack on Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Hill, with utter disregard for his own safety, continued to fire his mortar although his position was exposed to intense enemy fire. When his company was given the order to withdraw after meeting fierce enemy resistance, Private First Class Hill, administered first aid to two wounded men and then effected their evacuation to friendly lines. Although wounded during the withdrawal, Private First Class Hill, did not relax his efforts until his mission had been completed. His perseverance, devotion to duty, and courage was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class "K" 1st Lt 1036 - 67545
Private First Class Chello O. Ortega, 39724744, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. During an attack on Charlie Hill, Private First Class Ortega, spotted an enemy cave which had been holding up the advance of his platoon with rifle and machine gun fire. Realizing the situation, Private First Class Ortega, under heavy sniper fire, crawled to within thirty-five yards of the cave, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, stood up in full view of the enemy and fired rifle grenades into the cave and succeeded in knocking out the machine gun. Private First Class Ortega, then single handedly attacked the cave with grenades, killing the remainder of the enemy and allowing his platoon to continue their advance. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. *Next of Kin: Lorenzo Ortega (father) GENERAL DELIVERY, SATICOY, CALIF*

Private First Class Elsworth Tissue, 36407461, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When a battalion supply dump was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage and sniper fire, Private First Class Tissue, and another man stalked the sniper and killed him. Private First Class Tissue, receiving a bullet wound in the arm during the action, returned to the aid station to have his wound dressed, but refused to be evacuated. Private First Class Tissue, then returned to his duties on the front lines. His devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant James M. Ashley, 39724975, 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 forced to withdraw from Kakazu Ridge after meeting fierce enemy resistance, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Ashley, voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal. Although his position was exposed to intense enemy counter fire, Sergeant Ashley, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, maintained his position firing his mortar until all ammunition had been expended. Then displaying the same fearlessness, he assisted in carrying a wounded man over open terrain in the face of intense enemy mortar, machine gun and artillery fire to safety one hundred and fifty yards away. His courage, unselfishness and devotion to duty was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Joe Bassett, 39478987, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Bassett's company was near Mashiki Ridge, when the main body of his platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire coming from their objective. The company was to swing around to the left of a small knoll which stood in front of the day's objective. While moving over the crest of the hill, Private First Class Bassett's squad ran into a hail of machine gun and sniper fire. Private First Class Bassett, was wounded but refused to be evacuated. Although his wound pained him greatly, he decided to knock out the machine gun himself and inched forward toward the enemy, taking advantage of all cover and concealment. Suddenly he found himself a little to the right of the machine gun nest and in a perfect firing position. He immediately delivered fire on the Japs, killing all four of them. Private First Class Bassett, knew the sector was not secure for the main body to move on. It was his mission to secure the knoll's right and forward slopes. He continued searching and when his platoon moved into position, he had wiped out an additional five Jap snipers. Upon completion of the mission, Private First Class Bassett, allowed himself to be evacuated and receive medical attention. Private First Class Bassett's gallant achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

First Lieutenant Morris Feldman, 01058239, Infantry, United States Army. For Gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. First Lieutenant Feldman, was informed that his platoon was to make an assault, upon the lower Yuza-Dake escarpment in coordination with other units on his flanks. In the assault the supporting units were unable to advance, and First Lieutenant Feldman's platoon was far in front continuing his initial plan of assault. The enemy was delivering extremely heavy machine gun cross fire upon the advancing platoon. He placed himself in front of his men and by drawing fire upon himself was able to divert the fire from his platoon. In doing so, he inspired his men to continue the assault and was successful in accomplishing his mission. While awaiting further orders from his commanding officer he personally selected and used a small defiladed ditchline, and crept upon an enemy position consisting of several snipers and machine gun. After advancing under cover as far as possible First Lieutenant Feldman, assaulted the position across an open stretch of two hundred yards through hazardous enemy fire, and completely destroyed the emplacement with several well thrown grenades. Upon returning to his platoon, he spotted an enemy mortar position which was delivering a heavy barrage upon rear area troops. Having exhausted his supply of grenades in the destruction of the machine gun position, First Lieutenant Feldman, without hesitation, assaulted the mortar position and with his M-1 killed the six Japs in the mortar crew. After returning to his platoon, he was ordered to withdraw to previously occupied positions as the other units were unable to come abreast of his position. Again he led the advance of the platoon and was successful in reaching safety after crossing over one thousand yards of increasingly heavy machine gun fire without suffering a single casualty. First Lieutenant Feldman's platoon did not suffer a single casualty in the entire day's action. First Lieutenant Feldman's gallantry in action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technical Sergeant Bernard H. Hinkle, 20742445, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. As Technical Sergeant Hinkle was leading his platoon forward in an attack upon the town of Aragachi, intense enemy machine gun fire completely halted the attack, preventing any movement forward. With complete disregard for personal safety, he advanced toward the enemy by himself. The intense fire that he drew made it obvious that the enemy's observation of his action was excellent. Lobbing grenades and firing incessantly, Technical Sergeant Hinkle, closed in and destroyed the machine gun and three of the enemy. Still pressing forward, he killed two other Japs in a nearby cave. Rejoining his platoon, he led them forward to their objective. Technical Sergeant Hinkle's actions were an inspiration to all. His gallantry and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

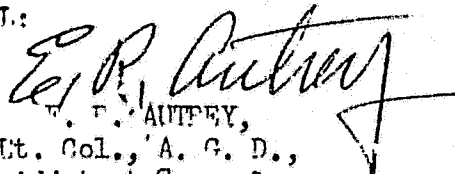
Private First Class Henry P. Kraemer, 39463294, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Kraemer, an Automatic Rifleman, was with his company in the attack of Masheki Ridge when the leading elements came under intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Kraemer, without regard for his own personal safety, crawled through the enemy machine gun fire up the slope toward the enemy gun position. He rounded a small knoll and discovered four Japs manning a machine gun. He quickly killed the four Japs with a grenade. He continued his advance up the slope and located another gun. The Japs tossed a grenade which exploded, wounding him seriously in the arms and back. Disregarding his wounds, he continued to advance and knocked out the enemy gun with fire from his Automatic Rifle, killing five more Japs. Private First Class Kraemer then withdrew to receive medical attention for his wounds. His gallantry and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Charles A. Wetzell, 33841647, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Wetzell's squad was attacking an enemy held hill near Kakazu Ridge. Private First Class Wetzell, was protecting the extreme right flank of the company when, from the side of the hill, a prolonged burst of machine gun fire pinned down the entire company and Private First Class Wetzell, was severely wounded. Subsequent fire from another enemy machine gun put the company in a withering cross fire. Disregarding his own personal safety and the pain of his wound, he advanced up the hill alone, through the enemy machine gun fire and succeeded in knocking out the gun, killing the four Japs in the enemy gun position. As a result of his actions his company was able to outflank the enemy and reach their objective. His gallantry in action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

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Private First Class Earl L. Bates, 38635732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 14 June 1945. On 14 June, the first platoon of Private First Class Bates' Company was attacking the Yuza Dake Line. Private First Class Bates, assistant squad leader, was advancing up the escarpment at the rear of his squad. The first man in the squad had just reached the top when an enemy machine gun suddenly opened up on them from the right rear. Private First Class Bates dived behind a small shrub, which offered some concealment but no cover. Next to him the platoon aid man had been wounded seriously in the jaw and heel. Private First Class Bates started crawling to his aid immediately. Courageously, he dragged the wounded man through the continuing stream of enemy machine gun fire to a place of cover about fifty yards away. Upon reaching the covered position, he immediately rendered first aid, then continued to crawl, dragging his wounded comrade to a position of greater safety and from which he could be evacuated. Throughout the entire action, the enemy machine gunner fired continuously at the two men, but through the heroism and display of great bravery on the part of Private First Class Bates, the life of a comrade was saved. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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~~Private First Class Helmut E. Deminatus, #2901746, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Deminatus, an automatic rifleman, was in the attack of Mashiki Ridge, when forward elements came under intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Deminatus, disregarding his own personal safety, crawled through the enemy machine gun fire, up the slope toward the gun position he had located. He quickly killed the five Japs manning the gun. He continued his advance up the hill and as he reached the crest an enemy mortar shell exploded near him, wounding him in the head, but he refused evacuation. He spotted an enemy mortar position and directed our own mortar fire on the position until it was knocked out. A man next to him was wounded in the foot and Private First Class Deminatus braved the sniper fire and carried the wounded man to safety. His heroic actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.~~

First Sergeant Joseph B. DeCarlo, 6949454, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. First Sergeant DeCarlo acted in the capacity of Company Executive Officer and on 25 April 1945, he volunteered to lead a stretcher party to the leading elements which were suffering casualties in their attack on an enemy held hill. The route forward was covered with enemy sniper and machine gun fire and they were halted three times while traversing this terrain. He reached the wounded men and led the party back to safety. He volunteered to lead another stretcher party to the leading elements who were subject to intense

enemy machine gun and sniper fire whenever anyone moved in their area which was completely exposed to enemy observation. Five times he was temporarily halted by enemy sniper and machine gun fire but reached the wounded men and evacuated them to safety. He was instrumental in saving the lives of these men and his bravery and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions ✓

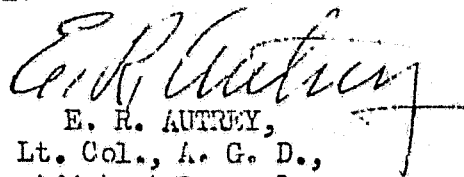
Staff Sergeant Harold N. Ewart, 36202836, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. On 4 April 1945, Staff Sergeant Ewart's company was in the attack on the strongly fortified Misaiki Ridge. The fighting was extremely heavy, and soon the company's ammunition was low. Staff Sergeant Ewart, acting as supply sergeant, undertook the job of getting the necessary ammunition from the rear. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he made numerous trips back and forth, over roads and terrain where enemy mortar and artillery shells were constantly bursting. On two occasions this day, he assisted in the evacuation of casualties while under enemy sniper and machine gun fire. His untiring efforts enabled his company to keep up a steady pounding of the enemy, which ultimately led to the securing of the hill, and his timely assistance with the casualties saved two lives. Staff Sergeant Ewart's heroic actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions. ✓

Private First Class James V. Martin, 38290931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Martin's company was in the attack on Kakazu Ridge. The enemy mortar and machine gun fire was intense and several casualties were inflicted on the forward elements of the company. Open terrain and steep slopes had to be crossed before reaching the wounded, and enemy fire was covering the entire area. Private First Class Martin without regard to his own personal safety, volunteered as a litter bearer to evacuate the wounded. He worked his way across the open ground and steep hill and through the heavy fire. Though he was forced to halt several times by extremely heavy enemy fire, he reached the wounded and put one on the litter. He made trip after trip until all the wounded men were safely evacuated and during this time the enemy kept up a constant fire upon the ground he covered. His heroic actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

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Private First Class James C. Davidson, 44072929, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. Private First Class Davidson's company set up a night defense about one hundred yards north of the Yuza-Dake escarpment. About 1900, Private First Class Davidson spotted three Jap infiltrators approaching his platoon's area. During an exchange of grenade fire, he was wounded. Without regard for his personal safety, he crawled out of his hole, killed one of the Japs by rifle fire and, after a hand to hand struggle, bayoneted another one. He then crawled into the ditch in which the Jap had taken cover and killed him with rifle fire. Private First Class Davidson's heroic action and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Alfred D. Ebarb, 38525447, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Private First Class Ebarb's company was launching an attack on the strongly fortified Yuza Dake Escarpment. As his platoon reached the top of the ridge, they were met by a hail of fire from enemy machine guns and rifles, which wounded one man seriously. The wounded man lay ahead of the main part of the platoon and the route to him was covered by the enemy fire. Private First Class Ebarb, on his own initiative and without regard for his personal safety, made his way toward the wounded man. With much effort, he was able to drag the man back down the hill while under constant enemy fire, to the safety of a high rock. Private First Class Ebarb's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class David L. Fitzgerald, 39595830, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Fitzgerald's company was in the attack on Kochi Ridge, the approaches to which were covered by intense enemy mortar and interlocking machine gun fire. Private First Class Fitzgerald, acting as first scout for his platoon, slowly made his way across the open stretches to the slope of the hill. Here, the enemy's fire was point blank, Private First Class Fitzgerald, disregarding his own personal safety, exposed himself to the enemy fire and located an enemy machine gun position in a cave on the slope above him. On his own initiative, he made his way toward the Jap gun and, with hand grenades and rifle, knocked the gun out, killing nine Japs. This relieved much of the fire on his platoon and allowed them to continue the attack. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Vernon J. Hayertz, 39478931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Private Hayertz's company was attacking the enemy near the town of Chan. Enemy sniper fire was very heavy causing the company to halt the advance. One man was seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position about one hundred yards from the main part of the company. Private First Class Hayertz, without regard for his own personal safety, volunteered as part of a little squad to get the wounded man out. The terrain was open and the enemy concentrated heavy fire upon it, making the crossing very difficult. They reached the wounded man and put him on the litter, but as the men were returning, an enemy machine gun opened fire on the litter party, forcing them to take cover in a ditch. It was impossible to move further and Private First Class Hayertz remained with the wounded man until dark, at which time he completed the evacuation. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

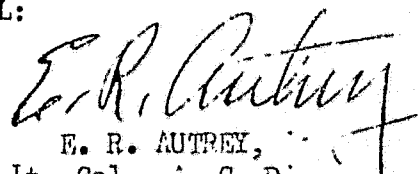
Sergeant Gerald N. Jones, 37550619, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Jones' company was attacking Mashiki Ridge when the leading elements were pinned down by heavy Jap mortar and machine gun fire, suffering several casualties. Sergeant Jones, without regard for his own personal safety, made his way across the open terrain through the enemy fire and dragged three of the wounded men to safety. He then administered first aid to the wounded and remained with them until they could be evacuated. Sergeant Jones' heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Staff Sergeant Oliver C. Lewis, 16148180, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. While his company was attacking Mashiki Ridge, Staff Sergeant Lewis' mortar section was in direct support of the company. Because of terrain features, he was forced to set up his mortars a few yards behind the front lines. The company was temporarily held down by mortar, machine gun and sniper fire. On his own initiative, Staff Sergeant Lewis opened fire with his mortars on enemy positions. The enemy returned the fire and several men in the section were wounded, but Staff Sergeant Lewis quickly reorganized and continued his fire. He observed and directed the fire from an exposed position until seriously wounded by enemy artillery fire. His coolness and efficient leadership enabled the company to effect a difficult withdrawal with a minimum of casualties.

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Private First Class John Elliot, 39470500, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 2 June 1945. Private First Class Elliot's company was attacking the enemy near the town of Chan. Enemy sniper fire was very heavy, causing the company to halt the advance. One man was seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position about 100 yards from the main part of the company. Private First Class Elliot, without regard for his personal safety, volunteered as part of a litter squad to get the wounded man out. The terrain was open and the enemy concentrated heavy fire upon it, making the crossing very difficult. He reached the wounded man and put him on the litter, but as the men were returning, an enemy machine gun opened fire on them forcing them to take cover in a ditch. Private First Class Elliot remained with the wounded man until dark and then they completed the evacuation. His heroic actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military tradition.

Private First Class Charles R. Burleson, 38731398, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. On June 19, as Private First Class Burleson's platoon was engaged in the attack upon the town of Aragachi, intense machine gun and rifle fire halted the advance. The enemy was observed to be set up on the left flank which was entirely exposed, since the next friendly unit was yards away. Using fire and movement, Private First Class Burleson and three other men maneuvered through continuous enemy machine gun fire in an attempt to close in on the enemy and destroy them. Their ammunition being exhausted twice made it necessary for each man to return to a rear area for the replenishment of their supply. Finally, after two hours of hard fighting, Private First Class Burleson and his three comrades assaulted the enemy position and completely silenced it. The group accounted for twenty three Japs dead, two light machine guns were demolished and a heavy machine gun was captured intact. The courageous actions of Private First Class Burleson made it possible for his platoon to resume the attack and take their objective without any casualties occurring. His heroic achievement is in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class George Gregg, 38570404, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. On 14 June 1945 Private First Class Gregg's company was in the attack on the strongly fortified Yuza Dake Escarpment. Private First Class Gregg was first scout for his platoon. As he reached the top of the ridge he met a heavy volume of enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Without thought of his own personal safety, he worked his way up the side of the trail until he was a few yards from a Jap machine gun. He threw two grenades in among the enemy killing two and then killed two more with his rifle as they were trying to escape. His actions made it possible for the rest of the platoon

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to secure a position on the top of the ridge without further casualties. Private First Class Grogg's heroic actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

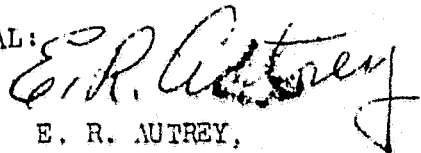
Private First Class Leroy H. Johnson, 38688924, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. Private First Class Johnson's company was dug in for the night when at 0130 on the morning of May 26, a flare suddenly burst in the sky and immediately in front of Private First Class Johnson's foxhole he spied three infiltrating Japs. He quickly raised up out of his foxhole and killed the three Japs. He then noticed what seemed to be a large bush moving to his right front, and he opened fire at once and killed four more of the enemy trying to crawl up to his hole. Then he saw two more Japs crawling up a small ditch, which he could not reach by fire, so he crawled out of his foxhole, disregarding his own personal safety, and went after the Japs. He threw a grenade between the Japs, killing them both. In the morning it was found that he had killed eleven Japs. Private First Class Johnson's heroic actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

First Lieutenant Robert P. Post, 01320009, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. On April 4, Lieutenant Post's company was attacking Mashiki Ridge. Enemy machine gun and mortar fire became very heavy, making the advance difficult. First Lieutenant Post exposed himself to the enemy fire to direct his platoon and successfully maneuvering his men, reached the slope of the hill. As he was advancing up the hill he spotted two enemy snipers, whom he quickly killed. An enemy mortar shell landed near him, the concussion dazing him, but he refused evacuation and continued to lead his men. When he reached the crest of the hill, he located two enemy mortar positions, and disregarding his own personal safety, exposed himself to direct our own mortar fire into the enemy positions. His accurate adjustment of mortar fire knocked out the enemy mortars, killing five of the enemy. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

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A Staff Sergeant Steve J. Bukosky, 36535874, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Bukosky's company was engaged in the attack on Mashiki Ridge when the leading elements came under intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire and suffered several casualties. Staff Sergeant Bukosky, disregarding his own personal safety, crawled through the enemy fire and helped one of the wounded to safety. He then advanced up the hill and killed three Jap snipers. When he reached the crest of the hill, he spotted three enemy machine gun positions, two hundred yards up the ridge, and directed our own mortar fire on the gun positions knocking the guns out and killing eight Japs. He was under full observation of enemy snipers at all times. Staff Sergeant Bukosky's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Sergeant George L. Coble, 34435297, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. On April 9, elements of Sergeant Coble's battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge and suffered many casualties, thus making the need for litter bearers urgent. Sergeant Coble volunteered to act as litter bearer. The route to the wounded men being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, he had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded. Since there was only one available route, he was forced to return by it. After laborious hours of evacuating, Sergeant Coble collapsed from exhaustion. During the course of this heroic action, Sergeant Coble's devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Emil J. Hrbacek, 38680387, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Hrbacek's company was in the attack on Kakazu Ridge. The enemy had the advancing troops under full observation and delivered extremely accurate mortar and machine gun fire on them. Private First Class Hrbacek, automatic rifleman, was with his platoon on the left flank of the company. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he made his way through the enemy fire to a position where he could deliver accurate fire on the enemy. This fire silenced three enemy machine guns located in caves, and allowed the platoon to further their advance and, with the deadly fire they delivered on the Japs, pinned them down and the entire company was able to continue their mission. Private First Class Hrbacek's actions were responsible for the success of the attack. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

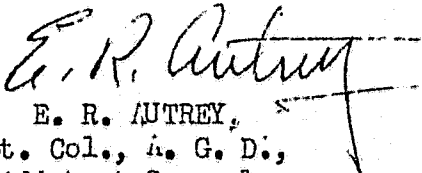
Private First Class Alvin R. Sapp, 36383328, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Sapp's company was attacking Kakazu Ridge. Nearing the top, the two leading elements plus the observation post group were pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. The company suffered several casualties including the company commander. Private First Class Sapp, the company radio operator, grabbed the nearest wounded man and dragged him to cover and then called the aid man to bandage the wound. On his own initiative, he crawled through enemy machine gun and sniper fire to locate the next senior officer. There were some transmissions on his radio and he sat patiently in an upright position partially exposed through a withering enemy mortar barrage. After the withdrawal from the ridge, he volunteered to carry some of the wounded men back to the battalion aid station. On the way back, he was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire and, refusing to leave the wounded man on the litter exposed, he dragged him to cover. During this action, Private First Class Sapp was wounded and despite his wound, continued on his job, and reached the battalion aid station. His heroic service and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Sergeant Estil A. Schild, 36824164, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 and 11 April 1945. Sergeant Schild, participating in a second attack against the enemy stronghold on Kakazu Ridge, had operated his radio for almost twenty-four hours on 10 April and then moved out again with the attack echelons on 11 April. The unit encountered a withering barrage as they moved against the enemy and the whole command became pinned down. Seeing his company commander in a partially covered position and knowing the unit's immediate need for artillery fires, he raced across exposed terrain with utter disregard for his life, in order that the company commander might contact the battalion commander. A withdrawal was finally effected successfully under the cover of artillery fires which was fired through the contacts established by Sergeant Schild. As the withdrawal was being executed, Sergeant Schild, not content with his already heroic efforts, picked up one of the wounded men and carried him to safety. His heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Quenton H. Correll, 39952233, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. When Private First Class Correll's company was attacking the enemy near the town of Chan, enemy sniper fire was heavy, causing the company to halt the advance. One man was seriously wounded by a sniper bullet, and lay in an exposed position one hundred yards in front of the lines. Private First Class Correll, without regard for his own personal safety, volunteered as part of a litter squad to get the wounded man out. The terrain was open and the enemy concentrated heavy fire upon it, making the crossing very difficult. Private First Class Correll reached the wounded man and put him on the litter, but as the men were returning, an enemy machine gun opened fire on them, forcing them to take cover in a ditch. It was impossible to move further and Private First Class Correll remained with the wounded until dark, when they completed the evacuation. Private First Class Correll's heroic achievements are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Robert Dunn, 37477023, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Macda, Okinawa Island, on 29 April 1945. Private First Class Dunn and one other man, although they were fired upon by the enemy, took an air panel and displayed it on a hill in preparation for an air strike upon the enemy. As they returned a Jap crawled over the hill and stole the panel. Knowing that they would be under enemy fire, Private First Class Dunn and his comrade ran over the hill into enemy territory, shot the Jap and recovered the panel. Just as they displayed the panel for the second time the first airplane came over. Private First Class Dunn's heroic and courageous act in the face of great danger saved the lives of many men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Willie B. Holoman, 38290663, 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 Holoman's company was attacking Kakazu Ridge when the right flank was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire, causing two casualties. Staff Sergeant Holoman, disregarding his own personal safety, crawled through the enemy fire, toward the enemy position and killed the four Japs as they were preparing to move their machine gun. He then worked his way back to the wounded men and helped them to safety. His heroic act and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Marion A. Jorde, 37503277, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island, on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class

Jerde's battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge, and suffered heavy casualties making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Jerde volunteered to act as litter bearer. The route to the wounded men, being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, he had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover, and reached the wounded. He then took up his position as bearer. Since there was only one available route, he was forced to return by it. After laborious hours of evacuating the wounded, he was near collapse from exhaustion. Private First Class Jerde's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military standards.

Private First Class William B. Ransier, 39595374, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. As Private First Class Ransier was moving forward in the attack upon an enemy fortified position, intense machine gun fire halted his advance and forced him and three other men of his platoon to the ground. Acting on his own initiative, he exposed himself to enemy observation and fire in order to allow his three comrades to continue moving forward. After this was accomplished, Private First Class Ransier charged the enemy position, firing his Automatic Rifle as he went. Closing in on the enemy he killed five Japs and destroyed a heavy machine gun. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Riley D. Robinson, 19118269, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Robinson's company was in the attack on Mashiki Ridge. The enemy was strongly entrenched, and delivered heavy fire from mortars and machine guns, forcing the company to halt. The company's mortar section went into action and returned fire on the enemy's positions. They soon ran low on ammunition and Private First Class Robinson, disregarding his own personal safety, volunteered to go to the rear for more ammunition. He had to cross open terrain and pass through a town and enemy mortar and sniper fire covered the entire route. He made his way back through the bursting shells to the ammunition dump, and returned with a case of mortar ammunition. He continued to make trips back and forth, keeping the mortar men supplied and enabled them to keep up a steady pounding of the enemy positions. He was knocked from his feet several times by the concussion of bursting shells, but he continued to do his job. His heroic actions and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Sergeant Ray S. Stuck, 39595400, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Arigachi, Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. As Sergeant Stuck was moving forward in an attack upon the town of Arigachi, enemy machine gun and mortar fire upon his platoon's exposed left flank halted the advance. Sergeant Stuck, spotted the enemy and then, acting on his own initiative, had three men accompany him for the purpose of knocking out the enemy position. The men maneuvered one hundred and fifty yards through open terrain in order to get closer to their objective. The enemy's observation was good, judging by the intense fire they drew on their route forward. Finally getting into firing positions, Sergeant Stuck, directed his men to give him a base of fire while he moved toward the enemy position. Using his rifle and hand grenades, Sergeant Stuck, killed three Japs and demolished a light machine gun. Then, switching his attack, he killed two Japs who were manning a mortar, thus completely neutralizing the fortified position. Not once did Sergeant Stuck, hesitate in his attack. Upon returning to his platoon it was found that he had been wounded in the shoulder. Sergeant Stuck's actions in the face of strong enemy fire spurred his platoon to resume the attack and gain their objective. Sergeant Stuck's gallantry and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

First Lieutenant Harold Weingartner, G 331456, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his company was halted by enemy fire from the right front, First Lieutenant Weingartner, was ordered to send a squad patrol to reconnoiter a ridge twenty-five yards to their left to ascertain enemy strength. First Lieutenant Weingartner, realizing the importance of this mission voluntarily organized and led the patrol himself. When the scouts reached the base of the ridge, the enemy on top of the ridge, opened up with rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire. The patrol could not advance, however, First Lieutenant Weingartner, with utter disregard for his personal safety, advanced alone through the withering fire and eventually worked his way to the right rear of the Jap position. From this position First Lieutenant Weingartner, at that time undetected, was able to see not only the enemy which was pinning down his patrol but also the enemy which was firing on an adjacent unit. He opened fire on the enemy with his M-1 Rifle, catching them by complete surprise, killing six and wounding two during this action. With the Japs thus distracted, all of his patrol was able to withdraw with the exception of the two lead scouts and himself. He then planned to get out the two scouts by use of two smoke grenades, but due to his position and the direction of the wind, he couldn't throw them. With utter fearlessness, as enemy snipers tried to cut him down, he crawled

thirty yards closer to the Jap positions, throw the grenades, and under the result in smoke, led his scouts back to safety. First Lieutenant Weingartner's gallant actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

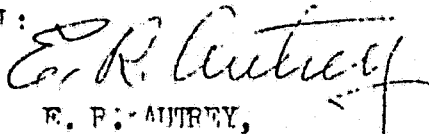
Private First Class Robert E. Dowell, 36536107, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Dowell, while taking part in a pre-dawn attack on Yakazu Ridge, continued as assistant runner on a machine gun, on top of the ridge after being seriously wounded. He was completely exposed to an enemy counterattack and lost his life by a direct hit from an enemy mortar. The loyalty and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Dowell reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Catherine Dowell, (Mother) 5395 Ivanhoe, Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant Raymond L. Mayfield, 19018532, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Mayfield, a platoon sergeant, volunteered to lead his platoon to neutralize a machine gun nest which had been holding up the company. Upon discovering the machine gun, Technical Sergeant Mayfield, left two squads of men to cover his advance, and personally led the other squad across one hundred yards of open terrain, and by assaulting the machine gun nest with grenades and bayonets, succeeded in knocking out the gun. While returning to his company an enemy mortar round fell among his men and two men of his squad were injured. His resourcefulness and leadership in leading his men and evacuating the wounded reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Doris Johnson, (Mother) Kingsvale Park, Soda Springs, California.

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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:

Corporal Thomas H. Page, 32929626, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. At Tombstone Ridge, Corporal Page was in charge of a demolition team volunteered to clean out the Jap infested caves which were a definite obstacle to the right flanks of the regiment. Corporal Page set out to blow the largest of these caves only to find it inhabited by Japs. With his approach, Japs threw grenades at him and his men, wounding two of them. Corporal Page carried the two wounded men to cover, administered first aid and carried them to the aid station with two other men. Continuing on his mission with two satchel charges attached together and with a short fuse, he carefully slid the charge into a pipe to one side of the mouth of the cave. He had to expose himself to light the fuse, but this was accomplished and the mouth of the cave was sealed, making it possible for the regiment to advance. When the cave was later re-opened, the bodies of twenty-five Japs were found as well as large quantities of supplies, ammunition and some valuable intelligence information. In clearing out this cave, Corporal Page risked his life to insure safe passage for troops and supply trains moving up, thereby saving any number of lives. Corporal Page's heroic service and skillful perpetration of obstinate tasks assigned him, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Laddie J. Slosser, 37266438, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Slosser's battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge, and suffered many casualties, thus making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Slosser volunteered to act as a litter bearer. The route to the wounded men being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, Private First Class Slosser had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded. He then took his place as a litter bearer. Since there was only one available route he was forced to return by it. After laborious hours of evacuating the wounded, he was near collapse from sheer exhaustion. Private First Class Slosser's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Stanley J. Smith, 35094602, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While elements of his battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge and suffered many casualties thus making the need for litter bearers urgent, Sergeant Smith volunteered to act as litter bearer. The route to the wounded being

covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, Sergeant Smith had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded men. He then took up his position as litter bearer. After laborious hours of evacuation, Sergeant Smith was near collapse from exhaustion. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

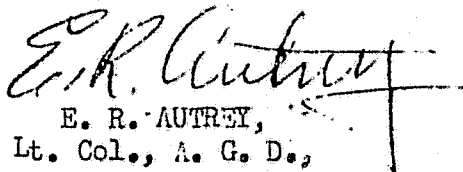
Staff Sergeant Maurice I. Stewart, 38313622, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Stewart's company was to attack and secure the lower Yuza-Dake escarpment, having two platoons abreast and the third in support. The attack was a surprise, but in the approach to the escarpment, the enemy strength was found to be great and the enemy fire power proved to be good. Many casualties were inflicted and orders were received to continue the attack as planned, although this seemed to be impossible. Staff Sergeant Stewart, platoon guide, knew the situation his platoon was in but, without hesitation, he and three men immediately set out to administer first aid to four wounded men. Exposing himself to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, Staff Sergeant Stewart inched his way forward to the first casualty and evacuated him to a defiladed area about one hundred yards to the rear. Reaching this area, the casualties were evacuated by the medics. Staff Sergeant Stewart exposed himself to intense enemy fire and made three such trips in evacuating the wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Leroy Zegers, 37747479, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Zegers' battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge and suffered heavy casualties making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Zegers volunteered to act as litter bearer. The route to the wounded men being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, he had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reached the wounded men. He then placed the wounded on the litters. Since there was only one available route, he was forced to return by it. After laborious hours of evacuating the wounded, he nearly collapsed from exhaustion. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Second Lieutenant George H. Fleming, 02012486, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Second Lieutenant Fleming, during a lull of the battle, crawled forward of our lines to harass the enemy. He and one other man worked with satchel charges, grenades and automatic rifles. Their first victim was killed by a grenade and when the next two appeared Second Lieutenant Fleming killed them with his automatic rifle. While he was engaged in this action, another enemy sniper opened fire from a fox hole. This sniper was hard to get at, but Second Lieutenant Fleming crawled to the right flank of the fox hole and killed him. His life was in danger all through this engagement. For the next two hours he and his companion closed four enemy caves on Charlie Hill and killed fifteen Japs. His courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joe Bassett, 39478987, 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 Bassett was leading his squad forward in the attack upon the lower escarpment of the Yaeja-Duke range when intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire made the movement hazardous. A mortar shell landed five feet from him and caused a fragment to lodge in his forehead. After receiving first aid, he continued the attack and led his squad to their objective. Directing his men into firing positions, Private First Class Bassett's squad was responsible for the killing of ten Japs. Only when he knew the job was done did he allow himself to be evacuated to the rear. His heroic service and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Davie K. Couch, 35845294, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When his company received heavy casualties in its attack on Love Hill, Private First Class Couch, a mortar ammunition bearer, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward in the face of intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire to the aid of the wounded. Five times, Private First Class Couch, returned to the scene of the battle to effect the evacuation of wounded men to safety two hundred yards away. His courage, perseverance, and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to his entire company.

Second Lieutenant William G. Brown Jr, 0557176, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When his platoon was forced to withdraw in the face of fierce enemy resistance on Charlie Hill, near Tobaru, Second Lieutenant Brown chose to remain behind to cover the withdrawal. Although wounded in the leg, he refused medical aid and with complete disregard for his own personal safety proceeded to lead his men over open terrain exposed to intense enemy mortar, machine

gun, and rifle fire to safety. His outstanding leadership, devotion to duty and unselfishness was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Hugh J. Coykendall, 36407066, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Coykendall's company was attacking Mashiki Ridge, when the leading elements came under intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Coykendall, disregarding his own personal safety, borrowed an automatic rifle and crawled through the enemy mortar and machine gun fire up the slope to where he had spotted an enemy machine gun. He tossed a grenade into the position, killing the four Japs manning the gun and then continued his advance up the slope when he came upon another enemy machine gun position. The Japs threw a grenade at him, which exploded, wounding him. Disregarding his wounds, he continued to advance and killed the three Japs in the machine gun positions with fire from his automatic rifle. He was then ordered to withdraw and receive medical attention. His heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

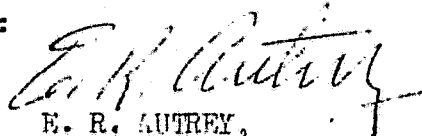
Private First Class Anthony J. Guetter, 37316616, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Guetter's company was under intense enemy mortar fire prior to a night attack. During the barrage, Private First Class Guetter was seriously wounded but refused to go to the medics. He stayed on guard and was ready when the Japs suddenly rushed his position. Private First Class Guetter raised up out of his foxhole and poured withering fire into the Jap ranks from his automatic rifle. He was solely responsible for the breaking of the attack and when morning came eleven dead Japs were counted in his area. Private First Class Guetter's heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Childress Staggs, 38227560, 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 Staggs was an acting squad leader of a light machine gun squad which was participating in the attack on Kakazu Ridge. During the height of the battle, Private First Class Staggs placed his gun into action on the slope overlooking the enemy held village at the base of the Ridge. Exposing himself to intense machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, he observed and directed fire on the enemy emplacements in his sector of fire. As a result of this action he received wounds from enemy mortar fire, but refusing medical aid, he remained behind to direct his squad until ordered to withdraw to safety. Private First Class Staggs' unselfish devotion to duty and thoughtfulness for his comrades, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Charles S. Grace Jr., 39595685, 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 Grace, while acting as a BAR man in an assault squad in the vicinity of Iwa, showed initiative and courage which was directly responsible for his squad's advance. When the squad was halted by enemy fire from caves, Private First Class Grace, advanced forward alone under fire to within thirty yards of the caves and with only a shallow shell hole for protection, opened fire with his BAR. His heroic action allowed the remainder of his squad to assault and take the positions without casualties. During the time, Private First Class Grace, was firing into the caves, the enemy threw grenades at him which lit only two yards away, but he didn't leave his position and was responsible for killing three Japs and capturing a knee mortar.

Captain Irving Morris, 01340931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Captain Morris, displayed outstanding leadership in directing the advance of his company on the town of Aragachi. When his company's advance was halted by intense enemy machine gun fire, Captain Morris, personally conducted the reduction of two enemy machine gun nests without regard for his personal safety. Due to loss of leaders in his platoons his company was temporarily disorganized but with cool deliberation he maintained contact with his platoons and organized and personally led the assault that resulted in the seizure of the town. In the gathering darkness, and exposed to enemy sniper fire he directed the mopping up of the town and then rapidly reorganized his company and moved into a position that secured the right flank of the battalion. His outstanding display of courage was a source of inspiration to his men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Howard L. Reher, 39933153, 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 Reher was a BAR man in an assault squad while his squad was advancing through the town of Aragachi. When the squad reached the end of the town and were crossing an open field, the enemy opened up with rifles and pistols from behind a wall that the men had to pass, wounding three men and pinning the rest down. Without hesitation, Private First Class Reher stood up in complete observation of the enemy and fired continuously into their positions. This heroic action allowed the squad to move to safe positions from which to launch an attack from the flank. Private First Class Reher was the last man to leave the field and with his courage and heroism, was responsible for saving the lives of many of his comrades.

Technician Fourth Grade Carlos Rivas, 36534687, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Rivas, a company cook, during the heavy fighting in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, was attached to a heavy

weapons company as an ammunition bearer. Technician Fourth Grade Rivas, upon hearing that the executive officer of the heavy weapons company was lying wounded in an open field, without regard for his own safety, left his cave and dashed across an open field under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire to the seriously wounded man and brought him to the cave. First aid was given to him immediately, thus saving his life. His actions displayed the highest degree of courage and devotion to duty.

Private First Class James O. Scarberry, 39425491, 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 Scarberry was lead scout of his rifle platoon and as such, was the first of his platoon to discover an enemy force of some thirty men. Alerting the rest of the platoon, he continued forward alone, maintaining contact with the enemy while his unit deployed into a mass attack formation. In the heroic action of Private First Class Scarberry, our troops annihilated the entire group without the loss of a single man. Private First Class Scarberry, personally accounted for seven of the enemy dead and three wounded. After the skirmish, the troops entered the village of Arachi, where Private First Class Scarberry continued his work, searching out caves and houses, all the while being subjected to intermittent enemy sniper fire. As a result of Private First Class Scarberry's unselfish initiative and adeptness at searching out enemy positions, his unit was able to gain the town, mop up and make it secure without casualties.

Private First Class Clarence M. Schadert, 37771008, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. While machine gun squads were placing their guns for a night firing position, they were attacked from the rear by four Japs. Private First Class Schadert, noticed some movement to the rear and went out alone to investigate. He returned two of the Japs grenades which had been thrown at him and killed four Japs. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant William J. McClelland, 01304927, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chatan, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. First Lieutenant McClelland, a platoon leader, was taking his platoon, with the aid of tanks, to an important objective eight hundred yards east of Chatan. As he and his men were going along the road some one hundred yards in front of the tanks, they discovered the road was mined. Although he knew that at anytime the tank could hit a mine and injure him, First Lieutenant McClelland ran to the tank and tried to stop it. At this time the tank hit a mine, disabling it and seriously wounding First Lieutenant McClelland. His heroic and courageous act was an inspiration to all members of the command, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Richard T. George, 39149465, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class George's company was in the attack on Kochi Ridge. The approaches to the hill were under full observation of the enemy and was covered by heavy mortar and machine gun fire coming from Jap positions on the top of the ridge. Our artillery and mortar fire had little effect on the deeply entrenched Japs. Private First Class George, acting as squad leader, directed his men to firing positions at the base of the hill, and then on his own initiative and with complete disregard of his own personal safety, continued the advance up the hill alone. With hand grenades and fire from his rifle he fought his way to a deep trench near the top of the slope, in which were eight Japs. Private First Class George threw all the grenades he had left into the trench and then jumped in and finished the Japs off with fire from his rifle. His actions accounted for twelve dead Japs. Private First Class George's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Baldemar L. Martinez, 38460768, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Martinez's company was in the attack on Mashiki Ridge when heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire from positions high on the ridge forced the company to halt and caused several casualties. Private First Class Martinez, disregarding his own personal safety, began to make his way toward one of the wounded, although the ground was covered by sniper fire. About half way up to the wounded man he was severely wounded by a sniper but disregarding his wound, he continued forward and reached the wounded man. He gave the man first aid and then helped him back. Private First Class Martinez's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Edward Sharp, Jr., 38582812, 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 Sharp, a first scout, proceeded under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire to reach a ridge where he was able to dispose of eight of the enemy who were attempting to hold the ridge. Throughout the entire action, Private First Class Sharp was exposed to enemy fire but his action in neutralizing the ridge made possible the advance of an entire platoon.

Private First Class Harold Todesco, 39595397, 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 Todesco's company was to attack and secure the lower Yuza Dake Escarpment, having two platoons abreast and the third platoon in support. The attack was a surprise, but after

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approaching the escarpment the enemy strength was found to be great and the enemy fire power proved to be good. Many casualties were inflicted and orders were to continue the attack as planned, although it seemed to be impossible. Private First Class Todesco led his squad half-way up the escarpment by fire and movement and located an enemy mortar position. Without hesitation he inched toward the enemy position exposing himself to heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire and using hand grenades succeeded in knocking out the enemy mortar position, killing four Japs. In returning to his squad, Private First Class Todesco located another sniper and killed him, thus securing the advance of his squad.

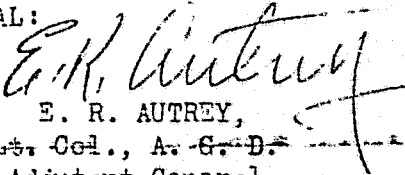
Private First Class Floyd C. Tollason, 39470484, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Private First Class Tollason, a BAR man, after the company already had been unable to move because of enemy snipers for many hours, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to spot it. Then he cleared out the enemy strongpoint extending out on the north-east part of Conical Peak. He was instantly hit but continued firing from the hip. He accounted for twelve enemy dead, and because of his heroic action the rest of the company was able to push the attack.

Private First Class Kenneth E. Wicklund, 37562977, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Private First Class Wicklund was in charge of a squad in an attacking rifle platoon when, near the edge of the town of Aragachi, the attack was halted by enemy fire. In order for the attack to continue, Private First Class Wicklund personally led his squad into the sector where the fire was coming from and after engaging the enemy in stiff hand to hand combat, the town was captured by the unit. During the final attack, Private First Class Wicklund killed six Japs and by his initiative, saved the lives of many of his comrades.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9307, 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 F. Burns, 35909220, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Private First Class Burns, a rifleman in an assault squad, was one of three men to reach a small hill in front of the company when the remainder of his platoon was pinned down in heavily fortified open ground, covered by enemy machine gun fire. With disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Burns ran forward to the crest of the hill and although in complete observation by the enemy, fired into the enemy machine gun position, pinning them down long enough for the men of his platoon to gain safe positions from which to organize and flank the enemy position. Not until all the men of his platoon were safe did he leave his position and join his platoon.

Private First Class LeRoy L. Chartier, 39346648, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. While performing his duty of first scout of an assault squad, Private First Class Chartier, through his courage and initiative, was directly responsible for the rapid advance of his company through the outskirts and into the town of Aragachi. The entire company was pinned down by sniper fire from their front while advancing into the town. Private First Class Chartier, acting on his own initiative, worked his way forward of the company under fire to a position where he could bring fire on the enemy and in the ensuing action, knocked out one in a cave that was holding up the platoon to his left and six emplaced in a lean-to in front of his own platoon. With the sniper positions neutralized, the company was able to move forward without casualties and secure the town.

Second Lieutenant William E. Curran, 01327819, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. In preparation for a pre-dawn attack by his company on heavily fortified enemy positions on Kakazu Ridge, Second Lieutenant Curran, a rifle platoon leader, voluntarily reconnoitered for a route through enemy held territory under cover of darkness, and finding a satisfactory route, led his platoon in the attack which was successful in catching the enemy off guard. After the objective had been reached, he frequently exposed himself to withering enemy fire in order to direct his platoon in suppressing several fierce enemy counterattacks. His utter disregard for his own personal safety, and his aggressive leadership contributed greatly to the success of his company in accomplishing their mission and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert D. Dobias, 37774709, 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 Dobias, when his squad was

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halted by enemy rifle and machine gun fire, exposed himself without regard for his life and moved to a position well in front of the attacking squad, where he neutralized a Jap sniper and machine gun position. He accounted for five of the enemy. Private First Class Dobias' heroic action made possible the safe advance of his squad and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

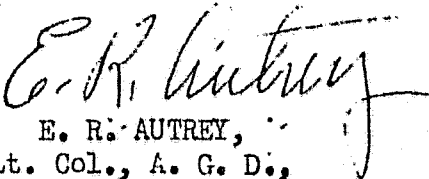
Private First Class Harold R. Edwards, 37267593, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Private First Class Edwards, acting squad leader of a machine gun squad, was standing guard with his machine gun at a point covering the position his squad had taken to rest. Toward the early hours of morning, while his men slept, Private First Class Edwards observed the enemy attempting to infiltrate through the lines. Their very first movements were observed by Private First Class Edwards and he cautiously and noiselessly shifted his gun around into a better position, then taking careful aim, raked the enemy lines. Immediately after he opened up, the enemy, with heavy rifle and grenade fire, concentrated the bulk of the assault upon his machine gun. Notwithstanding the terrific hail of fire, he remained at his post, continuously firing until the attack dwindled and finally stopped. By the light of day, when a check-up was made, it was discovered that eighteen enemy, all heavily armed with satchel charges, knee mortars and other demolitions, had met their death at the hands of Private First Class Edwards. His steadfastness, courage, alertness and profound devotion to duty, were a source of inspiration for all his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William D. Evans, 39932143, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Evans' battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge and suffered heavy casualties, making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Evans volunteered to act as a litter bearer. The route to the wounded men, being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, he had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded men. He then took his place at the stretcher and since there was only one available route, he was forced to return through the hail of enemy fire. After laborious hours of evacuation, he was near collapse from sheer exhaustion. Private First Class Evans' heroic service and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of military traditions.

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Private First Class Lester Brown, 35905994, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Brown's company was attacking Mashiki Ridge when the enemy put intense mortar and machine gun fire upon the advancing troops, inflicting many casualties, many of whom were cut off from the company by the heavy fire. Private First Class Brown, on his own initiative and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, made his way through the enemy fire and dragged three of the wounded men to the safety of a rock. During this time, he was wounded by fragments from an enemy mortar shell, but continued his job giving the men first aid and staying with them till they could be evacuated to safety. Only then did he consent to medical attention for his own wounds. Private First Class Brown's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Levi Burnett, 38570364, 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 Burnett's company was in the attack on the town of Aragachi and as the advance reached the outskirts of the town his platoon which was on the left flank, came under machine gun and mortar fire from an enemy position to the left, completely halting the advance. Private First Class Burnett spotted the enemy's position and with complete disregard for his own personal safety and on his own initiative, started toward it. Combining fire from his BAR with grenades, he made his way to the position, shot the enemy and with accurate fire killed the five Japs in the position thus enabling the platoon to continue the advance. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Hubert Jerde, 37593297, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Jerde, a BAR man, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to intense machine gun and mortar fire to divert the attention of the enemy from the remainder of the platoon while withdrawing from an untenable position. He killed seven enemy riflemen and wounded two more during the withdrawal, making it possible for his unit to reach safety and reorganize for a counterattack. Despite wounds sustained, he refused to leave his post until all his comrades had reached safety. When ordered to withdraw himself he carried one wounded comrade who had been seriously wounded back to safety through intense mortar fire. He was wounded again while giving the wounded man first aid. The courageous actions of Private First Class Jerde were an inspiration to all and he was responsible for many Japs killed in his sector.

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Technical Sergeant Clair D. Kai, 37461931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Kai's company was attacking Nabiki Ridge when the leading elements were pinned down and suffered several casualties from heavy Jap mortar and machine gun fire. Technical Sergeant Kai, without regard for his own personal safety, immediately dashed over the open terrain and seized one of the wounded and bore him to safety. Then, Technical Sergeant Kai spotted the Jap mortar positions which were firing on his company and disregarding his own personal safety, dashed across the machine gun swept terrain to give the exact location of the enemy positions to our own mortars and artillery. He immediately returned to his platoon and directed the fire of three automatic riflemen on the enemy positions, making the Jap mortar men's withdrawal impossible. When the positions were taken, seven Japs were found dead and two enemy mortars demolished. Technical Sergeant Kai's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

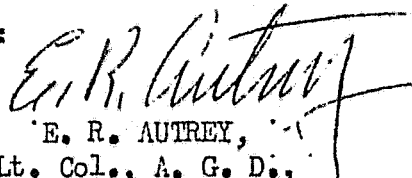
Sergeant Jack M. Rosenberg, 36735053, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Sergeant Rosenberg's battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge, and suffered many casualties, making the need for litter bearers urgent. Sergeant Rosenberg volunteered to act as litter bearer. The eight hundred yards to the wounded men being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, Sergeant Rosenberg had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded men. He then placed the wounded on litters and since there was only one available route, he was forced to return by it. After laborious hours of evacuating four wounded men, he collapsed from exhaustion. Sergeant Rosenberg was instrumental in saving the lives of these men. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Staff Sergeant Fred A. Zucchi, 17159322, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. The company was to attack and secure the lower Yuza-Dake escarpment. The attack was a surprise, but after approaching the escarpment, the enemy was found to outnumber them and in a position to place heavy fire on our troops. Many casualties were inflicted and orders were to continue the attack as planned, although it seemed impossible. Immediately, Staff Sergeant Zucchi and four volunteers set out to evacuate the casualties of a platoon that was pinned down. He exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to administer first aid to the wounded. Staff Sergeant Zucchi exposed himself to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to administer first aid to the wounded. Although exhausted, he exposed himself to intense enemy fire and made four such trips in evacuating the wounded. Staff Sergeant Zucchi's courage and bravery are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Curtis L. Carothers, 39346745, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. Private First Class Carother's platoon was to make an assault and secure as their objective a knoll to the north of Mabl Hill. After successfully accomplishing their mission and securing a firm position on this knoll, a Jap counterattack was made. Without hesitation, Private First Class Carothers, made his way across an open stretch to get a better position in which he could afford his platoon better protection. Despite heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, he succeeded in repulsing the enemy counterattack. In doing so, Private First Class Carothers, destroyed an enemy machine gun nest which was in a defiladed position. By his action Private First Class Carothers, eliminated the greater part of the enemy fire power which would have undoubtedly inflicted more casualties to his platoon. Private First Class Carothers' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Henry J. Grit, 36407499, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Grit's company was attacking Mashiki Ridge when the leading elements were temporarily halted by intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire coming from an undetermined location. Staff Sergeant Grit, disregarding his own personal safety, crawled up the hill toward the enemy and spotted three Jap snipers whom he killed immediately. Then he instructed his squad to search out the terrain as he deliberately exposed himself to draw the enemy fire. His men quickly spotted the gun on top of the ridge and Staff Sergeant Grit, directed our own mortar fire upon the enemy position, thus annihilating the three Japs manning the position and putting it out of action. Staff Sergeant Grit's heroic service and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military standards.

Private First Class John A. Peters, 38525085, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connections with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Peters' battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge, and suffered many casualties, making the need of litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Peters, volunteered to act as litter bearer. The eight hundred yards to the wounded man being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire, he had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash for cover and reach the wounded men. He then placed the wounded men on the litters. Since there was only one available route, he was forced to return by it. After laborious hours spent in evacuating four wounded, Private First Class Peters, collapsed from exhaustion. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Sergeant Ray S. Stuck, 39595400, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. Sergeant Stuck's company had just secured Yuza-Dako escarpment, after a long drawn-out battle. The company's reorganization for the defense of their position was completely disrupted because of an enemy machine gun that was delivering intense fire into the right flank. Sergeant Stuck, from his observation post, was able to spot the enemy gun and volunteered to direct a tank towards the enemy. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Stuck, exposed himself to the enemy fire for a distance of three hundred yards in order to accomplish his mission. The tank annihilated the Jap position, destroying a machine gun and five Japs, thus preventing any further casualties. Sergeant Stuck's heroic service and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class James L. Wright, 38361731, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. A battalion attack on Tombstone Ridge resulted in numerous casualties because of intense enemy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire. Litter bearers were badly needed and Private First Class Wright, readily volunteered for this duty. In the course of carrying the wounded to the aid station, it was necessary to cross an open field which was constantly under heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Wright, helped evacuate eight wounded men. In one instance, an enemy artillery shell wounded a man who was part of his litter team. After administering first aid to this man, he resumed his duties and made five additional trips, each one being of a hazardous nature, since the enemy did not relent in their fire. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

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 Staff Sergeant Fred A. Zucchi, 17159322, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Zucchi's company was attacking an enemy hold hill four hundred yards west of Kochi, and when the leading elements neared the top of the hill they received a heavy volume of grenades from the top of the ridge, halting their progress. Immediately the platoons contended with hand grenades and slowly crept forward to close with the enemy. Staff Sergeant Zucchi, acting in the capacity of Supply Sergeant, observed the entire action and ordered three men to pick up three boxes of grenades and follow him. He led them forward over terrain covered with enemy sniper and machine gun fire, and upon reaching the platoons, distributed the grenades and joined the battle for the hill. He took over a squad whose leader was wounded and led them up on the company's objective. He closed with the enemy and bayoneted two before they had realized his squad was upon them. His actions enabled the company to secure the objective and when the enemy dead were counted there were twenty-three in his sector alone. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

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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:

Second Lieutenant Edward O. Burmaster, 01331601, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Conical Peak, Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. When his company was held up on Conical Peak by fire from an enemy machine gun, Second Lieutenant Burmaster with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced under heavy enemy fire with two riflemen twenty five yards distance on his right and left rear, in an attempt to destroy the enemy position. From a covered position he tried to dislodge the enemy and destroy the position, but he found this could not be done. Then in a fearless and heroic act, he advanced more than forty yards in the face of withering enemy fire and threw three grenades, killing the enemy crew and destroying the gun. As a result, the entire unit was able to resume their advance, and secure key terrain from which to launch further offensive operations in the drive toward Shuri. Second Lieutenant Burmaster was killed in a subsequent action in the vicinity of Shuri, as he fearlessly exposed himself to a heavy enemy artillery barrage in order to insure the security of the night perimeter of the unit. His every action throughout the campaign was inspirational to the men of the unit. His courage and brilliant leadership reflecting not only upon himself, but upon the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Arnold H. Burmaster (Father) 1470 Gregory Way, Bremerton, Washington.

Private First Class Joseph Grossman, 12111100, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. A member of the security guard with regimental headquarters, Private First Class Grossman volunteered to go forward and act as a litter bearer with a front line battalion when they were so urgently in need of speedier evacuation of the wounded. Private First Class Grossman, unarmed, unhesitatingly advanced under the protective cover of smoke, and under continuous enemy mortar and sniper fire, carrying wounded back to the battalion forward aid station. The hazardous duty necessitated carrying the wounded through an open field covered by enemy sniper fire, with no cover or concealment. Private First Class Grossman, with disregard for his own personal safety, with three other men, succeeded in crossing the open field while carrying a wounded man, and within twenty feet from safety was killed by enemy sniper fire. As a result of Private First Class Grossman's determination and heroic action the wounded were brought to safety. His devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Fannie Grossman (Mother) 745 Brook Avenue, Bronx, New York.

Private First Class Nolva J. St. Pierre, 38313562, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. In the absence of a squad leader, Private First Class St. Pierre took over a squad of an assault platoon during heavy fighting in the vicinity of Conical Peak and led his squad through heavy sniper and machine gun fire in an attack on a fortified position and was the first man to reach his objective. Private First Class St. Pierre then proceeded to consolidate the position and place the enemy under fire while the remainder of the platoon moved up. Due to his fortitude and leadership under adverse conditions Private First Class St. Pierre was instrumental in allowing the entire company to establish a base for further forward action. In a subsequent action, Private First Class St. Pierre was killed by enemy mortar fire. Next of Kin: Nordia St. Pierre (Mother) Box 152, Cut Off, Louisiana.

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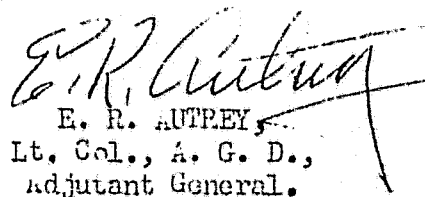
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant Manuel O. Hernandez, 38254474, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Hernandez was a squad leader in an assault platoon with a mission of securing and consolidating positions on a small hill in the vicinity of Chan. During the assault, when the squad was pinned down by enemy sniper and machine gun fire, without awaiting orders, Staff Sergeant Hernandez continued his advance over open ground and succeeded in capturing his objective. While advancing, Staff Sergeant Hernandez acted as a scout and spearheaded his squad in the outstanding attack on the enemy fortified position. Due to his utter disregard of his safety, Staff Sergeant Hernandez was responsible for saving the lives of two wounded men and the rest of the men in his squad.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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* Staff Sergeant ~~Harvey E. Constable~~, 37230992, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Constable's platoon, plus a platoon of tanks, was given the mission of scouting out and securing a chain of four hills four hundred yards to the Battalion front. The terrain between the lines and the hills was with little cover and in full view of the enemy. Staff Sergeant Constable moved his platoon toward these hills and by excellent leadership and judgement scouted out and secured three of the hills under enemy rifle and mortar fire without the loss of a man. Upon moving toward the last of the group of hills, when intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire drove the riflemen to cover, Staff Sergeant Constable ran over and gained entrance to one of the supporting tanks. When after firing thirty or forty rounds of 75mm ammunition, some of the enemy still returned fire, Staff Sergeant Constable realized he needed better observation. Disregarding hostile fire, he stood up in the turret of the tank and directed the fire upon the enemy. Just as the last of the hills was taken, Staff Sergeant Constable was killed by an enemy sniper. During this action, Staff Sergeant Constable was responsible for killing twelve enemy. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Constable was an inspiration to all who witnessed it. Next of Kin: Harvey J. Constable (Father), Des Moines, Iowa.

Private First Class Clarence R. Organ, 37438263, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Chatan, Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Organ's company was advancing south from the southern edge of Chatan when the leading elements were suddenly pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from their left flank. Private First Class Organ, acting squad leader, personally led his squad and, disregarding his own personal safety, exposed himself to locate an enemy machine gun nest. In doing this, he was mortally wounded, but refused evacuation and medical aid until his squad successfully destroyed the enemy position. Private First Class Organ's heroic actions and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest military standards. Next of Kin: Helen G. Organ (Wife), 229 N. Gilbert Street, Iowa City, Iowa.

Private First Class Joseph J. Sobierajski, 32619346, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Sobierajski's battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge and suffered heavy casualties thus making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Sobierajski volunteered to act as litter bearer. The route to the wounded being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire, Private First Class Sobierajski had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded men. He then took his place as litter bearer. Since there was only one available route, he was forced to return by it. After laborious hours of evacuating the wounded, he was near collapse from sheer exhaustion. Private First Class Sobierajski's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards. Next of Kin: Eleanor Sobierajski (Mother), 41 Jewell St., Brooklyn, New York.

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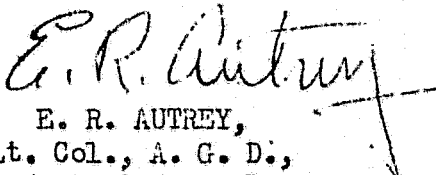
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Staff Sergeant James E. Dowdy, 38293039, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Dowdy, although assigned to a mortar platoon, volunteered to lead a rifle platoon in an attack after the platoon leader had been wounded. Staff Sergeant Dowdy led the platoon in the attack and exposed himself to the enemy in order to gain the objective. After gaining the objective, Staff Sergeant Dowdy took up a position on the crest of the hill and observed mortar fire which knocked out numerous enemy emplacements and stopped a counter attack. Previous award per General Orders 315, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 June 1945.

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Corporal Henry D. Gomez, 8254937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. At 0930, Corporal Gomez, gunner in an 81mm mortar squad, was firing on an enemy 70mm gun emplacement in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge. When one of his ammunition bearers was wounded while carrying ammunition to the mortar, Corporal Gomez, immediately volunteered to take his place. In order to reach the ammunition dump it was necessary to cross an area that was effectively covered by sniper fire from a knoll one hundred yards to the front of the ridge. He made three trips across the area and intermittently carried out his duties as gunner. His action helped keep the gun supplied with ammunition and as a result the enemy gun was knocked out. Corporal Gomez's courageous action and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the rest of the squad.

Private First Class Noah W. Langley, 38227601, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June. When under a heavy enemy artillery barrage falling in the battalion field train area, several men were badly wounded, Private First Class Langley, exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to render first aid to the stricken men. He loaded them on to his truck and drove them across an exposed stretch of road, despite the enemy barrage, to the clearing station. Private First Class Langley's coolness under fire and devotion to his wounded comrades was largely responsible for the saving of the lives of the seriously wounded.

Sergeant Carl A. Mc Reynolds, 36381503, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When enemy artillery laid a concentrated barrage on the battalion field train positions and several men were badly wounded, Sergeant Mc Reynolds, left his position of safety and went to the aid of the stricken men. In the absence of medical personnel, Sergeant Mc Reynolds exhibited outstanding initiative in rendering immediate first aid, improvising litters and evacuating the wounded men to safety. His cool courage and utter disregard for his personal safety was largely responsible for saving several lives and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Peter K. Quaine, 36553991, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When under a heavy artillery barrage falling in the battalion field train area several men were badly wounded, Staff Sergeant Quaine, with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to render first aid to the stricken men. Staff Sergeant Quaine's coolness under fire and his show of resourcefulness in the absence of medical personnel was a major factor in saving the lives of his wounded comrades. His courage and devotion reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain James T. Spratt, 01290151, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When his company was halted by intense enemy fire from the surrounding ridges of the village of Osato, Captain Spratt, voluntarily and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward in order to reach a location from which he could spot the source of the enemy fire. Advancing approximately twenty-five yards in the face of the intense fire, and over a heavily mined area, Captain Spratt, reached a position from which he brought fire upon the enemy, thus permitting his company to advance. During this action, he was seriously wounded. His courage, coolness under fire and outstanding leadership served as an inspiration to his entire company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank S. Votava, 37318275, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When under a heavy enemy artillery barrage falling in the battalion field train area, several men were badly wounded, Technician Fifth Grade Votava, exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to render first aid to the stricken men. He loaded them on his truck and drove them across an exposed stretch of road, despite the enemy barrage, to the clearing station. Technician Fifth Grade Votava's coolness under fire and devotion to his wounded comrades was largely responsible for the saving of the lives of the seriously wounded.

Private First Class James B. Becker, 15359708, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. During the most intense fighting at Kakazu Ridge, Private First Class Becker, volunteered to help carry wounded from the battlefield to the aid station. The area was under constant artillery shelling from 150mm and 75mm howitzers plus the raking cross-fire from two machine guns and snipers. Private First Class Becker, helped carry three litters with wounded out of immediate danger. When seeing one of his fellow litter bearers fall from shrapnel wounds he rushed to his aid. Although exhausted, he carried the man one hundred and fifty yards to the aid station; three times he had to fall flat to avoid being hit himself. Private First Class Becker's action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class, Frank Ander, 32735528, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Ander's battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge, and had suffered many casualties making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Ander volunteered to act as litter bearer. The route to the wounded men being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire, Private First Class Ander had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by enemy crossfire, he heroically dashed across the open terrain to the side of the wounded. Because of the terrain, he was forced to return with the heavy litter over the same dangerous route he had previously traversed. The heroic action of Private First Class Ander in the volunteer evacuation of the wounded reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

~~Private First Class~~ *BY GO# 1011 -- 12 Oct 45*
Private First Class ~~Gleo E. Bowers, 33701919, 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 to 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 disposed 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 Richard P. Breed, 11121930, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Breed's company was advancing south from the village of Chikara when they were suddenly pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from the left flank. Private First Class Breed, an Automatic Rifleman, advanced through the machine gun fire to a position from which he could fire on the enemy position. While putting a new magazine in his weapon, he was wounded in the leg but continued to fire until the enemy position was silenced. He then killed two Japs who tried to escape from the position. This enabled Private First Class Breed's unit to continue the advance. Private First Class Breed's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Douglas Brown, 38631670, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Acting in the capacity of platoon runner, Private First Class Brown was dispatched to the company observation post to locate a heavily fortified enemy position which had halted his platoon's attack south of Tombstone Ridge. Dashing across terrain that was under continuous enemy - 2 -

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machine gun fire, Private First Class Brown was wounded in the shoulder. Knocked to the ground by the impact, he immediately arose and continued running until he reached the company observation post. Private First Class Brown refused medical treatment until after he had spotted the enemy's position for the company commander. The resulting action brought artillery fire upon the pillbox, thus neutralizing it and enabling the platoon to continue the advance. Private First Class Brown's heroic achievement and devotion to duty, are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Robert H. Buskirk, 39596299, 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 Buskirk's company was launching the first attack on the Yuza Dake Escarpment. The ascent of the steep escarpment was up a trail which was covered by smoke as the men advanced. Private First Class Buskirk, a BAR man, was among the first men to the top. The men were met by intense fire from enemy rifles and machine guns. Private First Class Buskirk worked his way through the enemy fire to a higher position and began to put accurate fire upon the enemy. The Japs launched a small counter-attack in an attempt to push the men off the escarpment, but Private First Class Buskirk refused to leave his position, returning the fire with his BAR. He stopped the enemy attack, and caused them to withdraw. His actions allowed the rest of his company to reach the top of the trail and secure the position. Nine dead Japs and an unknown number of wounded were credited to Private First Class Buskirk. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Robert H. Clements, 35096057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Clements' battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge, and suffered many casualties making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Clements volunteered to act as litter bearer. The route to the wounded men being covered by enemy machine gun, sniper, and mortar fire, Private First Class Clements had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine gun fire, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded. He placed the wounded on the litters. Since there was only one available route, he was forced to return by it. During the course of this action, Private First Class Clements helped evacuate four wounded men. Private First Class Clements' heroic achievement and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest military standards.

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Private First Class Leland D. Baleme, 39699081, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Baleme left his concealed position and crawled thirty yards over open ground under enemy machine gun fire, to rescue a wounded member of his squad. After dragging the wounded man about fifteen yards, Private First Class Baleme was struck by three machine gun bullets but proceeded with his wounded companion until his own wounds rendered him unable to move farther. However, he had succeeded in getting near enough to safety to be pulled on by means of a wire thrown to him. At great risk to himself, Private First Class Baleme saved the life of the wounded man.

Staff Sergeant Manuel De Ponte, 20113278, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. An Infantry company was attacking an enemy held ridge for hundred yards southwest of Kochi. In support of the company was Staff Sergeant De Ponte's anti-tank squad which had moved in after dark the night before. During the attack, enemy machine gun fire pinned down the company's forward elements. He immediately reconnoitered the situation and then ordered his squad to move his men forward. Taking over the first gunner's position, Sergeant De Ponte placed effective fire on numerous enemy positions, knocking out approximately eight machine guns. As a result, Staff Sergeant De Ponte's courageous action enabled the forward elements to advance closer to the ridge where they drew heavy machine gun and sniper fire from the caves in the hillside. Again, unmindful of the hail of machine gun and sniper fire, Staff Sergeant De Ponte moved his gun forward and ordered his squad to take concealment while he stayed in an exposed position and poured a continuous stream of 37mm fire into the mouths of the caves. The heavy fire flushed out approximately sixty-five Japanese who were immediately killed. Sniper fire was heavy but still he exposed himself to gain the maximum effectiveness of his fire. Inspired by Staff Sergeant De Ponte's action, the company continued its advance and ultimately captured the ridge. His coolness under fire, regard for the welfare of his men, and ability to grasp and interpret difficult situations reflect great credit on himself and the military service.

Private First Class William A. Fair, 37233495, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. Private First Class Fair was loading an 37mm anti-tank gun during an intense enemy barrage of mortar and 47mm fire. With disregard for his personal safety, after being slightly wounded by shrapnel, he continued to load the gun for his gunner. In so doing, his gun sealed the caves which concealed the 47mm gun and mortar which was firing on his position. This undoubtedly saved the other members of his squad.

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Captain Thomas F. Farrell, Jr., O438304, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Captain Farrell took up the task of supply and evacuation of fourteen wounded men which had been impossible to do during the day because of their difficult position. With two other men, he went to the rear of the adjacent battalion through a six hundred yard gap covered by intermittent enemy fire. With the aid of two M7's, he secured from a cannon company and after personally reconnoitering a safe route, Captain Farrell delivered badly needed ammunition and rations through an enemy held town. Upon his return, the fourteen wounded men were brought back to safety for additional medical attention. Captain Farrell's heroic and courageous actions in the face of such great dangers were an inspiration to all and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

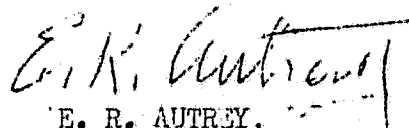
Private First Class Marvin Tobin, 33586048, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Private First Class Tobin, a gunner of a 37mm anti tank gun which was picked up by an enemy observer who was placing effective mortar fire upon his position, stayed with his gun and fired numerous rounds into the pillbox which partially concealed the observer. Acting on his own initiative, he sealed the pillbox and in turn, eliminated the mortar fire, which saved several lives other than those of his crew.

Private First Class Karl Olsen, 19145998, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Olsen volunteered as a rifleman to assist an Infantry company in its assault on Kakazu Ridge. He was attached to a platoon of the company and with them, moved across a long field devoid of cover to occupy the left flank of the assaulting company. No sooner had the assault begun, than a terrific mortar and machine gun barrage was laid down by heavy Japanese installations on the hill, covering the entire field. The order was given to withdraw but the enemy had such excellent fields of fire that two men were seriously wounded and lay incapable of movement in the bare terrain. No medics were available so Private First Class Olsen and two other men procured two litters from an aid station and, unmindful of personal risk, ran thirty yards across the machine gun area to assist in the evacuation of one of the injured men. This done, he assisted in the evacuation of the second man who also lay some thirty yards away. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Charles E. Dapron, 17148664, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Dapron volunteered as a rifleman to assist in a company's assault on its sector of Kakazu Ridge. He was attached to the platoon of a rifle company and moved out with this platoon to occupy the left flank of the assaulting company. Having an excellent field of fire over a bare area, devoid of cover, which led to the ridge, the Japanese laid down a terrific machine gun and mortar barrage pinning down the assaulting forces. The rifle platoon was ordered to withdraw but in the withdrawal across flat terrain, two men were seriously injured by machine gun fire and lay incapable of movement in the open field. Unmindful of personal danger, Private First Class Dapron and two other men assisted in the evacuation of the wounded men.

Private First Class Lorenz R. Krueger, 37312675, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. As darkness set in, Private First Class Krueger's battalion was in such a position that they were cut off from their combat team and out of contact with their own forward elements. Private First Class Krueger volunteered and laid lines of communication to every forward element and was under constant enemy artillery, mortar and heavy machine gun fire, working until after darkness to complete his task. Private First Class Krueger's performance under such hazardous conditions enabled the battalion to hold its position and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Charles T. Krystofiak, 36615485, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Corporal Krystofiak was first gunner on a 37mm Anti Tank Gun supporting an Infantry company. Disregarding heavy enemy fire Corporal Krystofiak directed and assisted in the removal of his gun to a position on line with assault rifle troops, and although continually exposed, held this position until he had knocked out three enemy machine gun nests which had held up the advance of the company.

Private First Class Alfred H. Musser, 36433841, 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 Musser, a cannoneer on an M-7, 105mm SPM, was assisting in the re-supply of ammunition of his tank, after having returned from a direct fire mission against enemy positions on Conical Hill, when an enemy artillery barrage hit in the vicinity of the ammunition dump, endangering the lives of his entire crew. When he learned that

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one of his comrades had been seriously wounded and was unable to move, Private First Class Musser, with utter disregard to the intense artillery barrage and his own exploding ammunition, returned to his comrade and carried him to safety. Private First Class Musser's courage and loyalty to his fellow soldiers earned him the respect and admiration of his entire company.

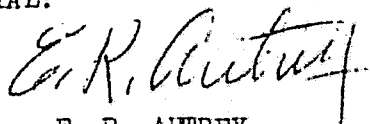
Technician Fifth Grade Roy R. Schult, 36610851, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Schult volunteered as a rifleman to assist in a company's assault on its sector of Kakazu Ridge. He was attached to a rifle platoon and moved out with the platoon to occupy the left flank of the assaulting company. Having an excellent field of fire over the base field, devoid of cover, which led to the ridge, the Japanese laid down a terrific machine gun and mortar barrage, pinning down the assaulting force. The rifle platoon was ordered to withdraw, but in this withdrawal across flat terrain, two men were seriously wounded by machine gun fire and lay incapable of movement in the open field. Unmindful of personal danger, Technician Fifth Grade Schult and two other men raced across thirty yards of machine gun covered area to remove the wounded men.

Sergeant Leo R. White, 36430841, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Sergeant White, a Chief of Section, and five other men, volunteered to use their M-7s for the purpose of evacuating casualties and delivering supplies to a company which was cut off from the regiment by enemy small arms and mortar fire. Sergeant White guided his M-7 under cover of darkness through the enemy lines under a barrage of small arms and mortar fire. During the night Sergeant White and the rest of the volunteers made two trips to the stranded company, delivering badly needed rations, water and ammunition, and evacuating fourteen casualties back to the Battalion aid station. Sergeant White's courage and devotion to duty greatly aided in the saving of the lives of several wounded men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Corporal Joseph H. Bost, 34435589, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Corporal Bost and five other men volunteered to use their M-7s for the purpose of evacuating casualties and delivering supplies to a company which was cut off from the regiment by small arms and mortar fire. Corporal Bost, a gunner, and the rest of the volunteers proceeded under cover of darkness through the enemy lines under a barrage of enemy small arms and mortar fire. Two trips were made during the night to the stranded company, delivering badly needed rations, water and ammunition. Corporal Bost assisted in the evacuation of fourteen men back to the Battalion aid station. Corporal Bost's courage and devotion to duty aided greatly in the saving of the lives of several wounded men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph L. Collins, 37712057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. As a member of a demolition group, Private First Class Collins was sent out ahead of the front lines with the mission of blowing up a Japanese pillbox containing a heavy and light machine gun which held up the advance of the company. He traversed twenty-five yards of open terrain, exposed to intense machine gun and mortar fire. Crawling to the edge of the position he placed the charge beneath the aperture and destroyed it allowing his unit to advance. His heroic and courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Leland R. Drinnon, 38230488, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Sergeant Drinnon and five other men volunteered to use their M-7s for the purpose of evacuating casualties and delivering supplies to a company which was cut off from the regiment by enemy small arms and mortar fire. Sergeant Drinnon, a Chief of Section, guided his M-7 under cover of darkness through the enemy lines under a barrage of small arms and mortar fire. During that night Sergeant Drinnon and his crew made two trips to the stranded company, delivering badly needed rations, water and ammunition and evacuating fourteen casualties back to the Battalion aid station. Sergeant Drinnon's courage and devotion to duty aided greatly in the saving of the lives of several wounded men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Fourth Grade Leonard G. Pruitt, 38282647, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Pruitt and five other men volunteered to use their M-7s for the purpose of evacuating casualties and delivering supplies to a company which was cut off from the regiment by small arms and mortar fire. Technician Fourth Grade Pruitt, a tank driver, drove his M-7 under cover of darkness through the enemy lines under a barrage of small arms and mortar fire. During the night Technician Fourth Grade Pruitt made two trips to the stranded company, delivering badly needed rations, water, and ammunition, and assisted in the evacuation of fourteen wounded men back to the Battalion aid station. Technician Fourth Grade Pruitt's courage and devotion to duty aided greatly in the saving of the lives of several wounded men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Lonnie Henderson, 38282998, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Corporal Henderson and five other men volunteered to use their M-7s for the purpose of evacuating casualties and delivering supplies to a company which was cut off from the regiment by small arms and mortar fire. Corporal Henderson, a gunner, and the rest of the volunteers proceeded under cover of darkness through the enemy lines under a barrage of enemy small arms and mortar fire. Two trips were made during the night to the stranded company, delivering badly needed rations, water and ammunition. Corporal Henderson assisted in the evacuation of fourteen wounded men back to the Battalion aid station. Corporal Henderson's courage and devotion to duty aided greatly in the saving of the lives of several wounded men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Harry T. Duliban, 36404994, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Corporal Duliban, and five other men volunteered to use their M-7s for the purpose of evacuating casualties and delivering supplies to a company which was cut off from the regiment by small arms and mortar fire. Corporal Duliban, a tank driver, drove his M-7 under cover of darkness through the enemy lines under a barrage of small arms and mortar fire. During the night Corporal Duliban made two trips to the stranded company, delivering badly needed rations, water, ammunition, and assisted in the evacuation of fourteen wounded men back to the Battalion aid station. Corporal Duliban's courage and devotion to duty aided greatly in saving the lives of several wounded men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class James J. Dolan, 33341404, 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 Dolan, a radio operator in a regimental intelligence and reconnaissance platoon, volunteered to set up radio communications at a forward observation post in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge. The observation post in the regimental zone of action, was constantly under enemy artillery and small arms fire. In the process of his work, Private First Class Dolan was subjected to fifty minutes of 105 and 60mm fire. As a result of this barrage five men in the immediate vicinity of the observation post were severely wounded. Exposing himself as a target for enemy mortar fire, Private First Class Dolan crawled to a wounded man who was seventy-five yards away and carried him across an open field to a position of safety and concealment. Returning under constant sniper fire, he completed his initial job of setting up communications. With a 300 SCR radio, Private First Class Dolan informed his unit of the location of four enemy mortars as well as the situation at hand. Private First Class Dolan's singular voluntary action and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class George V. Elliott, 34895318, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While Private First Class Elliott was carrying supplies to a rifle battalion approaching Kakazu Ridge, two batteries of Jap 150 howitzers opened up firing thirty-two rounds and, Private First Class Elliott, while taking cover, was struck in the right knee with shrapnel from the first round. Noticing that another shell had landed in the middle of a group of seven men, he left his shelter and hobbled fifty yards to where they were lying exposed. Rendering aid to all seven, he assisted them to a position of safety until the barrage ceased. For forty-five minutes the shelling continued with about one hundred fifty rounds landing in the near vicinity. During this time, Private First Class Elliott continued to administer first aid for wounds and shock, thereby saving their lives. Later when aid men arrived he assisted in evacuating the casualties. Private First Class Elliott's heroic service and unselfish devotion to duty in disregarding his own wound reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Joe A. Farley, 18194447, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Corporal Farley was leading his squad in an advance on Kakazu Ridge in support of a rifle company. During the advance, Corporal Farley and his squad were subjected for an hour to approximately two hundred fifty rounds of Jap 105 and 150mm artillery pieces. Due to enemy artillery, five of his men were wounded seriously. Corporal Farley directed those remaining into positions of safety, then proceeded to apply first aid to the wounded. He applied

a tourniquet to the shattered leg of an unconscious man and gave morphine to the others. Then he ran under mortar fire, which was falling at the rate of twenty rounds per minute, one hundred seventy-five yards across an open field to get help from the aid station. Returning to the wounded men, he carried litters through machine gun cross-fire and stopped to give aid to another who was wounded by small arms fire. Although exhausted, he helped carry the wounded to the aid station, then returned to lead his squad out of danger. By his heroic service, Corporal Farley saved three lives.

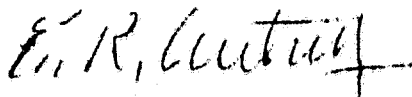
Technician Fifth Grade Glen D. Harris, 6573953, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Harris was in charge of a wire team whose mission was to lay a vital wire to an Infantry Battalion. Communications by wire was extremely important, because radio communications were out, and the battalion was attacking the enemy at dawn. Darkness was approaching rapidly. The direct route of the wire team to the battalion was blocked by enemy machine gun fire. Fully aware of the urgent need for communications to support the battalion, and the importance of a successful wire laying mission, Technician Fifth Grade Harris, acting entirely on his own initiative, held his men, and with two volunteers began to reconnoiter a safer approach to the battalion. During the reconnaissance in territory not yet entirely cleared of the enemy, the three men came under fire from an enemy observation post. Through Technician Fifth Grade Harris' heroic and fearless actions, his concern for the safety of his men, and his measures to insure a successful mission, his team succeeded in laying wire to the battalion, and thereby contributed immeasurably to the success of the battalion's attack the following morning.

Private First Class Minor W. Scott, Jr., 37733525, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. During the greater part of the operation Private First Class Scott acted as personal bodyguard for the regimental commander. On one occasion when the commander was on a small knoll near Love Hill observing front line action, a machine gun opened up on his position. Private First Class Scott pulled the officer to the ground, then ran all way to a small bank forty yards from the machine gun nest. He threw a hand grenade in the small opening and succeeded in putting the machine gun out of action. He then advanced up the hill, throwing two more grenades into the hole. When he reached the nest, he found his accuracy had killed a Jap sniper and the two man crew of a machine gun.

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NUMBER 941AWARD 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, "Decorations", 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 Ervin L. Bruna, 35547875, 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 Bruna, twice volunteered to repair a wire line that had been knocked out by concentrated enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety Private First Class Bruna, persisted in his task despite intense enemy artillery fire falling in his immediate area. Although obliged to take cover several times when the enemy artillery landed near, he completed his task of re-establishing vital communications. Private First Class Bruna's courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his heroic act and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph P. Ruhidar, 38254435, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When an enemy counterattack was threatening and the battalion command post was notified of a critical shortage of ammunition, Private First Class Ruhidar, volunteered to get the ammunition from a dump that was under artillery fire and take it to the company. While at the dump, a heavy barrage hit the area, but Private First Class Ruhidar, continued to leave his vehicle and then with complete regard for his personal safety drove through an intense enemy artillery concentration to the farthest point forward where he unloaded his vehicle under sniper fire and took up a firing position to cover the approach of the ammunition bearers. Private First Class Ruhidar's courage under fire and determination to deliver the supplies resulted in the company getting the critically needed ammunition in time to meet the attack and inflict heavy casualties on the enemy. His unhesitating devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jay L. Lampen, 36407513, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When the enemy artillery laid a concentrated barrage on the battalion field train positions and several men were badly wounded, Private First Class Lampen, left his position of safety and went to the aid of the stricken men. In the absence of medical personnel, Private First Class Lampen, exhibited outstanding initiative in rendering immediate first aid, improvising litters and evacuating the wounded men to safety. His cool courage and utter disregard for his personal safety was largely responsible for saving several lives and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Weldon L. Lemon, 35423509, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 May 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Lemon, twice volunteered to repair a wire line that had been knocked out by concentrated enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Lemon, persisted in his task despite intense enemy artillery fire falling in his immediate area. Although obliged to take cover several times when the enemy artillery landed near, he completed his task of re-establishing vital communications. Technician Fifth

Grade Lemon's courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his heroic act and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Walter M. Lizman, 37586263, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. When an assault company sent word to the battalion command post that they were expecting an enemy counter attack and were in need of ammunition, Private First Class Lizman, volunteered to accompany a jeep driver and load the ammunition from a forward dump that was under artillery fire and take it to the company. With enemy artillery falling in the immediate area, Private First Class Lizman, coolly loaded the ammunition, took it to the end of the road and then proceeded on foot to the assault company's position in spite of enemy sniper fire that commanded his route of approach. His determination and utter disregard for his personal safety resulted in the delivery of the critically needed ammunition and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Charles M. Martin Jr., 34510396, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Martin, a squad leader of a 57mm anti-tank gun, discovered that new machine gun emplacements of the enemy could not be destroyed from his gun position. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Martin, acting on his own initiative advanced across open terrain which was covered by enemy machine gun fire to find more advantageous position for his gun. While advancing over this terrain for several hundred yards, he exposed himself a number of times to enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Upon locating a new position, he ordered the gun to be put into action and from this position, placed effective fire on a machine gun nest which had several casualties and was holding up the advance of our troops. Also, from this position he directed his squad to fire upon a pillbox which contained a 47mm anti tank gun. Through Staff Sergeant Martin's accuracy the enemy gun was put out of action. Staff Sergeant Martin's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jack Holwerda, 36456100, 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 Holwerda, displayed courage and coolness in evacuating an injured man from under the fire of an enemy machine gun. Private First Class Holwerda then returned to the scene and assisted in the displacement of an anti tank gun and a 50 calibre machine gun, to position defiladed from this fire. Private First Class Holwerda's courageous acts were done with complete disregard to the fact that he had been hit by mortar fragments. His heroic 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. 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 Miles G. Clifford, 39595751, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Clifford was moving forward in an attack on the town of Kochi when an intense enemy artillery counterattack completely halted his unit. Under this fire, one of Private First Class Clifford's comrades was wounded and fell in an open area. Without hesitation, and showing complete disregard for his own safety, he rushed to his fallen comrade and dragged him to cover and protection from the artillery shells which were constantly falling in the immediate area. Private First Class Clifford administered first aid and called for a litter and then, with the aid of another man, they rushed the wounded soldier through the same fire to the rear and proper medical attention promptly rendered, was responsible for the saving of the wounded man's life. Private First Class Clifford's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Theodore F. Clinton, 39596183, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When a battalion attack south of Tombstone Ridge resulted in numerous casualties occurring because of intense enemy mortar, artillery and machine gun fire, litter bearers were badly needed and Private First Class Clinton readily volunteered for this duty. In the course of carrying the wounded to the Battalion Aid Station, it was necessary to cross an open field that was constantly under heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Clinton helped evacuate eight wounded men. In one instance, an enemy artillery shell wounded one of the men of Private First Class Clinton's litter team. After administering first aid to this man, Private First Class Clinton resumed his duties and made five additional trips, each one being of a hazardous nature since the enemy did not relent in their attack. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Herman S. Collins, 39728917, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When the platoon in which Private First Class Collins was serving as first scout, was engaged in the assault of a heavily fortified ridge, the advance was halted by intense machine gun and rifle fire. Using his rifle, Private First Class Collins charged the position, firing as he went. He destroyed the machine gun and four of the enemy. Spurred on by his actions, the platoon moved forward and secured their objective. The courageous actions and heroic achievement of Private First Class Collins were an inspiration to his comrades and are in accordance with the highest military standards.

Private First Class William N. Deets, 39346872, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. Private First Class Deets' company was in the attack on Raccoon Hill where the Japs were strongly entrenched. The open terrain which was below the hill was covered by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Deets, automatic rifleman, advanced with his squad to the slope of the hill where the men were halted by the point blank fire of the enemy. On his own initiative and without regard for his own safety, he worked his way up the slope to a position where he put accurate fire from his automatic rifle into the flank of the enemy. His fire accounted for eight Japs and one enemy machine gun was silenced. Private First Class Deets' heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

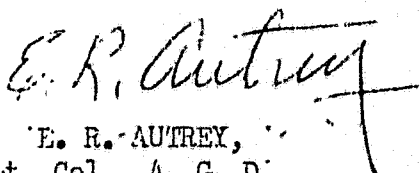
Private First Class Carlos Gonzales, 39596979, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Elements of Private First Class Gonzales' battalion were pinned down on Kakazu Ridge and suffered heavy casualties, making the need for litter bearers urgent. Private First Class Gonzales volunteered to act as a litter bearer. The route to the wounded men, being exposed and covered by enemy fire, he had to expose himself many times in crossing open fields. Although he was trapped behind a knoll by crossfire of enemy machine guns, he finally managed to dash to cover and reach the wounded men. He then took his place at the stretcher and since there was only one available route, he was forced to return through the hail of enemy fire. Private First Class Gonzales' heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of military traditions.

Private First Class Richard M. Klassen, 16119936, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Klassen's company was attacking Mashiki Ridge when the leading elements came under intense mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Klassen, an automatic rifleman, without regard for his own personal safety, crawled through the enemy machine gun fire, up the slope of the hill toward the enemy gun position and knocked it out with fire from his automatic rifle, killing five Japs in the position. He continued to crawl forward and killed three Jap snipers who were firing on his platoon. He then received orders to withdraw to the night defensive position and as he moved back, he spotted another Jap machine gun, which he immediately destroyed killing six Japs. His devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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SECTION I
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Frank R. Adamini	36846688	Inf	13 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Lawrence J. Armstrong	38549805	Inf	21 April 1945	✓
Tec 3	Jesse A. Arrambida	38361479	MD	12 April 1945	✓
Sgt	Raoul Bellard	38260306	Inf	7 April 1945	✓
Pfc	James E. Benningfield	38634635	Inf	6 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Milton J. Binon	36843999	Inf	12 June 1945	✓
Sgt	Edward E. Bishop	39422312	Inf	23 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Harry T. Boyle	39423531	Inf	16 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Benjamin F. Coleman	33527960	CE	21 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Hugh F. Coykendall	36407066	Inf	4 April 1945	✓
Pfc	Howard B. Davis	35703051	MD	13 April 1945	✓
Pfc	Cyril L. Easley	39593733	Inf	18 May 1945	✓
Tec 4	William R. Evans	36700280	Inf	16 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Edward F. Greico	32708840	Inf	17 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Earl P. Hallums	36523551	Inf	10 April 1945	✓
Pvt	Clyde E. Helton	39473486	Inf	28 April 1945	✓
Pfc	Edward J. Hogan	38312720	Inf	10 April 1945	✓
S Sgt	Willie B. Holeman	38290663	Inf	15 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Walter Holik	31148883	Inf	14 June 1945	✓
2d Lt	Charles F. Jones	01331740	Inf	15 June 1945	✓
Sgt	Harold R. Jones	3862296	Inf	6 April 1945	✓
Pfc	George Kuczynski	3652577	Inf	13 May 1945	✓
Cpl	Walter P. Lauber	36222964	Inf	29 May 1945	✓
1st Lt	Joseph Lerant	01312689	Inf	14 June 1945	✓
S Sgt	Americo J. Minnicucci	32574215	Inf	14 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Mysyk Dymetro	32664053	Inf	28 April 1945	✓
Pfc	Abraham Negrin	32694223	Inf	13 June 1945	✓
1st Sgt	John B. Olson	36307201	Inf	10 May 1945	✓
*Pfc	George U. Slesmal # 3064839597400	39597400	FA	14 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Thomas L. Roso	38752571	Inf	14 May 1945	✓
T Sgt	Leahmon L. Rowlett	38293147	Inf	12 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Oran Sanders Jr.,	38423830	Inf	18 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Joe G. Sims	38272830	Inf	26 April 1945	✓
1st Lt	Edward M. Smith	0439865	Inf	17 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Aaron T. Stacy	35784306	Inf	12 May 1945	✓
S Sgt	Richard E. Stickley	36587503	Inf	17 May 1945	✓
Tec 5	Dallos H. Swann	34391049	Inf	13 June 1945	✓
Pfc	William F. Thomas	35892261	Inf	5 May 1945	✓
Pfc	James F. Turner	33841589	Inf	9 April 1945	✓
1st Lt	Ignatias C. Veracco	01307890	Inf	12 April 1945	✓
Pfc	M. C. Vowell	38271534	Inf	25 June 1945	✓

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I/c	Harvey W. Webb	38532039	Inf	23 May 1945	✓
I/c	James F. Weiss	35093774	Inf	12 April 1945	✓
I/c	Garld D. Wilson	38635124	Inf	25 May 1945	✓
Tec 5	Eugene V. Wolf	36430911	Inf	14 June 1945	✓
I/c	Bernard Ziegler	37771236	Inf	25 June 1945	✓

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

1st Sgt	James G. Browning	39226854	Inf	20 Oct 44	✓
I/c	Lester L. Nabors	38045206	Inf	28 Oct 44	✓
Cpl	Harry G. Neesby	38243508	Inf	28 Oct 44	✓
Cpl	Ralph W. Wehrenberg	16154351	Inf	20 Oct 44	✓

SECTION II
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private Clyde E. Baird, 38464808, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 May 1945 near Fox Hill on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 355, this Headquarters, 16 June 1945. ✓

Technical Sergeant Harold Bershow, 37316490, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 177, this Headquarters, 8 May 1945. ✓

Staff Sergeant Louis A. Bosco, 32760513, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 651, this Headquarters, 27 August 1945. ✓

Sergeant Robert F. Gallagher, 15701873, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 790, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1945. ✓

Private First Class Horace F. Howard, 44046805, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 319, this Headquarters, 13 June 1945. ✓

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class James W. Bosley, 38292234, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Bosley, an automatic rifleman, with his platoon made an assault on Kakazu Ridge and upon reaching the top, immediately secured an advantageous firing position in order that the ground might be held against fierce enemy resistance. Intense machine gun and mortar fire soon inflicted such heavy casualties upon the platoon that the order was given to withdraw to a previous selected position. Without regard for his personal safety, he remained in position, thus covering the movements of the other men, even though the numerically superior enemy force rushed into a counterattack. Receiving serious wounds when the enemy placed a mortar barrage in his area in an attempt to dislodge him, he maintained a strong supporting fire and killed several Japs who were charging his position. Only when the other members of the platoon had successfully taken up their new position did he withdraw. Private First Class Bosley's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Technical Sergeant Lloyd Powell, 39675253, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When the first platoon of Technical Sergeant Powell's unit became pinned down by a heavy volume of enemy machine gun fire from the right and left front, wounding a great number of the unit, all available means and methods were utilized in an effort to destroy the enemy, but all were repulsed. The unit then received orders to withdraw several hundred yards to night defensive positions. The lead scout who had been seriously wounded still lay in an exposed position after the unit withdrew, and, upon hearing this, Technical Sergeant Powell immediately moved out to get him. Although the area was deluged with enemy sniper and machine gun fire against which the entire company could not advance, Technical Sergeant Powell moved in the face of the devastating fire by rushes, covering more than three hundred yards to get to the stricken man. His outstanding bravery and exemplary actions served as an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Wilfried H. Smolenski, 35140315, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. When his company was attacking Mashiki Ridge, the leading elements were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Several attempts were made to flank the enemy position and knock it out by surprise but were driven back. Then the platoon received orders to withdraw to night defensive positions two hundred yards to the rear. The platoon sergeant who was at the head of his platoon, had been severely wounded and the platoon leader called for volunteers to go forward and evacuate him. Private First Class Smolenski volunteered to cross the open terrain covered with enemy sniper and machine gun fire to evacuate

the platoon sergeant. He advanced by rushes through the intense fire. During the course of his run, he was wounded in both legs but refused to drop his burden and carried him to safety where he was evacuated.

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 Private First Class Jack H. Solomon, 36760247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When a battalion attack south of Tombstone Ridge resulted in numerous casualties because of intense enemy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire, and litter bearers were of utmost need, Private First Class Solomon readily volunteered for this duty. In the course of carrying the wounded to the aid station, it was necessary to cross an open field which constantly was under heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, he helped evacuate eight wounded men. In one instance, an enemy artillery shell wounded a man who was part of the litter team. After administering first aid to this man, Private First Class Solomon resumed his duties and made five additional trips, each one being of a hazardous nature, since the enemy did not relent in their fire. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions. *Neph of Mrs. ESTHER S. SOLOMON, Mother 1104 EAST 52d ST. Chicago, Illinois*

Private First Class Kenneth T. Staley, 39470586, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Staley's company was in the attack on Kochi Ridge. The enemy were strongly entrenched and had the approaches to the hill covered by heavy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Staley's squad made their way through the intense fire to the foot of the slope, where they were forced to halt because of the point blank fire of the enemy. Private First Class Staley, on his own initiative and without regard for his personal safety, took his automatic rifle and a supply of grenades and made his way up the hill toward an enemy machine gun position in a cave. After two magazines, his automatic rifle jammed and he then resorted to his grenades, tossing them all into the cave, killing five Japs and putting the gun out of action. Private First Class Staley's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Fred R. Kunkel, 37312115, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Kunkel drove his truck across an open field, disregarding his own personal safety. The field, at the time, was under a heavy barrage of enemy artillery. By doing this, he was able to pick up his gun squad and 37mm gun and move them forward approximately two hundred yards to positions which offered better fields of fire on enemy pillboxes and caves. As a result, four enemy caves were sealed, one of which concealed an enemy machine gun that had been holding up the advancement of our troops.

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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 Nordahl O. Buros, 36273356, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Buros' company was attacking Kakazu Ridge, when they were subjected to intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Private First Class Buros, without regard for his own personal safety, crawled through the enemy machine gun fire to a man who had been wounded, and carried him to safety. Returning to the line, he received severe phosphorous burns on his hands, but refused evacuation, and continued the assault. On his own initiative he crawled to the crest of the hill and directed our own mortar fire into enemy gun and mortar positions on the reverse slope. Private First Class Buros' heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Margarito V. Heysquierdo, 38253846, 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 Heysquierdo's company was given a sector three hundred yards south of Mashiki to defend. This sector was completely exposed to enemy sniper and machine gun fire. The company had to have communication to the forward platoons so Private First Class Heysquierdo volunteered to lay the wire to the platoons. He was pinned down in the open terrain several times by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, but he successfully completed his mission. Later that day, Private First Class Heysquierdo went forward to the company observation post which was under heavy machine gun and sniper fire coming from an undetermined location. Private First Class Heysquierdo then volunteered to deliberately expose himself to draw the enemy fire while other men in the company tried to locate the hidden position. Through his action, the position was located and mortar fire brought to bear upon it, thus effectively silencing the enemy. Private First Class Heysquierdo's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Second Lieutenant Russell E. Kraus, 02012480, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. As Second Lieutenant Kraus continued to direct his section, disregarding the heavy enemy fire, an enemy shell made a direct hit on his observation position, wounding both Second Lieutenant Kraus and his section sergeant. Nevertheless, Second Lieutenant Kraus refused to be evacuated and continued directing his mortar fire upon the enemy positions. Despite his painful wound, Second Lieutenant Kraus volunteered to lead a stretcher party to evacuate a wounded man. He picked up his burden and carried him across the open field to a spot where it was possible to use the stretcher. Finally, when things had quieted down and the company was nearly settled for the night, Second Lieutenant Kraus accepted medical attention for his severe wound. Second Lieutenant Kraus' heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Richard E. Tamm, 39202962, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Tamm, as company runner from the company command post volunteered to carry messages over completely exposed terrain covered with enemy sniper, machine gun, and mortar fire. Three times he went back to an adjoining company's mortars to point out the enemy pillboxes. When he returned to the command post, finding the mortar section depleted by enemy mortar and artillery fire, he volunteered to carry ammunition from the Battalion supply depot over a route covered with sniper and mortar fire. Near the completion of the company's withdrawal, he volunteered as a litter bearer to go forward under enemy sniper fire and evacuate the wounded. During this action, the company suffered forty two casualties. Private First Class Tamm's outstanding bravery and coolness under heavy fire served as an inspiration to all members of the command and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Donald I. White, 39470663, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. When a battalion attack south of Tombstone Ridge resulted in numerous casualties because of intense enemy mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire, litter bearers were of utmost need, and Private First Class White readily volunteered for this duty. In the course of carrying the wounded to the aid station, it was necessary to cross an open field that was constantly under heavy enemy fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class White helped evacuate eight wounded men. In one instance an enemy artillery shell wounded a man who was part of Private First Class White's litter team. After administering first aid to this man, Private First Class White resumed his duties and made five additional trips, each one being of a hazardous nature, since the enemy did not relent in his fire. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Kenneth C. Wood, 39422308, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. Private First Class Wood's company was advancing on a series of fortified caves which were delaying the battalion at the southern base of Conical Peak. As Private First Class Wood was going over the top of a hill one of his comrades was shot, and he went to his assistance and while under fire dragged his wounded man to safety, and administered first aid. Later, with the help of another man, he lowered the wounded man to the bottom of a small cliff. He then went after a litter and more bandages. While in the process of procuring the litter and bandages, he was under constant fire, but completed his mission in a very short time. He then led the litter team back to safety. By his devotion and disregard of personal safety, he undoubtedly saved the life of his wounded comrade.

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Sergeant Orland H. Garber, 36433817, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. One platoon of heavy machine guns was supporting a company in an assault on an enemy house in a small village south west of Mashiki. The machine gun platoon was displacing forward by sections and maintaining a steady rate of fire in the support of the rifle company, when both the machine gun platoon and the rifle company came under a withering cross fire of two enemy machine guns and a platoon of riflemen which had been bypassed on the right flank. The enemy fire completely surprised one heavy machine gun section killing one man and wounding five. Sergeant Garber, a gunner on a 37mm Anti Tank Gun which was emplaced to support the attack, with complete disregard for his own safety, left the cover of his gun position, ran one hundred yards across open terrain completely exposed to enemy fire to aid one of the wounded men. He carried the wounded man back over the same route to safety. He repeated this act by exposing himself by going approximately one hundred and twenty-five yards and evacuating another wounded man to safety.

Staff Sergeant Winford T. Pearson, 38291115, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 July 1945. When Staff Sergeant Pearson, and two other men were riding along a road they neared a junction and were confronted by an armed Jap soldier who demanded to be taken to Army Headquarters. At the point of a pistol the enemy officer forced the trio to drive down the road. After approximately one mile, he ordered the vehicle to be halted. At this point, Staff Sergeant Pearson, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, sprang from the front seat and attacked the Jap officer. In the ensuing hand to hand combat, Staff Sergeant Pearson wrenched the pistol from the hands of the enemy. The enemy officer then armed a grenade which Staff Sergeant Pearson, knocked to the ground. The grenade exploded, wounding the driver of the vehicle, and in the confusion the enemy fled. As Staff Sergeant Pearson, unhesitatingly pursued him, he fired at the Jap with the Jap pistol until it jammed. He then returned to the vehicle, administered first aid to the wounded driver, and then evacuated him to a hospital.

Technical Sergeant William T. Spencer, 6286821, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Spencer, and his squad were working in conjunction with an Infantry company when a wounded soldier of another company was discovered lying exposed in intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Technical Sergeant Spencer volunteered to go after the wounded man. Running across one hundred yards of open terrain, Technical Sergeant Spencer, reached the wounded soldier who had lain there a day and night, and aided in moving him to a position of safety where medical treatment saved his life. Technical Sergeant Spencer, performed this act without regard to his own safety, and after being warned by the wounded man not to attempt the rescue.

Private First Class John E. Peterson, 37318395, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When under a heavy artillery barrage in the battalion field train area, several men were badly wounded, Private First Class Peterson exposed himself to the enemy fire in order to render first aid to the stricken men. Private First Class Peterson's coolness under fire and show of resourcefulness in the absence of medical personnel was a major factor in saving the lives of his wounded comrades. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Corporal Charles E. Roth, 17081874, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. Corporal Roth, a runner of a 37mm anti-tank gun stayed at his gun while under an intense barrage of mortar and 47mm fire and coolly carrying out instruction, fired several rounds into enemy positions. Through his courage he placed very effective fire upon the positions which concealed the weapons and destroyed them, which saved the members of his crew and also the gun.

Second Lieutenant Cecil Swinford, 01311782, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. While moving a 57mm anti-tank gun across an open field to a position which offered a better field of fire, the members of Second Lieutenant Swinford's squad were fired upon by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, coming from a concealed cave which had been bypassed by the forward troops. The men were forced to disperse and leave their gun. Second Lieutenant Swinford immediately organized his platoon and began advancing toward the cave from which the enemy fire was coming. The terrain was open and offered no concealment for the advancing men, which made progress very slow and difficult. While his men kept the cave covered with small arms fire, he ran across the open field to the cave and threw three grenades inside, killing the occupants and silencing the machine gun which had been firing on his men. Through his quick thinking and fast action, four of the enemy were killed, one enemy machine gun destroyed and several boxes of ammunition and grenades captured. Second Lieutenant Swinford's heroic achievement reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class John M. Isabel, 36544629, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Private First Class Isabel, after his position was discovered by enemy machine gun which opened fire upon him, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, remained at his gun and fired several rounds into the machine gun position. By doing this he closed the pillbox and saved the lives of the other members of his squad.

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Private First Class Anthony A. Croce, 33811831, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Croce's company was attacking Kainazu Ridge when they came under intense machine gun fire coming from caves high on the steep ridge. On his own initiative, he crawled through the heavy machine gun fire, toward the positions where he could fire into the caves with his bazooka. Private First Class Croce fired two rounds from his bazooka into a cave, unassisted killing three Japs and knocking the gun out. He then dashed across fifty yards of open terrain, through the enemy fire to a more favorable position and fired his remaining ammunition into another cave, destroying another machine gun. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Frank Jezior, 36381544, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Jezior's company was in the attack on Kaniyama Ridge when the enemy laid intense fire from artillery, mortars, and machine guns into the company as they started up the hill. Several casualties were suffered and the wounded men lay in positions exposed to enemy fire. Private First Class Jezior, without regard for his own personal safety, dashed through the hail of bullets and dragged one of the wounded men to the safety of a ditch where he administered first aid. He then attempted to move the man further back, but each time, he was forced back by the fire of an enemy machine gun. He saw that it was impossible to move the man safely, and after making the wounded man comfortable, remained on guard until dark when the evacuation was completed successfully. Private First Class Jezior's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles J. Rhodes, 36700405, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Rhodes' company was in the attack on Mashiki Ridge. The enemy was strongly entrenched and delivered intense fire from mortars and machine guns causing many casualties in the rifle platoons. Private First Class Rhodes volunteered to evacuate wounded from the hill and, disregarding his own personal safety, made trip after trip across open terrain and where heavy enemy mortar fire was falling. Private First Class Rhodes played a major part in the successful evacuation of the casualties. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Claude H. Rollins, 39425615, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Private First Class Rollins' company was launching an attack on the strongly fortified Yuza-Dake escarpment. As Private First Class Rollins' platoon reached the top, they were met by a heavy volume of enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Without regard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Rollins made his way upward to a position slightly above the main enemy positions. With accurate fire from his rifle and by using grenades, he was able to pin the enemy down, allowing the rest of the platoon to reach the top of the ridge. The Japs then launched a small counterattack of the small force on top of the hill. Private First Class Rollins refused to leave his position and his accurate fire helped stop the enemy and turn them back. His action accounted for eight dead Japs and was an important factor in the securing of the ridge. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Claude J. Sinnen, 37567881, 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 Sinnen's company was in the attack on the town of Aragachi at the foot of a long open hill upon which the enemy had concentrated all their fire in their last stand. When Private First Class Sinnen's company had advanced about half way down the hill, the enemy opened up with intense fire from all their weapons, pinning the men to the ground. This fire was coming from a point directly ahead, from behind an eight foot stone wall. With utter disregard for his own safety, and on his own initiative, Private First Class Sinnen took his BAR and worked his way through enemy small arms fire to a position at the side of the wall. From there he was able to bring his BAR into action, killing three enemy riflemen and four Japanese machine gunners who were firing upon his company thus enabling the company to seize the town. Private First Class Sinnen's heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Staff Sergeant Thomas G. Turner, 38364895, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Turner's company was in action on Kochi Ridge. Having to cross open terrain which was under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Turner and his squad finally reached the base of the ridge. Still under intense machine gun fire and with no thought of personal safety, he placed his men in position, then, making his way to the head of the advance, continued the attack alone. After exhausting his supply of hand grenades, he used his rifle to the fullest advantage and finally succeeded in routing out the enemy. His men, now free to advance, completed the taking of the ridge only after he had exterminated twenty of the enemy. Staff Sergeant Turner's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

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Staff Sergeant Angus M. Autry, 38300661, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Autry, while observing the fire of his 37mm anti-tank gun, underwent an intense barrage of enemy mortar and 47mm gun fire. With disregard to his personal safety, he remained at his position and directed fire of his gun. In so doing, he sealed the cave which concealed the 47mm gun and destroyed a mortar position which was holding up the advances of our troops saving several lives of front line men.

Private First Class F. G. Chappell, 38294106, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Private First Class Chappell stayed with his 37mm anti-tank gun with disregard for his own personal safety and returned fire upon an enemy 47mm gun which was placing very effective fire upon his gun and the remainder of his squad. In so doing, he was able to knock out the weapon and seal the cave and in turn saved the lives of other members of his squad.

Sergeant John C. Nasser, 36704031, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Sergeant Nasser, in charge of a mine squad of anti-tank company, was called upon to remove mines so that tanks could move forward bringing fire to bear on enemy fortifications. A tank advanced into the open field for a better field of fire and in so doing, openly exposed itself to enemy fire. When the telephone operator was hit by a sniper bullet, the tank attempted withdrawal but had its track blown off by an enemy mine and laid idle in the open field. With disregard for his own personal safety, Sergeant Nasser volunteered his services and ran across one hundred yards of open field, completely covered by harassing sniper fire, to assist the injured man and to help in the removal of the crippled tank. When this task was accomplished, he retraced his steps back across the terrain exposing himself once again to sniper fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alfred E. Strangfeld, 37361865, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. Private First Class Strangfeld's company was in an attack on Raccoon Hill. The enemy had extremely heavy mortar fire and machine gun fire zeroed in upon all of the approaches to the hill. During the attack, one squad was cut off from the rest of the company and was pinned down without any known route of withdrawal open to them. Private First Class Strangfeld volunteered to take a message to the squad. Without further thought of his own safety, he crossed the open space through intense heavy crossfire, mortar and artillery fire, and was finally able to reach his destination, delivering the message which enabled

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the squad to withdraw without losing a man. Private First Class Strangfeld's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Corporal Richard A. Bauer, 367002C3, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Corporal Bauer carried ninety rounds of mortar ammunition over a route covered by harassing enemy 150mm and 75mm artillery fire. The excellent observation enabled the enemy to deliver long range fire with a light machine gun causing Corporal Bauer to have to run with a seventy pound load each trip. Sniper fire necessitated his crawling on hands and knees another two hundred yards of the route. Corporal Bauer made ten trips during the morning hours and because of the constant flow of ammunition, his gun was able to knock out an enemy light machine gun and knee mortar. His courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Roscoe L. Bulls, 38680824, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Private First Class Bulls and two other men were wounded by enemy mortar fire but disregarding his own wounds, he administered first aid to the other two men, and helped to evacuate them. He then returned to his gun position and manned it throughout the night during a counterattack before receiving medical aid the following morning. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Bulls was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant James J. Cassidy, 01297680, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. During an attack, First Lieutenant Cassidy received word that one of his platoons had suffered nine casualties, due to an enemy mortar concentration. First Lieutenant Cassidy turned his duties at the observation post over to his executive officer and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, crossed one hundred and seventy-five yards of terrain in which the enemy concentration was falling to join the stricken platoon. He immediately reorganized the platoon and personally arranged for the evacuation of the wounded. He then personally led the remainder of the platoon forward to further assist in the attack. His coolness and courage in the face of the enemy was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Joseph Brugier, 37775294, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. As Private First Class Brugier's platoon was engaged in the attack upon the town of Aragachi, intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire halted the advance. The enemy was observed to be set up on the left flank, which was entirely exposed, because of the fact that the nearest friendly unit was two hundred yards away. Using fire and movement, Private First Class Brugier and three other men maneuvered two hundred yards through continuous machine gun fire in the attempt to close in upon the enemy and destroy their position. Twice, excessive expenditure of ammunition made it necessary for each man to return to a rear area for supply. Finally, after two hours of hard fighting, Private First Class Brugier and his comrades assaulted the enemy position and completely silenced it. The group accounted for twenty-three Japs dead, two light machine guns demolished, and a heavy machine gun captured intact. The courageous actions and heroic achievement of Private First Class Brugier made it possible for his platoon to resume the attack and take the objective. Private First Class Brugier's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Elton Cain, 44038247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. Private First Class Cain's platoon was engaged in the attack upon the town of Aragachi when intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire halted the advance. The enemy was observed to be set up on the left flank which was entirely exposed, since the next friendly unit was two hundred yards away. Using fire and movement, Private First Class Cain and three other men maneuvered two hundred yards through continuous enemy machine gun fire in an attempt to close in on the enemy and destroy them. Their ammunition being exhausted twice made it necessary for each man to return to a rear area for the replenishment of their supply. Finally, after two hours of hard fighting, Private First Class Cain and his three comrades assaulted the enemy position and completely silenced it. The group accounted for twenty three Japs dead, two light machine guns demolished and a heavy machine gun captured intact. The courageous actions of Private First Class Cain made it possible for his platoon to resume the attack and take their objective without any casualties occurring. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Samuel S. Carver, 44006307, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. As Private First Class Carver's platoon was engaged in the attack upon the town of Aragachi, intense machine gun and rifle fire halted the advance. The enemy was observed to be set up on the

left flank, which was entirely exposed, since the nearest friendly unit was two hundred yards away. Using fire and movement, Private First Class Carver and three other men maneuvered two hundred yards through continuous machine gun fire in the attempt to close in upon the enemy and destroy their position. Twice the excessive expenditure of ammunition made it necessary for each man to return to a rear area to replenish his supply. Finally, after two hours of hard fighting, Private First Class Carver and his three comrades assaulted the enemy and completely silenced the position. The group accounted for twenty-three Japanese dead, two light machine guns destroyed, and captured a heavy machine gun intact. The courageous action of Private First Class Carver made it possible for his platoon to resume the attack and take their objective without any casualties. Private First Class Carver's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Ralph H. Clark, 37776305, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. In the vicinity of Aragachi, Private First Class Clark's platoon had secured their objective on the escarpment overlooking the town of Aragachi, when he observed four of the enemy setting up a machine gun position. Leaving his point of cover, Private First Class Clark attacked the enemy. Firing his Automatic Rifle, he destroyed the four Japs and then demolished the machine gun with a grenade. In the course of the action, Private First Class Clark was wounded but he continued devastating fire until the mission he had set out to accomplish was completed. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

Private First Class Eugene L. Resnick, 36818809, Infantry, U. S. Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. On the forward slope of Mable Hill near Chan, Private First Class Resnick performed heroic service in neutralizing sniper fire from a cave. With his bayonet fixed, he entered the cave and was immediately fired upon. Crawling in the semi-darkness, he saw a movement and fired upon it. On the return fire from the enemy, he located the position of all three. Private First Class Resnick tossed a hand grenade into their midst, disposing of two enemies and wounding the third. Then he bayoneted the remaining one to remove all danger from the sniper's nest.

Staff Sergeant Peter C. Pisk, 39622100, 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 21 June 1945.

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Private First Class Matthew F. Corcoran, 36615985, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Private First Class Corcoran, along with several other men, while searching out caves and tombs in the vicinity of Hill 43, discovered a by-passed machine gun position. In an attempt to maneuver around the position, one of the members of the patrol set off a booby trap, causing injury to the man's leg and hip. Unable to rise from his position, the wounded man lay in the direct range of the enemy gun. Private First Class Corcoran without regard to his own personal safety, went to the assistance of the wounded man. Because of the nature of the man's wounds, both men were compelled to lie in an awkward position while Private First Class Corcoran administered morphine and other first aid treatment. The arrival of other friendly troops soon neutralized the enemy and eight enemy dead were counted in the area. Because of Private First Class Corcoran's unselfish and heroic act, one man's life was saved. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Dail M. Helms, 39148824, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. After his Battalion had set up its perimeter for the night, forty Japs were sighted preparing for a counterattack. In order to bring mortar fire on the Japs, observers were sent forward to an observation post but were driven back by heavy machine gun fire from an adjacent ridge. Private First Class Helms, sensing the danger to his unit, completely disregarded his own safety and crawled through the enemy fire to the observation post from which he directed the fire of 81mm mortar sections into the enemy. The next morning it was seen that Private First Class Helm's action had prevented not only a counterattack against his own unit but also against the adjacent battalion. Private First Class Helm's heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alvin A. Hilfiker, 39470340, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Maeda, Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. When his company was held up by heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Hilfiker and two others went on reconnaissance to locate a machine gun that was firing from the right flank but could not be picked up. Locating the position in a camouflaged tomb on top of a small rise, Private First Class Hilfiker returned to his unit for extra grenades and ammunition while the others stayed in observation. Then with complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Hilfiker worked his way one hundred fifty yards through the fire to the Jap machine gun. Moving directly toward the enemy position, Private First Class Hilfiker and the two other men assaulted the position while firing incessantly and throwing grenades. This action led to the destruction of the machine gun and a breakthrough on the enemy's left flank.

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Private First Class Edward J. Kain, 11120348, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. While the regimental command post was located at Hill 143, Private First Class Kain was employed in searching and closing caves on the western end of the ridge known as the Gate. In the company of five other men, he entered one cave to search for intelligence information. Everything seemed in order when the search began, but in five minutes a hidden Jap tossed a hand grenade at the searchers. With the explosion one man was seriously wounded and was unable to make his way out of the cave. Private First Class Kain, discovering the wounded man's absence when the group was outside the cave, rushed back inside and carried him to safety. While he was carrying the wounded man out the Jap threw another grenade. Private First Class Kain administered first aid to the wounded man and then helped carry him to the aid station.

Sergeant Edward Stone, 34788469, 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. As the rifle company was advancing under heavy enemy fire from small arms and mortars, one platoon was caught in a cross fire and was pinned down. Several casualties were inflicted. Sergeant Stone, hearing that all casualties were evacuated except one, volunteered to lead a litter squad to try to evacuate the man even after an aid man had been killed in an earlier attempt. Smoke grenades were used but they did not give the necessary concealment. Thus with utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Stone crossed the sniper covered area and was able to evacuate the wounded man to a point where he could receive proper medical attention. His heroic and courageous action saved the life of his comrade and was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private First Class Carl E. Tinker, 39149931, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When the platoon in which Private First Class Tinker was serving as an Automatic Rifleman was engaged in the assault upon a heavily fortified ridge, intense machine gun fire halted the advance. Private First Class Tinker charged the enemy position, firing his weapon as he moved forward. He destroyed a machine gun and killed five of the enemy. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Tinker then switched his attack upon another position and continued delivering fire until wounded. Spurred on by his actions, the platoon moved forward and gained their objective. The courageous actions and heroic achievement of Private First Class Tinker were an inspiration to his comrades and in accordance with the highest of military standards.

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GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 951AWARD 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 Graham W. Carter, 37753445, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. At Yuza-Dake Hill Mass in the vicinity of Aragachi, Private First Class Carter was with the lead elements of his platoon during its attack on the ridge. During the attack on a cave by two other men, Private First Class Carter took up a position to help cover the terrain to the front of the cave which was open to hostile fire and observation. During the grenade battle with occupants of the cave, Private First Class Carter used his grenades to drive the enemy into the open, and killed four of them as they came out. At this time an enemy machine gun opened up from the left front, wounding one man and making the position untenable. The squad was ordered to withdraw. Private First Class Carter occupied a favorable, though open, position for covering fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, and subject to direct machine gun and sniper fire, he refused to withdraw until the wounded had been evacuated and the remainder of his squad had reached a covered position, during which time he gave as much covering fire as possible. The heroic and fearless actions of Private First Class Carter are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Wilma E. Riggs, 37755, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. On Yuza-Dake Hill Mass in the vicinity of Aragachi, Private First Class Riggs was advancing as a member of the leading squad of his platoon in its initial attack on the ridge. During this advance, he was given the job of covering a cave while another man cleared it with grenades. Private First Class Riggs killed one of the enemy at the entrance, at which time the occupants of the cave threw grenades out, wounding the man that Private First Class Riggs was covering. Japs began emerging from the cave to engage Private First Class Riggs and the rest of his squad which had reached the vicinity. Nine of the enemy came from the cave and Private First Class Riggs fearlessly and courageously held his ground, accounting for at least five of the enemy. At this time a machine gun opened up on him from the left front, and snipers began firing from a high point to his squad's right front. The squad was ordered to withdraw, but Private First Class Riggs, with utter disregard for his own life, remained in his position covering the withdrawal and evacuation of the wounded men until all had reached cover. The coolness and courage displayed by Private First Class Riggs and his heroic action in the face of the enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant Ben S. Seffinger, 39152075, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. First Sergeant Seffinger upon leading his company to the center of a village, found that the two machine gun platoons of his company were cut off from the battalion by intense sniper and artillery fire. Two Jap machine guns, firing at a distance of two hundred and fifty yards were covering an open field which it was necessary to pass in order to get to the two platoons. Two men had already been wounded by the sniper fire. First Sergeant Seffinger left his command post group under cover and with utter disregard for his personal safety crawled and ran across the open field to reach the machine gun platoons where he took charge of the evacuation of the wounded men. Not having any contact with the company commander at the time he proceeded to reorganize the company which necessitated the crossing of the open field twice more. First Sergeant Seffinger's initiative and cool courage in restoring the morale of the men reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clement R. Standefer, 38609485, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. At Yuza-Dake Hill Mass in the vicinity of Nagachi, Private First Class Standefer, during the initial attack by his platoon on the ridge, was assigned the job of cleaning out a cave known to be occupied by the enemy. After his covering man had killed one of the enemy at the entrance, Private First Class Standefer fearlessly approached the entrance and attacked the positions with grenades. The occupants retaliated with defensive fire, and during the ensuing grenade battle Private First Class Standefer was wounded but not before he was successful in driving nine of the enemy from the cave and killing and wounding others. The enemy who attempted to escape were all killed. When his platoon was ordered to withdraw because of intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Standefer withdrew without aid, although badly dazed and partly blinded in one eye from his facial wounds. The stamina and determination exhibited by Private First Class Standefer was a credit to himself and his unit and his shining example of great courage was an inspiration to his fellow men.

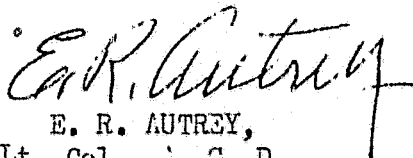
Technician Fifth Grade Melvin G. Husmann, 17161844, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward W. Stare, 0282740, 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 30 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Corporal Roland J. Proulx, 37565457, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Grenades were being thrown in the vicinity of Corporal Proulx's foxhole and one of them, an incendiary grenade, was thrown into a cane patch beside an 81 mm mortar ammunition dump setting fire to the cane. The fire spread quickly, endangering the ammunition. Corporal Proulx acting coolly and with dispatch ordered the men near him to cover him and then, leaving his foxhole, seized two five gallon cans of water and, in about five minutes, managed to bring the fire under control. He undertook his hazardous task with full knowledge of the danger from both his troops and from the enemy. His action was responsible for saving the ammunition and possible injury to persons in the vicinity.

Private Quentin H. Seeger, 37642845, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Private Seeger, despite wounds, displayed extreme courage and devotion to duty when he continued to carry ammunition to his company during a heavy attack on the enemy. Ammunition for the mortars had to be carried over a hazardous route covered by two snipers firing from Cactus Ridge and taking good advantage of the clear day. Private Seeger completed three trips but on the fourth trip, one of the snipers wounded him in the left side. Ignoring the wound, he kept going and completed his mission before reporting for medical treatment. His heroic and courageous action under such hazardous conditions was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Howard E. Stock, 37438213, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Sergeant Stock, a machine gun squad leader, was giving direct support to a rifle company in an attack on Cactus Ridge. An enemy machine gun located on the north side of the ridge near the base, had perfect observation of the company as it was advancing south across an open valley. At this time, Sergeant Stock, with his squad almost on line with the assault platoons, left his cover and, in the face of the enemy machine gun fire, dragged a wounded man to safety. He was suffering from shell fragment wounds in the arm at the time he volunteered to go out into the open field to move his comrade to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade John Frunz, 37318680, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Frunz, a cook, volunteered to accompany a group carrying ammunition forward to a rifle company. In order

to reach the rifle company, they had to cross an open field about seventy-five yards wide and were fired upon by enemy snipers and mortar fire, wounding one man. Technician Fourth Grade Frunz gave the man temporary first aid and then continued on to the rifle company by crawling, delivering the ammunition. He immediately returned by the same way to give assistance to the wounded man whom he removed twenty-five yards to a place of cover, being fired upon all the time. The courage and initiative shown by Technician Fourth Grade Frunz reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Private First Class Joy J. Green, 38227380, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. When his squad leader was wounded, Private First Class Green, a first gunner, immediately assumed command. His machine gun was in an untenable position, but braving the enemy small arms and mortar fire, Private First Class Green crawled out to his gun. Under enemy fire and observation he moved the gun to the little cover available and then participated in a machine gun duel with the enemy and succeeded in knocking out two of the enemy's guns. His heroic action and devotion to duty was an inspiration to all members of the command. ✓

Private First Class John L. Loggins, 38243076, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Private First Class Loggins was attached to a machine gun squad as an ammunition bearer. At 1300, while participating in the general advance, the squad was fired on by two enemy 81mm mortars and pinned down by an enemy light machine gun firing from a position on their right flank two hundred yards distant. When a member of the squad was wounded, Private First Class Loggins, with disregard for his personal safety, abandoned his cover in order to administer first aid to the wounded man. He then personally assisted in his evacuation in the face of continuous enemy fire. His actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. ✓

Corporal John W. Sikorski, 36700510, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. During an assault on Cactus Ridge, Corporal Sikorski exhibited courage and steadfast devotion to duty while carrying ammunition for his mortar squad. A constant flow of ammunition was necessary to keep the mortars supplied and it was Corporal Sikorski's job to help carry it. Part of the area between the dump and the guns was under sniper fire from two enemy snipers on top of Cactus Ridge and harassing enemy mortar fire. When, after a number of trips, Corporal Sikorski was told to rest, he ignored the order and continued to carry ammunition. During that time, he was slightly wounded by an enemy shell fragment but even this did not halt him from his duties. The heroic action of Corporal Sikorski reflects 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), 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 Leo C. Bottini, 39422227, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. During the attack on Yuza-Doko Ridge, a squad leader in his platoon was wounded by an enemy machine gun which was emplaced in a pillbox embedded in the side of a ridge. One enemy machine gun was covering the injured squad leader from one of the two openings in the pillbox and the second enemy machine gun was refusing the other approach to the injured man. Immediately, men were directed to locations where they could fire into the two openings of the pillbox. After the firing started, Private First Class Bottini leaped over a two foot pile of stone which surrounded the gun and jumped directly into the field of fire of the gun which was covering the wounded man. This was a tense moment for all concerned because each knew that this put him directly in front of the enemy's gun and not more than five feet from it. As he turned to pick up the wounded man, Private First Class Bottini was mortally wounded. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Fortunato C. Bottini (Father), 7339 Mission Street, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class Stanley B. Cohen, 35517719, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. When the advance of his battalion was held up, the M-7 on which Private First Class Cohen was acting as gunner, was sent forward to place direct fire on the enemy installations. Private First Class Cohen, disregarding personal safety, exposed himself to enemy fire in order to better accomplish his mission. Before being mortally wounded himself, he put fire on three known installations and rendered them ineffective. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Cohen aided considerably in the advance of the troops and was an inspiration to all who served with him. His actions were in keeping with the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: Joannete Cohen (Mother), 10802 Amor Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class William N. Hirst, 37735474, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. When his company was held up by extremely heavy machine gun fire, Private First Class Hirst and two others went out to investigate. Sighting a tomb on top of which was a Jap machine gun position, one of the other men returned to the unit. When his comrade returned, Private First Class Hirst and the other two men worked their way one hundred and fifty yards through the enemy fire to the top of the tomb and assaulted the position with rifle fire and hand grenades. This action led to the destruction of the machine gun and a break-through on the Japanese right flank which it had guarded. Next of Kin: Mary C. Hirst (Wife), Hutchinson, Kansas.

Sergeant John L. Lochman, 36616459, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 June 1945. Sergeant Lochman's squad was pinned down by intense sniper fire. When a member of his squad was seriously wounded, Sergeant Lochman led the aid man to the position of the wounded and openly exposed himself so that the wounded man could be quickly evacuated. In so doing Sergeant Lochman was mortally wounded, thus giving his life for a member of his squad. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Lochman was an inspiration to all who witnessed his action and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Clara Lochman (Mother), 27 West 1st Street, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Private First Class John Mostowski, 36700064, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Mostowski, a radio man, was directing machine gun fire on enemy positions. Dissatisfied with his observation point, he crawled forward under enemy 81MM mortar fire, sniper, and light machine gun fire from the top of the ridge, to a point fifty yards ahead of his own lines. Dangerously exposing himself he directed machine gun fire, knocking one enemy light machine gun, two snipers and killing twelve additional soldiers. The enemy located Private First Class Mostowski's observation point and brought mortar fire on it. Despite this, he continued to direct fire until fatally wounded by a mortar shell. His courageous action in the face of enemy fire was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Stella Mostowski (Mother), 1617 South California, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain Bernard P. Roche, 0402935, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. The leading elements of the battalion was halted by the fire of an enemy machine gun emplaced on the spur leading towards Rose Hill. Two attempts to assault this position failed and efforts to neutralize the machine gun were unsuccessful since its position had not been accurately determined. Captain Roche, realizing the necessity of neutralizing this machine gun to enable the advance of the battalion voluntarily led a small patrol through our lines to accurately locate it. He had advanced to within twenty yards of the enemy position when he located it, but as he was pointing out the position to the other members of his patrol, he was instantly killed by fire from the enemy location. However the other members of the patrol returned with the information and the enemy position was neutralized and destroyed. Captain Roche's courageous action at the cost of his own life was instrumental in enabling the advance of the battalion and undoubtedly saved many other lives which might have otherwise been lost. Next of Kin: Alberta C. Roche (Mother), 77 Ashley Street, Ashley, 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 Dean B. Allen, 38292097, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. Private First Class Allen, upon seeing three men of his company wounded by enemy fire, unhesitatingly and at the risk of his own life left his position of cover and immediately proceeded to go to the aid of the three men. He covered approximately one hundred yards through withering enemy machine gun and sniper fire to give aid to the three men. After successfully reaching the three wounded men, Private First Class Allen remained at their side throughout the day, giving first aid and watching over them. It was necessary for Private First Class Allen to make three trips to get the men to cover and each time, he was fired upon by the enemy. By his coolness and display of courage, Private First Class Allen was responsible for the saving of the lives of these three men, for he succeeded in getting one man into a shell hole and the other two into a ditch where protection from enemy fire was afforded. Here, he looked after them until dark when it was possible to evacuate them under cover of darkness. When help arrived, he helped to get the three men back to the aid station, leading the litter squads all the way. Private First Class Allen's devotion to duty and his courage under fire were a source of inspiration to all the men of his unit.

First Lieutenant Rodgers P. Brown, Jr., 0520337, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) Brown's platoon was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire in an open valley. He crawled through intense enemy sniper fire and machine gun fire to points from which he could observe the hostile enemy positions and bring mortar and artillery fire to bear on them. After location of the enemy positions, he called for fire on the enemy emplacements and effectively destroyed them. On his way back from this action to the area in which his platoon had been pinned down, First Lieutenant Brown learned, by radio communication, that the unit on his left was being held up by heavy machine gun fire from an area in front of his platoon and once again, he, disregarding the extreme danger of the enemy fire, crawled about three hundred yards to where he effected the ultimate destruction of the enemy gun and the advance of the adjacent unit. First Lieutenant Brown's actions on that day and all through the operation, were a source of inspiration to all the men of his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Thomas F. Butler, Jr., 44006255, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 May 1945. After the company command post had been notified that a man had been wounded in one of their forward positions, Private First Class Butler unhesitatingly volunteered to carry a litter to the position in order to effect the evacuation of the wounded man. Upon leaving the shelter of his own fox hole, he immediately became subjected to intense enemy fire. Working his way

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forward, he came under heavier enemy machine gun fire but with utter disregard for his own life, he negotiated the steep climb to the top of the hill in order that his wounded comrade might get the needed medical aid as quickly as possible. When he reached the casualty, Private First Class Butler assisted in evacuating the wounded man back down over the treacherous, fire-swept terrain to where aid could be given him. Private First Class Butler was responsible for the wounded man's evacuation during the night over dangerous terrain and under heavy enemy fire. His daring courage and devotion to his fellow soldier reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. ✓

Private First Class Louis F. Even, 16110464, 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 Even volunteered, with the aid of three other men, to go into the enemy-held town of Aragachi to help evacuate a seriously wounded comrade who, at this time, was with his platoon which was under heavy enemy fire. Disregarding the enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Even, at the risk of his own life, crossed the two hundred yards of fire-swept enemy terrain and helped to render first aid before helping in the evacuation of the casualty. Once again, he was forced to cross that dangerous terrain which was under close enemy observation and fire. His actions greatly assisted in saving the life of the wounded man. Private First Class Even's complete disregard for his own personal safety, and his cool courage in the face of enemy fire are a credit to himself and the military service. ✓

Private First Class Edward Gromowski, 36843904, Infantry, United States Army, for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. During an assault on an enemy-held ridge in the vicinity of Yamizato, Private First Class Gromowski's platoon was forced to take cover from the withering machine gun fire coming from an enemy-held pillbox. While in this precarious position, the platoon, being the lead element in the attack, was liable to attack from both flanks. Private First Class Gromowski, realizing the gravity of the situation, chose to leave his concealed position and worked his way toward the enemy-held strong point. After moving about one hundred yards within view of the enemy under heavy fire, he threw two grenades into the front of the pillbox, wounding two Japanese gunners and putting the machine gun out of action. Private First Class Gromowski then rushed the remaining distance and single-handedly assaulted the pillbox, killing the two occupants. His courageous action enabled his platoon to advance, relieving them from their dangerous position and was directly responsible for the successful reaching of his unit's objective. Through Private First Class Gromowski's heroic efforts, courage and devotion to duty, the lives of many men were saved.

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

Major George E. Bucklin, 024566, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Major Bucklin was informed at his observation post, that an Infantry company had been isolated due to enemy fire and that in addition to a limited supply of ammunition and water, there were sixteen casualties who had to be evacuated that night. Major Bucklin being unwilling to subject any men to the hazards of night evacuation and supply, personally contacted an attached cannon platoon in an attempt to obtain mechanized assistance. Organizing the platoon into supply and evacuation teams, he led the first M-7 over eight hundred yards of unsecured terrain which was under constant small arms fire to effect the evacuation of all sixteen casualties. At 2330, Major Bucklin led the second party to the company with ammunition, water and rations. On the return trip, he assisted the platoon leader of the M-7's in laying a wire line from the company command post to the battalion command post which provided telephone communications throughout the night. This aggressive action of Major Bucklin in saving his troops from casualty losses and fatigue also resulted in almost immediate aid to his beleaguered company and the safe evacuation of all wounded personnel. Previous award per General Orders No. 116, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 April 1945.

Private First Class Eli L. Fields, 38319714, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. At White Hill, Private First Class Fields was in an observation post when two batteries of 150mm howitzers and one battery of 105mm howitzers commenced firing. The barrage was so intense that all men were pinned down for thirty minutes. Private First Class Fields, hearing the cry of wounded men, rushed through the barrage to their aid. He pulled one man out who was hit and trapped in a pillbox and bandaged him. Then he rushed to where two more men had fallen. He applied bandages and a tourniquet and treated them for shock. His next stop was a man who had been shot. He administered first aid and carried him one hundred and twenty-five yards through sniper fire and shell bursts to the aid station. Private First Class Fields' heroic work saved the lives of all four men and his first aid prevented the loss of a limb to one of them. His courageous action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 17, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 November 1944.

Major Justus C. Kennedy, 01286664, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Major, (then Captain) Kennedy voluntarily escorted his Division Commander across an open field swept by enemy fire of all types, to reach an advanced Infantry observation post. He remained in that exposed position, which was receiving both artillery and mortar fire, for more than an hour and constantly, enroute to and from the observation post as well as during his stay there, pointed out and indicated enemy strong points and critical terrain features which were

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holding up the advance. Major Kennedy's calmness under fire, his willingness to expose himself and his loyalty to his commanding officer, enabled the Division Commander to gain first hand information of the situation which could not otherwise be obtained. Previous award per General Orders No. 170, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division. 21 April 1945.

Sergeant Ira L. Riley, 38272382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Sergeant Riley's company was engaged in the attack on the strongly fortified Yuza-Dake escarpment. Sergeant Riley was with the forward elements and as they reached the top of the steep ridge, they were met by intense fire from an enemy machine gun set up in the trail on the top. Disregarding his own personal safety, he took his machine gun and worked his way to a position on the flank of the enemy gun. As he opened fire with his gun, enemy snipers opened fire on him but he refused to leave his position and continued to pour fire at the enemy machine gun until it was knocked out. He then remained in position until the rest of the men were able to secure the top of the ridge. Five dead Japs were found and one machine gun credited to the accurate fire of Sergeant Riley. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions. Previous award per General Orders No. 36, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1945.

Private First Class Harold Todesco, 39595397, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. Acting in the capacity of assistant squad leader, Private First Class Todesco was moving forward in the attack upon Tombstone Ridge when his squad leader was wounded in the leg by enemy machine gun fire. After giving the wounded man first aid, Private First Class Todesco assumed control of the squad and led his men successfully upon their objective. Then, on his own initiative, he and another man retraced their path to the wounded man who had not as yet been evacuated because of the intense machine gun fire that swept the area in which he lay. Under this fire, Private First Class Todesco assisted in removing the wounded man to a rear aid station. His heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 929, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 October 1945.

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5 October 1945

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Captain Philip A. Allicon, 01284806, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Captain Allicon displayed outstanding leadership in conducting the operations of his company in the attack on the town of Aragachi. When intense enemy machine gun fire had temporarily disrupted his company's advance and left them disorganized and leaderless, Captain Allicon personally led his assault platoons, making his way from one platoon to the other and finally bringing the entire company through the town. In order to accomplish this heroic feat, Captain Allicon was obliged to expose himself to observed enemy fire that swept two hundred yards of open terrain guarding the approaches to Aragachi. His outstanding display of courage and heroic leadership was a source of inspiration to the men of his command. Previous award per General Orders 200, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 May 1945.

Captain Clarence F. Hauber, 0364336, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When a regimental Graves Registration Squad led by Captain Hauber was engaged in the task of locating and evacuating eleven bodies from Kakazu Ridge, although the area had been declared secure, there were some by-passed enemy positions unknown to our forces. In clearing the southern slopes of the ridge, an enemy machine gun opened up on the Section, killing three of the men and seriously wounding one other. Captain Hauber immediately moved there, but due to the machine gun fire was unable to reach the men. Locating a tank that was in a bivouac area, Captain Hauber led it to the area and personally directed its movements to a position between the bodies and the machine gun. He then placed the wounded man on the tank and disregarding the fact that he was exposed to the enemy fire, he immediately rendered first aid. Captain Hauber then led the tank back to a defiladed position from which the wounded man could be evacuated. This action by Captain Hauber was an inspiration to the men under him, and is deserving of the highest praise. Previous award 373, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 21 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Edward E. Herrick, 36383002, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Herrick, a machine gun section leader, had his guns in action on top of Conical Peak when the enemy laid a mortar barrage on the positions. It was at this time that one of his gunners was hit in the neck by an enemy sniper, and Staff Sergeant Herrick in full view of the enemy, left his cover to give medical aid to the wounded man. He stayed in the open and applied digital pressure until the arterial bleeding stopped. He then administered essential first aid and carried the wounded man to a safer spot. His devotion to a fellow soldier exemplified the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 399, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945.

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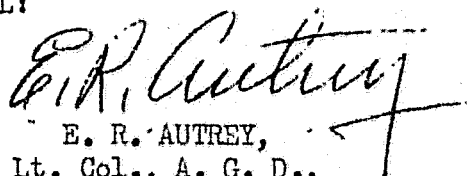
Second Lieutenant Harry L. Hartmann, O2012484, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Conical Hill, Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When the battalion aid station received word that one of the front line companies had suffered three casualties who were in need of immediate attention, Second Lieutenant Hartmann volunteered to take a litter party forward in a vehicle in order to remove the injured men. The route over which he had to travel was known to be mined. Although unfamiliar with the road, he proceeded forward as far as the vehicle could go and then continued on foot. During the last two hundred yards he led the litter party through the same artillery concentration that had injured the men whom they were attempting to evacuate. Disregarding this fire, he helped evacuate the wounded back to the vehicle; then once more traveling the mined road, brought the casualties back to the battalion aid station. Second Lieutenant Hartmann's thorough disregard for his personal safety was instrumental in saving the lives of his fellow soldiers and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 58, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Nathan Jones, 38291000, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Shuri, Okinawa Island on 30 May 1945. On this day a reconnaissance patrol was sent out to Don Hill to investigate the area into which the unit would later move. While the patrol was gone, one of its members was wounded by sniper fire and a call was radioed back for a medic. Private First Class Jones, a company aid man, volunteered to go the wounded man, he improvised a litter with a Japanese blanket and poles, so that the injured could be evacuated. With the help of smoke grenades, he then directed and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded man to the Battalion Aid Station. Private First Class Jones' courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the life of his fellow soldier and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 59, Headquarters, 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

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5 October 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 957

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 Leonard Goodman, 39724862, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell landed in the ammunition dump of his platoon and set off mortar shell and increments, Private First Class Goodman courageously volunteered to put out the fire even though the danger of the shells exploding was imminent. His action saved much of the ammunition and thus prevented the loss of this item, which was of a critical nature at this time. His heroic action in the face of grave danger and his calm courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Vincent Kuntz, 37318823, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Kuntz was a member of company headquarters when, while moving up to occupy a new command post, the group was subjected to an intense enemy artillery barrage. From a position of safety, Technician Fourth Grade Kuntz observed one member of the group who had been hit by shrapnel and was unable to get under cover. Rushing out to where the man lay in the open, he dragged him back to a place of safety while the shelling continued and gave first aid to the casualty. By his courageous action, he saved the casualty from receiving further wounds that would have proven fatal. By his prompt application of first aid, he prevented the man from bleeding to death. His deed was in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Karl H. Paul, 16149023, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. As a heavy machine gun platoon was advancing to new positions, a barrage of white phosphorous shells fell among them seriously burning eight men and inflicting painful burns on others. While the shells were still falling, Technician Fourth Grade Paul, realizing that some of the men were unable to extinguish their burning clothing, left the safety of his position to lend aid to them. Quickly extinguishing their burning clothing, he then helped two of them out of the fire zone and administered first aid. By his quick thinking and courageous action, Technician Fourth Grade Paul saved the lives of the two men and prevented others from receiving more serious wounds. His action was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Archie V. Roberts, 38227549, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When Private First Class Roberts was manning a

heavy machine gun, firing in support of his company's attack on a hill, his position came under intense enemy mortar fire which seriously wounded him and two of his squad. Disregarding his own painful wounds and the imminent danger involved, Private First Class Roberts lent aid to the other wounded and then continued to fire in support of the battalion attack. Only when the wounded had been evacuated and another man relieved him on the gun did he allow himself to be evacuated. By his heroic action and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, Private First Class Roberts contributed to the success of the attack and set an example reflecting the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class James A. Stotler, 37701352, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. During the company's assault on a small ridge near Uchitomari, two machine gunners from a supporting company were wounded by enemy fire and were unable to move from their precarious position. Private First Class Stotler, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, unhesitatingly volunteered to help evacuate them. Crawling forward under heavy enemy machine gun fire for a distance of about two hundred yards, Private First Class Stotler was able to help evacuate the wounded men safely and was responsible to a great extent for saving their lives. Private First Class Stotler's high regard for the welfare of his fellow soldiers reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Lawrence Ulrich, 35603864, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy southwest of Kochi, Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell exploded in the mortar platoon's ammunition dump and set it afire, Private First Class Ulrich, one of the platoon's gunners, voluntarily and without regard for his personal safety, aided in putting out the fire, although the danger of the entire dump exploding was imminent. By his courageous action and self-sacrificing devotion to duty, Private First Class Ulrich saved the lives of the men in the immediate vicinity and saved much of the ammunition which was a very critical item at the time due to bogged down supply lines. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

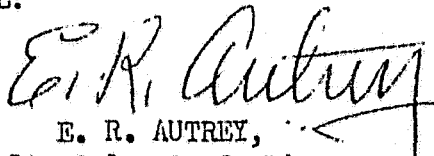
Captain Edward J. Beck, 01284806, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 20 April 1945 to 18 June 1945.

Captain James R. Schaffer, 01286712, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

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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 Marvin Kern, 37392628, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. While manning an observation post directing the fire of his 81mm mortar section in support of a rifle company's attack near Kochi, his observation post came under intense enemy artillery fire. Although it was evident his position had been located by enemy artillery observers, Staff Sergeant Kern remained at the post and continued to direct the fire of his section in support of this attack. Due to his sustained and accurate fire on enemy artillery observation posts and several concentrations of enemy troops, the attack was able to proceed successfully. The courage and calmness of Staff Sergeant Kern's actions were a source of inspiration to the attackers as well as his comrades and it aided greatly in the success of the attack.

First Lieutenant John Janiszewski, 01331735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza-Dake, Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. While acting in the capacity of a forward observer with an 81mm mortar platoon supporting a rifle company in an attack on the Yuza-Dake Escarpment, First Lieutenant Janiszewski was wounded by a shell fragment from a Japanese 47mm Infantry support gun that was firing on his observation post. Disregarding his wound and the fact that his position was untenable, First Lieutenant Janiszewski unflinchingly stood his ground and directed devastating fire against the hostile gun. So accurate and sustained was his fire that it silenced the 47mm gun and two light machine guns which were protecting it. The courage, determination and outstanding devotion to duty of First Lieutenant Janiszewski was a lasting inspiration to all who witnessed it.

Technician Fifth Grade John D. Kowalczyk, 36610909, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Kowalczyk was a member of a group of eight men who were burned when six white phosphorous shells from our own artillery fell short. He was burned by the first shell but managed to reach a place of comparative safety immediately afterwards. On looking back, he saw some of the men were burned severely and were unable to help themselves. He turned back and, disregarding his own burns, helped evacuate three of the men. While in pain himself from his own burns, he refused medical attention until the others had been treated. His actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant Maurice D. Newcomer, 01351654, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 May 1945. While Second Lieutenant Newcomer was serving as a mortar observer with his heavy weapons company in support of a rifle company in an attack on Hill #1 near Shuri, the company to which he was attached, was counted attacked by a strong enemy force. Although the riflemen, who were protecting his observation were forced to withdraw, Second Lieutenant Newcomer heroically stood his ground and directed mortar fire with devastating effect. So accurate and sustained was his fire that it inflicted many casualties and hurled back the enemy attack, thereby allowing the riflemen adequate time to reorganize their forces.

Private First Class Juan C. Ponce, 38254487, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. While serving as an ammunition bearer with a heavy machine gun platoon engaged in supporting an attack on a well fortified ridge, Private First Class Ponce, realizing the danger involved, volunteered to go into a position that was under intense enemy anti-tank gun fire to retrieve a heavy machine gun that his squad had been forced to abandon earlier in the day. Disregarding the intense fire, Private First Class Ponce succeeded in reaching the position and retrieved the gun. After he had moved the gun to an alternate position, he again returned to the abandoned position and retrieved the chests of ammunition so that the gun could be fired in support of the attack. The courageous action and devotion to duty of Private First Class Ponce contributed to the success of the attack and was an inspiration to his comrades throughout the action.

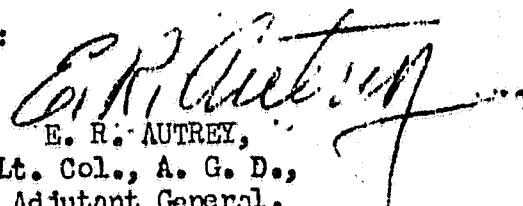
First Lieutenant Stanley R. Thomas, 01310933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. As a heavy machine gun section of his company was moving into a new firing position, it was subjected to intense enemy fire and was badly in need of rifle protection. Lieutenant Thomas, on his own initiative, unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, exposed himself to intense enemy fire to divert the attention of the enemy from the section of heavy machine guns, thereby enabling the section to take up their firing position with no casualties. The display of courage and quick thinking of First Lieutenant Thomas enabled the section of heavy machine guns to reach their new firing positions and successfully deliver fire on the enemy and was an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

Technician Fifth Grade Felix J. Huguet, 18194912, 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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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 Wayne Beasley, 35698447, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell landed in the ammunition dump of his platoon, setting off mortar shells and increments, Private First Class Beasley courageously volunteered, without regard for his own personal safety, to put out the fire even though the danger of the shells exploding was imminent. His action saved much of the ammunition and thus prevented the loss of this item, which was of a critical nature at that time. His action was an example of great courage and is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Donald A. Camp, 37555587, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. While a heavy machine gun section, of which Private First Class Camp was a member, was engaged in supporting a rifle company in the company's assault on a small ridge, the section was subjected to such intense enemy mortar and small arms fire, that it was forced to withdraw. When the section attempted to displace to other positions, it was learned that the only route of withdrawal was also covered by intense fire. Knowing that smoke was urgently needed to cover the withdrawal and that the section had no other means of communication with the mortars, Private First Class Camp volunteered to carry a message to them. Despite the intense fire that was brought to bear on him, he succeeded in his mission and smoke was laid to cover the withdrawal. The courageous action and devotion to duty of Private First Class Camp enabled the men to withdraw without casualties and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Cortez V. Dancer, 38549835, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 25 and 26 April 1945. While a heavy machine gun platoon, in which Sergeant Dancer was serving as a squad leader, was engaged in defending a ridge, it was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire that inflicted several casualties, among whom were the two men that remained of Sergeant Dancer's squad. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Dancer administered first aid to his men, supervised their evacuation and then manned the heavy machine gun alone throughout the night. In the course of the night he repulsed two strong enemy patrols that attempted to break through his position and inflicted approximately twenty Japanese casualties. The courage, determination and devotion to duty of Sergeant Dancer, materially aided in holding an important tactical advantage and set an example that was a source of inspiration to his comrades throughout the operation.

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Corporal Leonard DiGeatano, 36700128, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 May 1945. While Corporal DiGeatano was acting as a member of an 81mm mortar observer party attached to a rifle company in support of the company's attack on Hill No 1, the hill from which he was observing fire was attacked by a strong enemy force. When the riflemen about his observation post were forced to withdraw, Corporal DiGeatano courageously stood his ground and sent fire direction back to the mortars. By remaining at his post in the face of the enemy's attack, he materially aided in directing the accurate and sustained fire which broke up the attack and inflicted approximately twenty eight Japanese casualties. Corporal DiGeatano's display of courage and steadfast devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and was in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.

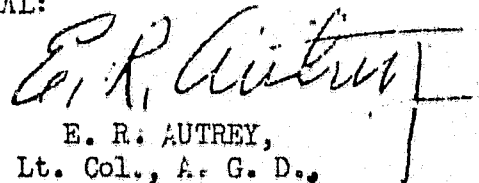
Technical Sergeant George F. Cowan, 36429732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell exploded in his mortar platoon's ammunition dump and set it afire, Technical Sergeant Cowan voluntarily, and without regard for his personal safety, set to put out the fire, although the danger of the entire dump exploding was imminent. He was successful in accomplishing the difficult task. By his courageous action and self sacrificing devotion to duty, Technical Sergeant Cowan saved the lives of the men about him and saved much of the ammunition which at that time was a critical item due to bogged down supply lines. His heroic actions reflect the highest traditions of the United States Army.

Private First Class Dwight E. Fry, 37678533, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Fry was a member of a volunteer litter squad who moved forward two hundred yards over mountainous terrain and through intense cross fire of three enemy machine guns to help evacuate five wounded men who were pinned down. Later during the same day he replaced a comrade who had been wounded and worked with skill and efficiency in this capacity until he himself was wounded. His devotion to duty and courage was a credit to his own organization and to the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Technician Fourth Grade Clayton W. Foss, 37316445, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Foss, a Supply Sergeant, volunteered to help evacuate three wounded men of a rifle company. These casualties were pinned down by two enemy machine guns cross-firing in a small open field. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, he crawled to the wounded men and dragged them to safety. His heroic action was directly responsible for saving the lives of three wounded men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal Alfred V. Kinkella, 36434071, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitoari, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. On this day a half-track was destroyed by an enemy 47mm gun, leaving the wounded men in the vehicle exposed to enemy fire. Corporal Kinkella, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crossed a bank which was exposed to enemy machine gun fire and proceeded to the destroyed vehicle under machine gun and mortar fire. He succeeded in evacuating the crew of this half-track to safety, thereby saving their lives. Corporal Kinkella's action was a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Elmer Martens, 37731335, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Private First Class Martens, while acting as a litter bearer, was called upon to evacuate three wounded members of a rifle company. These men were pinned down by three enemy machine guns. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Martens helped to successfully evacuate two of the wounded men. Evacuation was extremely difficult due to the rugged terrain. Nevertheless, he made a third trip in order to evacuate the remaining casualty and in so doing was shot through the chest. His courage and self sacrifice was a credit to himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Ernest L. Milewski, 33376660, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. On this day, one of the rifle companies had to withdraw leaving several casualties out in front of the company. Technician Fifth Grade Milewski was a member of a litter squad who, at the direct risk of their lives, went forward under heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire in order to evacuate these casualties. Only through his courageous actions were these men safely evacuated; thereby saving their lives.

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Corporal Alfred V. Kinkella, 36434071, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ushikomari, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. On this day a half-track was destroyed by an enemy 4" mortar, leaving the wounded men in the vehicle exposed to enemy fire. Corporal Kinkella, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, crossed a bank which was exposed to enemy machine gun fire and proceeded to the destroyed vehicle under machine gun and mortar fire. He succeeded in evacuating the crew of this half-track to safety, thereby saving their lives. Corporal Kinkella's action was a credit to himself and the military service.

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Technician Fifth Grade Ernest L. Milewski, 33376660, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. On this day, one of the rifle companies had to withdraw leaving several casualties out in front of the company. Technician Fifth Grade Milewski was a member of a litter squad who, at the direct risk of their lives, went forward under heavy enemy sniper and mortar fire in order to evacuate these casualties. Only through his courageous efforts were these men safely evacuated; thereby saving their lives.

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Corporal William D. Odell, 32555939, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. The platoon to which Corporal Odell was attached as an aid man was pinned down and five men were seriously wounded by an enemy machine gun and needed immediate care. Corporal Odell, without hesitation and disregarding his own safety, moved forward to help them. The area where the men had fallen was still covered by the machine gun. He ran forward to the men, administered first aid and then dragged them back, one by one to a safer place. During the time he was aiding the men, the machine gun continued to fire at him. His heroic action in the face of great danger and at the risk of his life, saved the lives of the five men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

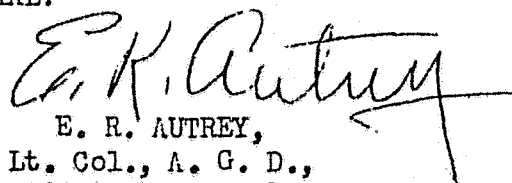
Private First Class Richard E. Vanderbrook, 32844080, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When word reached the aid station that there were several wounded men who needed immediate evacuation Private First Class Vanderbrook volunteered to lead a litter squad eighteen hundred yards in order to reach the men. To reach these men, he had to cover rough terrain and cross through intense cross-fire from two machine guns. During the entire time he was also under heavy enemy mortar fire. Prior to evacuating the last men, a mortar shell landed fifteen yards from him and wounded him. Since he could not lead the litter squad, he walked back to the aid station with a casualty who had just been wounded in the foot from the same mortar shell and helped to support him. His courage and continuous heroic action is a credit to his organization and to the military service.

Private First Class John J. Sagura, 33486205, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. As a heavy machine gun section was moving into a new firing position, it was subjected to intense enemy small arms fire and was badly in need of rifle protection. On his own initiative and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Private First Class Sagura exposed himself to intense small arms fire to divert the attention of the enemy from the section of heavy machine guns. So accurate and sustained was his rifle fire that in addition to diverting the attention of the enemy, he inflicted several Japanese casualties. By his heroic action and self-sacrificing devotion to duty Private First Class Sagura enabled the section of heavy machine guns to reach their new positions without casualties, and he set an example that was an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

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First Lieutenant Arnold M. Kuester, 01307980, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. First Lieutenant Kuester, while skillfully leading his company in an attack on the territory known as the Gate, was wounded by the explosion of an enemy buzz bomb. Despite being wounded, First Lieutenant Kuester refused evacuation because of the tense situation and depleted strength of the company. In the face of intense enemy fire, First Lieutenant Kuester refused to reorganize the company and to encourage and lead his men on their advance toward this strategic objective. Disregarding the seriousness of his wound, First Lieutenant Kuester assured himself that the situation involving his company was under control before consenting to his evacuation. His courage and leadership were an inspiration to all who served under him and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Otto Lenich, 36701782, 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 Lenich volunteered, with the aid of three other men, to go into the enemy-held town of Aragachi to help evacuate a seriously wounded comrade who at this time, was with his platoon which was under heavy enemy fire. Disregarding the heavy enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Lenich, at the risk of his own life, crossed the two hundred yards of fire-swept enemy terrain and helped render first aid before helping in the evacuation of the casualty. Once again, he was forced to cross that dangerous terrain which was under close enemy observation and fire. His actions greatly assisted in saving the life of the wounded man. Private First Class Lenich's complete disregard for his own personal safety and his cool courage in the face of enemy fire is a credit to himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Michael R. Martz, 36384126, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Ignoring two close enemy riflemen armed with small arms and grenades and also two enemy machine guns firing on a ridge, Staff Sergeant Martz exposed himself, with utter disregard for his personal safety, on an observation post, with the second platoon of a rifle company in order to adjust mortar fire on the enemy machine gun positions. His exact fire knocked out the first pillbox almost immediately, in spite of damp, cloudy, and foggy weather which hindered his observation of the targets. An enemy fragmentation grenade exploded within a few feet of him, throwing dirt into his eyes and scratching his face but he refused to be evacuated from his observation post and continued firing on the second machine gun until it was neutralized. He stayed on his post and fired on targets of opportunity until relieved for medical care. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. - 1 -

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Private First Class George A. Mason, 38313452, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Mason, a company cook, voluntarily left his covered position and proceeded to cross an open field to go to the aid of a wounded man. The terrain he had to cover was under intense enemy mortar and small arms fire and it was necessary for him to run across this open field for fifty yards in order that he might aid a man who had been seriously wounded. Private First Class Mason, upon reaching the wounded man, gave him first aid and then assisted in evacuating him. This heroic act was instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Private First Class Mason's disregard for his own life and his courage and coolness under fire was an inspiration to all the men of his unit and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class James P. McDonnell, 33841671, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When three men of his company were wounded in action, Private First Class McDonnell unhesitatingly volunteered to go to their aid. Enemy action at this time was heavy and it was necessary for Private First Class McDonnell to move through withering enemy machine gun and mortar fire to reach the men. Upon reaching them, he remained with the casualties, finding better cover for them and protecting them from the intense enemy fire. He stayed with the casualties until additional aid arrived and after the litter party had taken two of the wounded men to the aid station, Private First Class McDonnell and one other man, realizing that it would be dangerous to remain in the position they occupied, immediately started out from their position with the remaining wounded man. It was necessary to cross an open field which was under intense enemy fire and Private First Class McDonnell and his comrade, placing the safety of the wounded man above their own, began to crawl forward, painstakingly helping to carry the wounded man with them. Because of Private First Class McDonnell's courage, coolness under fire and disregard for his own life, the life of the other man was saved. His heroic actions are a credit to himself and the military service.

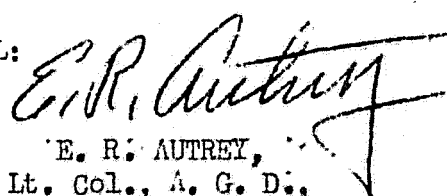
Technician Fifth Grade Francis G. Devins, 36384804, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

~~Technician Fifth Grade~~ Glen D. Harris, 6573953, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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Private First Class Alfred Sandoval, 39148445, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. During an assault against firmly entrenched enemy forces on Tombstone Ridge, Private First Class Sandoval's platoon suddenly became exposed to enemy machine gun and sniper fire. This action resulted in the death of one man and the serious wounding of another. While the rest of his unit sought cover, Private First Class Sandoval, realizing that the wounded man could not move from his exposed position, dashed from his position of cover to render assistance. The path that the situation necessitated that he follow was covered by intense enemy fire for a distance of seventy-five yards. When he arrived at the side of the wounded man, Private First Class Sandoval found no positions where he might seek cover for himself and the wounded man; therefore he carried him back through the deadly enemy fire to a concealed position where evacuation of the wounded man could be effected. This courageous act was directly responsible for saving the wounded man's life. Private First Class Sandoval's heroic action in unhesitatingly exposing himself to deadly enemy fire to save the life of a wounded man, and his cool and quick thinking in extreme emergency is a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Remo J. Scarfo, 31436340, 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 Scarfo volunteered with the aid of three other men, to go into the enemy-held town of Aragachi to help evacuate a seriously wounded comrade who at this time was with his platoon which was under heavy enemy fire. Disregarding the enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Scarfo, at the risk of his own life, crossed the fire-swept enemy terrain for two-hundred yards. While still under enemy fire in the unprotected area, he helped render first aid before helping in the evacuation of the casualty. Once again he was forced to cross that dangerous terrain which was under close enemy observation and fire. Private First Class Scarfo's complete disregard for his own personal safety and his cool courage in the face of enemy fire is a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Richard D. Williams, 39464844, 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 Williams heard the cry of his squad leader who had just been wounded, and disregarding his own personal safety ran over to render first aid. All during this time he was under a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire. After administering first aid, he carried the wounded man to safety and stayed with him until he could be evacuated. Private First Class Williams' actions in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the man's life, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Clair A. Schroer, 3775226, 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 Schroer volunteered, with the aid of three other men, to go into the enemy held town of Aragachi to help evacuate a seriously wounded comrade who at this time was with his platoon which was under heavy enemy fire. Disregarding the enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Schroer, at the risk of his own life, crossed the two hundred yards of fire-swept terrain. While still under fire in the unprotected area, he helped render first aid before helping in the evacuation of the casualty. Once again he was forced to cross that dangerous terrain which was under close enemy observation and heavy enemy fire. His actions greatly assisted in saving the life of the wounded man. Private First Class Schroer's complete disregard for his own personal safety and his cool courage in the face of enemy fire is a credit to himself and the military service.

Private First Class Red W. Searles, 39730110, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. While attacking in the vicinity of Aragachi when the lead scout of his company was wounded, Private First Class with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered to effect the rescue of the wounded man who was ahead of our front lines. His advance was covered by intense enemy machine gun fire from several pillboxes which made progress almost impossible and dangerously slow. Private First Class Searles negotiated the fifty yards successfully, however, and proceeded to carry the wounded man to a safer position where his evacuation could be effected. Private First Class Searles' action undoubtedly aided in saving the life of the wounded man. Private First Class Searles' high regard for the welfare of his fellow soldier, and his own personal coolness and courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Third Grade Robert C. Coleman, 38290755, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Technician Third Grade Coleman volunteered to move within approximately one hundred yards of the front lines in order to give immediate medical treatment to twenty casualties, members of a rifle company. While at this position, two more men were wounded and since no litter bearers were present, he volunteered to cross an open field under heavy mortar and small arms fire to evacuate these men to safety, thereby saving their lives. His heroic action was a credit to his own organization and to the military service.

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Private First Class Raymond Combs, 36809411, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. Private First Class Combs was called upon to give aid to a patrol. Of this patrol, one man was killed, three managed to crawl to safety, but one litter patient remained where he was hit. The litter bearers were led to a point two hundred yards beyond the front lines and given the general direction of the spot where the wounded man lay. Only by calling to the man could they find him. By so doing, they gave away their own position and a small Japanese field piece lay down a terrific barrage on them while they crossed an open field with the casualty. In spite of the intensity of the enemy fire, they continued on their way and succeeded in getting the casualty safely back to the Battalion Aid Station. Private First Class Combs' heroic action was an inspiration to all who witnessed his act and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Third Grade Robert J. Loftus, 36382985, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Several casualties were receiving treatment in the Battalion Aid Station when enemy mortar and artillery fire started falling dangerously close to the casualties. Without hesitation Technician Third Grade Loftus put two less seriously wounded casualties in his own foxhole and continued giving treatment to the casualties. His courage and devotion to duty and complete disregard for his own personal safety and welfare was an inspiration to the men of his organization.

Sergeant Joseph Edward Trzop, 35547672, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During his company's assault on Kakazu Ridge, two machine gunners from a supporting company were wounded by enemy fire and were unable to remove themselves from their precarious position. Sergeant Trzop, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, unhesitatingly volunteered to help evacuate them. Crawling forward under heavy fire from machine guns, for a distance of two-hundred yards, Sergeant Trzop was able to help evacuate the wounded men safely and was responsible to a great extent for saving their lives. Sergeant Trzop's high regard for the welfare and safety of his fellow soldiers is a great credit to himself and his organization and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Jack L. Swanson, 39475899, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. Near Sawtooth Ridge, Private First Class Swanson, a wireman, with disregard for his personal safety, laid wire across two hundred yards of open ground in the face of 81mm mortar fire from his right front and heavy 150mm artillery fire, in order not to waste time by using a longer and safer route. Twice enemy shells severed his wire, causing

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him to return through rain and deep mud to repair it. At these times he was exposed to the enemy fire for periods of five minutes. His actions enabled the mortar observer of his platoon to bring much needed mortar fire on the enemy positions. His heroic action in the face of enemy fire and his steadfast devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Ralph W. Van Wig, 39th A.S.C., Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 May 1945. During an attack against strongly fortified enemy positions near Aragachi, Private First Class Van Wig was serving as Automatic Rifleman with the initial squad of the attack. His unit was subjected to withering fire from heavy enemy machine guns and rifles, which had previously wounded two of the men in his squad. While continuing the advance forward under a hail of enemy fire, Private First Class Van Wig was made unconscious by a machine gun bullet which penetrated his helmet and wounded him in the head. Upon regaining consciousness, he learned that his squad was ordered to withdraw, but he refused to do so until his wounded comrades could be evacuated. Upon realizing the seriousness of the situation, he brought his Automatic Rifle into action, and firing at numerous enemy emplacements, pinned down the enemy so that his squad could withdraw. Private First Class Van Wig was the last man to withdraw, and in the action which took place, he killed five of the defending enemy garrison. His fearless and aggressive action in the face of the enemy was directly responsible for saving the lives of several of his comrades.

Technician Fifth Grade Joe W. Reid, Jr., 38109840, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

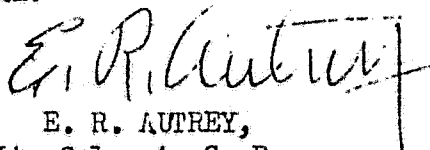
Captain Lawrence H. Tippet, 01286738, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Private First Class Cliff V. Warren, 38282798, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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Private First Class Robert E. Baker, 37233430, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Baker, while manning a heavy machine gun near Uchitomari, observed a strong enemy patrol attempting to infiltrate through his position. This patrol was carrying large quantities of demolitions, mines; and knee mortars as well as small arms. After warning other members of the squad, Private First Class Baker, opened fire, but was seriously wounded by return fire. Despite his wound, he continued to operate the machine gun for several hours, inflicting numerous Japanese casualties and forcing the enemy patrol to withdraw. Only when he was certain all infiltration had ceased, did Private First Class Baker think of his own wound and request aid. Due to his devotion to duty and complete disregard to his own safety, damage to our own installations was prevented.

Technician Third Grade Earnest N. Beaty, 38319933, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When a company had reached its objective in a pre-dawn attack, there were several seriously wounded men who were in need of more definite treatment than could be given by the company aid men. Without thought for his personal safety, Technician Third Grade Beaty, took blood plasma and other necessary medical supplies and started to the aid of these men. He was under constant fire enroute but by crawling and taking advantage of every bit of concealment he made his way to the men. Upon arrival there, with the assistance of the company aid men, he dispersed the casualties in a small ravine, set up a forward aid station, and rendered timely medical treatment. Because of the speed and skill of his courageous and untiring efforts, the lives of these men were saved.

Technician Fourth Grade Jeff D. Butler, 38386111, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When our troops were receiving heavy mortar and artillery fire from the enemy, calls for immediate medical attention were coming from foxholes one hundred yards from the battalion aid station. Technician Fourth Grade Butler, without a second thought, rushed across the open area and arrived at the place where the heaviest casualties were occurring. While enemy shells were still falling, he administered immediate treatment to five seriously wounded men, located in foxholes several yards apart, moving from one position to another without regard for his personal safety. His unrelenting courage and unhesitating and self sacrificing devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles F. Crowell, 38609549, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. While the heavy machine gun platoon, of which Private

First Class Crowell, was a member, was engaged in the support of a rifle company's attack on a hill south of Iwa, it received intense enemy counter machine gun fire from a concealed enemy machine gun position. When a member of his squad, lying in an exposed position, was seriously wounded, Private First Class Crowell, well knowing the danger involved, left his covered position and despite the intense fire that swept the area, successfully crawled for a distance of fifty yards and evacuated the man to safety. Returning to his squad's heavy machine gun position, Private First Class Crowell then located the enemy machine gun position and neutralized it with accurate and sustained fire, materially aiding in the success of the attack. The courageous actions and devotion to duty of Private First Class Crowell were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflected the highest traditions of the military service.

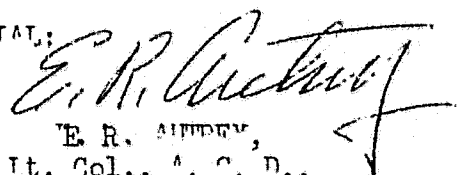
Private First Class Francis F. Schroeder, 32614649, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. Private First Class Schroeder, acting in the capacity of squad leader in a heavy machine gun squad, was observing the advance of his Section Sergeant and another man who had left the lines to crawl forward and attempt to capture a Japanese soldier hiding amongst some rocks. An intense enemy mortar barrage suddenly fell about the two men, seriously wounding both of them. Seeing that neither man was capable of helping himself, Private First Class Schroeder left his position of safety and ran through the barrage to where the men were lying. Rendering what first aid he could, he carried the more seriously wounded man out and then returned with help and removed the second man. By his prompt action, Private First Class Schroeder, undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men by stopping the bleeding of the wounds and then removing them from possible further wounds that would have been fatal. His actions were in accord with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Donald L. Stephens, 36539407, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Stephens, displaying outstanding courage and devotion to duty, left the comparative safety of his position and volunteered to go out into an open field swept by enemy machine gun fire and harassed by enemy mortar fire in order to evacuate men who lay wounded in the field. With an apparent disregard for the danger involved, Sergeant Stephens braved the fires that covered the field and, with the aid of three other men, succeeded in reaching the wounded, administering first aid, and evacuating them to safety. By his quick thinking and inimitable display of courage, Sergeant Stephens, set an example that remained as a source of inspiration for his comrades.

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Technician Fourth Grade Bernard E. Brouillette, 36747073, Medical Department United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Brouillette volunteered to move approximately one hundred yards behind the front lines to give immediate medical treatment to twenty seriously wounded men. While at this position, two more men were wounded and since no litter bearers were present, Technician Fourth Grade Brouillette volunteered to cross an open field under heavy mortar and sniper fire in order to safely evacuate these men. His heroic action was a credit to the Medical Department and an inspiration to the men of his organization.

Private First Class Elmer Hofer, 37593837, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. Private First Class Hofer was called upon to join a litter squad and evacuate patients who had been wounded beyond the front lines when a patrol was pinned down. One man was killed, three men managed to crawl out and one litter patient remained. The only method by which the casualty could be found was to holler for him thus disclosing their own presence. A small Jap field piece lay down a fierce barrage on Private First Class Hofer and the remainder of the squad while they were crossing three hundred and fifty yards of open field. On several occasions, heavy machine gun fire was encountered. Because of the nature of his work, Private First Class Hofer was continuously exposed to sniper fire for over an hour. He performed this task with exemplary heroism and utter disregard for his own safety. His cool courage under this most trying circumstance was a fine example for the other men and as a result, both patient and litter bearers arrived safely at the aid station after almost two hours beyond the front lines.

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* ~~Private First Class John Kovacic, 35606316, 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 Kovacic, going forward eight hundred yards in darkness under heavy machine gun and mortar fire from strong unseen enemy positions on Kakazu Ridge, was wounded in both thighs by machine gun fire. Although bleeding profusely, he administered to several serious casualties who had fallen at the foot of Kakazu Ridge. Entirely without regard for his own wounds and the intense enemy fire, he helped three men to defiladed positions and dressed their wounds before he became weak from loss of blood and was evacuated. He showed coolness and great courage under fire throughout the campaign up to the time when seriously wounded. He performed this final act of heroism and self-sacrifice worthy of the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Herschel Murney, 36030815, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. Private First Class Murney was called upon to join a litter squad and evacuate a casualty who had been wounded beyond the front lines when a patrol was pinned down. Of this patrol, one man was killed, three managed to crawl to safety but one litter patient remained where he was hit. The litter bearers were led to a point two hundred yards beyond the front lines given the general direction of the spot where the wounded man lay. Only by calling to the man could they find him. By so doing, they gave away their own position and a small Japanese field laid down a terrific barrage on them while they crossed an open field with the casualty. In spite of the intensity of the enemy fire, they continued on their way and succeeded in getting the casualty safely back to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Murney's heroic action was an inspiration to all who witnessed his act and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.


Private First Class Wallace E. Schaefer, 38500367, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Upon arriving at the aid station with medical supplies, Private First Class Schaefer heard that a litter squad was out in the open with a casualty and that three members of the squad had been wounded by an enemy machine gun. Knowing that there were many other casualties yet to be evacuated from the front, he hastily secured three helpers and started on his way to the wounded men. Upon arrival at the place where the wounded men lay, he redressed their wounds and made them comfortable. Then he turned his attention to the other casualties. Not until the last of many casualties was safely in the battalion aid station did he cease his labors. Private First Class Schaefer's devotion to duty and courage reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Everett Young, 35771057, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. Private First Class Young was acting as a medical aid man with a heavy weapons company which was engaged in supporting a heavy attack upon a strongly defended enemy position. During this time, Private First Class Young set an outstanding example of courage and heroism by constantly going to the aid of wounded men and removing them to safety regardless of the intensity of the fire. By his heroic action and devotion to duty, Private First Class Young saved the lives of many men and set an example which was in keeping with the highest traditions of 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. 5, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1945, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private Louie N. Bryant, 34839474, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private Bryant, displaying unsurpassed courage and devotion to duty, volunteered to go out into an open field swept by enemy machine gun fire and harassed by enemy mortar fire. He volunteered to evacuate the wounded men who lay in the field. With an apparent disregard for the dangers involved, Private Bryant braved the fires that covered the field and, with the aid of three other men, succeeded in reaching the wounded, administering first aid and evacuating them to safety. After he had returned to a comparatively safe position, Private Bryant realized that the heavy machine gun which the wounded men had manned, was still out in the field and it was necessary to retrieve it to deliver supporting fire for the withdrawal of other men. Again Private Bryant braved the fires and, with the aid of another man, succeeded in retrieving the abandoned heavy machine gun, setting it into position and delivering supporting fire. Private Bryant, by his courage, quick thinking, and prompt action, set an example that is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service.
Next of Kin: Louise B. Bryant (Wife), 1808 DeFour Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

Private First Class George L. Lecamu, 38266295, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Private First Class Lecamu, displaying unsurpassed heroism in action and a profound devotion to duty, left comparative safety of his position in order to compile data on a fire mission in order to break up reinforcements of enemy forces during a fanatic enemy counter-attack. Private First Class Lecamu, with utter disregard for his life, exposed himself to prepare his gun to fire into the enemy forces, in the midst of devastating enemy artillery barrage which fell all about his position. As he finished the compilations, an enemy artillery shell mortally wounded him, but his courage and profound devotion to duty will ever serve as an inspiration to his comrades. Private First Class Lecamu's heroic actions in the face of the enemy's devastating power, his supreme sacrifice, and his courage have added new glory to the highest traditions of the military service.
Next of Kin: Ozinnie Lecamu (Mother), Route #1, Box #36, New Iberia, Louisiana.

First Lieutenant Charles S. McCartney, 01283524, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Uchitomari, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. First Lieutenant McCartney, a machine gun platoon leader, was observing the setting in of one of his guns in a battalion night perimeter, when an enemy 47mm anti-tank gun fired on the gun position, killing one man instantly and seriously wounding another. Immediately going to the aid of the wounded man, First Lieutenant McCartney helped in removing him to safety. Realizing the importance of the gun position in the face of an expected enemy counterattack, he personally took charge of the remainder of the squad and supervised the digging in of the machine gun in the face of continued shelling. Due to the shortage of men in the squad, First Lieutenant McCartney remained at the position and helped man the gun throughout the night. His courageous actions were

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of definite inspirational value to his men. His remaining at the gun during the night created a feeling of confidence and security. First Lieutenant McCartney displayed qualities of leadership throughout the action that were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Next of Kin: Mrs. J. H. McCartney (Mother), Box 308A, RFD, Union Town, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Rayford D. Morton, 38421648, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Morton, displaying unsurpassed courage and devotion to duty, volunteered to undertake the hazardous mission of carrying, through an intense concentration of enemy machine gun and sniper fire, a message to higher headquarters informing them of the immobilization of the heavy machine gun section of which he was a member. On completing the mission, Private First Class Morton again braved the fire to return to the machine gun section with orders for them to withdraw. Knowing it was impossible for the heavily burdened machine gunners to negotiate the same route that he had used, Private First Class Morton then reconnoitered the area, selected the most covered route of withdrawal and led the section to a safer position.

Next of Kin: Fran Anderson (Mother), Route #1, Box #254, Kingsburg, California.

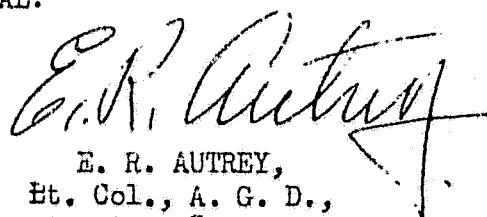
Technician Third Grade Rawlin F. Weber, 18048450, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Technician Third Grade Weber was acting as an emergency aid man with a rifle company which was making an attack under heavy enemy fire. He worked courageously and efficiently for hours giving aid where needed and inspiring confidence in the infantrymen who were dependent upon him for medical treatment. Late in the afternoon he attempted to reach a wounded soldier who was in a depression beyond a small ridge. As he dashed across the ridge, he was instantly killed by enemy machine gun fire. Technician Third Grade Weber's exemplary actions, cool courage and profound devotion to comrades and duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Mary Frances Weber (Wife), Box 131, Dickinson, Texas.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL
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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 Milton F. Langfield, 36431813, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Langfield, was attached to an Infantry company as an 81mm mortar observer, during the attack on Wakazu Ridge. At 1600 the company was receiving heavy enemy 150mm artillery fire and was pinned down by a withering cross-fire from four enemy machine guns, three on the right flank firing from a distance of three hundred yards and one on the left flank at two hundred and fifty yards. A heavy rainfall prevailed and observation was so poor that Staff Sergeant Langfield could not observe mortar fire satisfactorily from his Observation Post. With utter disregard for his personal safety, he crawled through the mud on his stomach to a point one hundred yard forward of his own lines. From that point he adjusted mortar fire knocking out two of the enemy machine guns and neutralizing the others. Staff Sergeant Langfield's courageous actions 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.

Sergeant Robert K. Woodyard, 33556674, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 4 April 1945. In an attack on a small ridge, a rifle company was forced to withdraw temporarily, due to intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, leaving two casualties behind. Sergeant Woodyard, attached to the rifle company as liaison with the heavy machine gun platoon supporting the attack, volunteered as a member of a group to return for the wounded men. Working his way forward under constant enemy sniper fire, he reached the two casualties, rendered first aid, and successfully evacuated them to the friendly lines. Sergeant Woodyard's action was instrumental in saving the lives of the two men. His deed was in accord with the finest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Robert K. Woodyard, 33556674, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Woodyard, displaying unsurpassed

courage and devotion to duty, volunteered to go out into an open field swept by enemy machine gun fire and harassed by enemy mortar fire to evacuate five wounded men. With an apparent disregard for the dangers involved, Private First Class Woodward braved the fires that covered the field and, with the aid of three men, succeeded in reaching the wounded men, administering first aid, and evacuating them to safety. After he had returned to a safe position, Private First Class Woodward realized that the heavy machine gun which the wounded men had manned was still out in the field and it was necessary to retrieve it. Again Private First Class Woodward braved the fires and succeeded in retrieving the gun. The gun was put into operation and covered the withdrawal of the riflemen. Private First Class Woodward, by his courage, quick thinking and prompt action, set an example that is in accordance with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per Section I, General order No. 967, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 October 1945.

Staff Sergeant Wilton F. Langfield, 36431813, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Langfield, displayed extreme heroism in directing fire not only for his 81mm mortars but also for 4.2 inch mortars and 155mm howitzers. He had reached his forward Observation Post by crawling through difficult terrain under fire from two enemy light machine guns and three snipers. His skillful direction of fire for his 81mm mortars neutralized an enemy field piece. The weather was cloudy and threatening and observation was poor but Staff Sergeant Langfield, also directed fire by radio to rear Observation Post's for 4.2 inch mortars and 155mm Howitzers whose forward observers had been unable to reach the forward Observation Post. Previous award per Section I, General orders No. 967, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 5 October 1945.

Private First Class Harold T. Charnock, 35809642, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. Private First Class Charnock, a member of a litter squad, found it necessary to cross approximately three hundred yards of terrain that furnished scanty cover and concealment in order to evacuate a seriously wounded casualty. The route he was required to take was covered by sniper fire from two or three enemy riflemen. With complete disregard for personal safety, Private First Class Charnock, entered and crossed the dangerous area. Upon his return with the wounded man, Private First Class Charnock was seriously wounded by sniper fire but in spite of his own wounds, he brought the casualty back to our lines before he himself collapsed and was evacuated. Private First Class Charnock's coolness and judgment in this dangerous situation; his courage, initiative and intrepid devotion to duty were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. General Orders No. 349, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 18 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER
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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Oris O. Bakke, 38635658, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 727, this Headquarters, 15 September 1945.

Staff Sergeant Warren E. Lambacher, 35927915, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 114, Headquarters POA Provisional AGE, 1945.

Sergeant Leo R. Mallory, 38323514, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 160, this Headquarters, 5 May 1945.

Staff Sergeant E. G. Markle, 38293724, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 305, this Headquarters 9 June 1945.

Private First Class William T. McCord, 37618280, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 571, this Headquarters, 8 August 1945.

Second Lieutenant William D. Stocks, 01331781, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 423, this Headquarters, 1 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Louis C. Vogel, 35681230, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 October 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 670, this Headquarters, 6 September 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 A. Finkbeiner, 36534501, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 21, this Headquarters, 3 November 1944.

Private First Class Jesse C. Kirby, 35243266, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945, on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Order 539, this Headquarters, 3 August 1945.

Private First Class Peter H. Paulson Jr., 37685513, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 168, this Headquarters, 7 May 1945.

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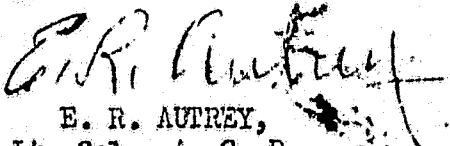
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1943 as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded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

Private First Class Carl B. Hoch, 17129839, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Hoch was a member of a squad in support of a rifle company in the attack on Kakazu Ridge. The squad in making a flanking movement, was subjected to intense enemy artillery fire of 105mm and 150mm howitzers and heavy mortar fire. During the barrage which lasted an hour with fifteen to twenty shells dropping a minute, the squad took refuge behind a stone wall. As a result of the barrage, two of the men in his squad were rendered unconscious, one was buried beneath the debris, and five were seriously wounded. Private First Class Hoch immediately acted in getting the wounded to a position of safety, and extracted another wounded man from the debris, rendering artificial respiration and first aid. He administered morphine to a man who had been paralyzed by shrapnel. He gave morphine and applied tourniquets to a third who was seriously wounded. When aid men arrived, he assisted them in carrying the wounded to the aid station and then returned to duty with his squad. All three of the men lived because of his heroic actions and quick thinking. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Charles M. Starr, 38292590, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. When his company was defending a ridge of strategic importance near Ueda, Private First Class Starr and his two companions were engaged in a grenade battle with the enemy. An enemy grenade landed in their foxhole wounding him slightly and his companions seriously. At this time, Private First Class Starr crawled out of his foxhole and threw grenades down at the enemy until his supply was exhausted. He then turned to his foxhole and obtained a BAR, dashed to the top of the ridge, completely exposing himself and fired down at the charging enemy. He kept this up under a volley of enemy grenades and called for help for his wounded comrades. Enemy mortar shells began falling around him but he continued firing at the enemy until seriously wounded by shell fragments. Private First Class Starr's great courage and heroic actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them. Next of Kin: Mrs. Clara R. Starr, Route #2, Peggott, Arkansas.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Captain Willard M. Mitchell, 0446752, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. When his company assaulted a hill in the vicinity of Tombstone Ridge and reduced the Japanese position on the forward slope, the enemy withdrew to the reverse slope and set up a solid defense which denied the company further advance. For three and one half hours, the company was harassed by Jap hand grenades and sniper fire which resulted in twelve casualties. Every attempt was made by the company to go around either flank of the hill and over the top, but to no avail. Realizing the seriousness of the situation Captain (then First Lieutenant) Mitchell hastily picked up three hand grenades and, with his carbine, set forth alone over fifty yards of open terrain which was continuously swept by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, to reach the crest of the hill. Upon reaching this point; he encountered two Japs with grenades and killed them with his rifle, at which time, a Jap light machine gun opened fire on him. He continued his assault and completely destroyed the enemy machine gun nest and all four occupants, expediting the advance of his company and attaining the objective. Captain Mitchell's courageous and intrepid actions coupled with his decision to go after the enemy himself rather than send his men, was an inspiration to all who observed him and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. - 1 -

SECTION III

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

Technical Sergeant Gordon L. MacLean, 19028230, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 23 April 1945 to 15 June 1945. Next of Kin: Laura Carson, Mother, Box 1, Route 279-c, Ventura, California

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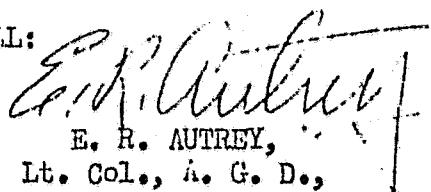
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded the following named Officer per General Orders No. 393, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 27 June 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding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

Captain Norman F. Snyder, 01286725, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. Captain Snyder, in command of an assault rifle company, was given the mission of securing the crest of the two hundred foot, almost perpendicular Yuza-Dake Escarpment. With a gap of six hundred yards existing between the left flank of his company and the adjacent unit and with his right flank and right rear completely exposed to enemy observation and fire, Captain Snyder skillfully maneuvered his assault platoons four hundred yards forward of the line of departure to the base of the escarpment. With his company receiving intense machine gun and rifle fire from the front, right flank and right rear, Captain Snyder reconnoitered forward of his troops and selected the best possible route up the face of the escarpment. Captain Snyder, with great tactical skill and energy, succeeded in getting his two assault platoons and a light machine gun section up the face of the escarpment into a consolidated position on the top. The base of the escarpment and the route to the top were secured by the support platoon. Although continuously subject to enemy small arms and mortar fire, the isolated company held their position throughout the night. The next morning, two rifle companies gained the top of the escarpment using the route secured by Captain Snyder's company. During this action, Captain Snyder's men killed forty Japanese while suffering only one man killed and four wounded. His leadership, courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to his command.

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

Private First Class Albert T. Reid, 38229947, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. During an advance of his unit near Chan, Private First Class Reid displayed exceptional heroism in the face of heavy enemy fire. During this advance, Private First Class Reid was acting as radio operator for the company commander in keeping up the communications within the company. The leading platoon was having difficulty because of flanking enemy machine gun fire, so it was necessary for the company commander to go forward and direct the platoon in eliminating the enemy fire. Private First Class Reid followed the company commander, as was his job, but soon found himself separated from him and pinned down by intense enemy automatic fire. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, and the need for getting his radio to the company commander, Private First Class Reid, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, boldly and courageously rushed through the enemy fire, finally reaching his commanding officer five hundred yards beyond with the radio which was of utmost importance. Private First Class Reid's response to the realization of the need of getting his radio to the commanding officer reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class C. C. Smith, 38687973, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. Private First Class Smith, upon hearing that three of the men of his company were wounded, unhesitatingly volunteered, with another, to go to the aid of the wounded men. Enemy action at this time was heavy, and it was necessary for Private First Class Smith to move through withering enemy machine gun and mortar fire to reach the wounded men. Upon reaching them, Private First Class Smith remained with the casualties, finding better cover for them and protecting them from the intense enemy fire. He stayed with the casualties until additional aid arrived, and after the litter party had taken two of the wounded men to the aid station, Private First Class Smith and the other man, realizing that it would be dangerous to remain in the position they occupied, immediately started out from their position with the wounded man. It was necessary to cross an open field which was under intense enemy fire, and Private First Class Smith and his comrade, placing the safety of the wounded man above theirs began to crawl forward, painstakingly helping to carry the wounded man with them. Private First Class Smith's actions were undoubtedly helpful in the saving of the wounded man's life. His courage, coolness under fire, and complete disregard for his own life is a credit to himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Clarence L. Snyder Jr., 37439306, Infantry, United States Army For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. When an enemy artillery shell exploded in the foxhole occupied by his platoon sergeant, an aid man, and two other men, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Snyder left the shelter of his own foxhole, and disregarding the danger to his own life immediately summoned an aid man and litter bearers, for he realized that to await daylight before aid was given to the wounded men might have resulted in greater danger to the men. While yet dark, Staff Sergeant Snyder the aid man, and litter bearers set out to locate the aid station. Since none of the men were familiar with the terrain, or with the position of our own troops, Staff Sergeant Snyder unhesitatingly set out to lead the group and to act as scout. After he advanced alone for three hundred yards, Staff Sergeant Snyder returned to lead the men along the trail. During the night it was necessary for him to make contact with one of the adjoining regiments so that they would not fire upon their fellow soldiers. Just prior to their arrival at the aid station, Staff Sergeant Snyder was forced to creep stealthily forward to investigate a suspicious noise that had come from his front. Realizing the threat to the safety of the group, Staff Sergeant Snyder aggressively and without hesitation moved in towards the enemy and killed him. The enemy was found to have been armed with grenades and a saber, and would have caused much damage if it had not been for Staff Sergeant Snyder's bold and decisive act. Staff Sergeant Snyder's resourceful and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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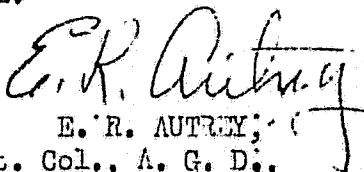
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been awarded to the following named Officer per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

First Lieutenant George L. Tenoro, 01322183, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

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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 E 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 Sylvester Calarco, 13187120, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945.

Sergeant Victor L. Conatser, 38227516, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 24 June 1945.

Private First Class James A. Gusweiler, 17143626, 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.

Technician Fifth Grade Robert E. Higgins, 39570240, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 April 1945.

Captain William C. Le Har, 01297905, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 9 May 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Andrew Major, 32684249, 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 Clyde L. Miller, 36404992, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 10 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Lloyd T. Miller, 38230063, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Private First Class Russell L. Potts, 36730509, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Marlan S. Riegle, 36383515, Infantry, 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.

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Technician Fourth Grade Lionel J. Poundree, 38313508, 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.

Private First Class Donald F. Saxton, 39328543, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 30 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade George J. Skodak, 36534069, 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 John I. Sullivan, 36539874, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Captain Charles G. Thomas, 01286920, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 30 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Leonard C. Wahlstrom, 39675418, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945.

Private First Class Joseph Winters, 36471902, 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 Charles A. Stroble, 36534017, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant Edwin W. Montz, 02012809, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 and 29 April 1945.

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Technician Fourth Grade Jacinto L. Bernal, 39261727, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 8 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

Master Sergeant Charles A. Blackard, 39157931, Infantry, 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 William G. Brown, Jr., 33415712, Infantry, 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.

Staff Sergeant Robert J. Felch, 36271738, 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.

Master Sergeant John E. Francis, 35125501, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 7 April 1945 to 30 June 1945.

First Lieutenant James O. Jowell, 01331736, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 30 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Donald G. Minor, 36535826, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Lieutenant Clifford L. Myers, 01284373, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 9 May 1945 to 5 June 1945.

Technician Third Grade Tom H. Pendergast, 37461062, 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.

Private First Class James L. Preston, 39053662, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Second Lieutenant William H. Schutt, 02012483, Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 20 July 1945.

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Private First Class Ellery Scott, 36404474, Infantry, United States Army, For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 23 May 1945 to 28 June 1945.

Captain Robert D. Shepard, 0355798, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

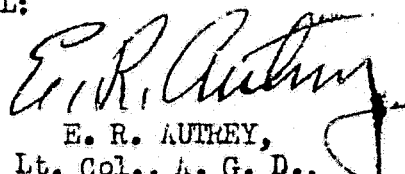
Private First Class Frederick J. Shoemaker, 35630579, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 2 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Captain Fayette A. Sims, Jr., 0422536, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 23 June 1945.

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Private First Class Calvin J. Barber, 36809411, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. Private First Class Barber was called upon to join a litter squad and evacuate a casualty who had been wounded beyond the front lines when a patrol was pinned down. Of this patrol, one man was killed, three managed to crawl to safety, but one litter patient remained where he was hit. The litter squad was led to a point two hundred yards beyond the front lines and given the general direction of the spot where the wounded man lay. Only by calling to the man could they find him. By so doing, they gave away their own position and a small Japanese field piece lay down a terrific barrage on them while they crossed an open field with the casualty. In spite of the intensity of the enemy fire, they continued on their way and succeeded in removing the casualty safely back to the battalion aid station. Private First Class Barber's heroic action was an inspiration to all who witnessed his act and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Bernard W. Blankenship, 39592778, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Blankenship, an ammunition bearer in the mortar section, without orders moved up and joined an assault platoon to stop an enemy counterattack. He moved into an exposed position and killed six of the enemy when an intense artillery and mortar barrage fell in the area wounding Private First Class Blankenship and several other men. Refusing first aid and even though artillery and mortar rounds were still falling in the area he immediately started bandaging and giving morphine to the other wounded. Then he helped move seven wounded men to a cave where they were safer and could be evacuated. His heroic action and courage under such hazardous conditions undoubtedly saved the lives of his comrades and was an inspiration to all the men of the command.

Private First Class Wilbur W. King, 39474314, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. While his unit was advancing against Yuza-Dake Ridge, much mortar and sniper fire was received from dug-in enemy positions. One of the squad leaders in the platoon was wounded and fell in front of the cave which housed the machine gun and gunners who had shot him. Sensing the need for immediate action and with complete disregard for personal safety, Private First Class King, a company aid man, crawled out through the enemy gun fire to reach the wounded man. While the machine gun peppered the ground with bullets, Private First Class King picked up his injured comrade and pulled him to safety behind a rock overhang. At this point he administered first aid and saw to it that the wounded soldier was evacuated to safety. Private First Class King's courageous act in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the life of his fellow soldier and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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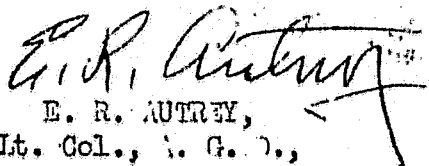
Private First Class Robert Stepp, 35905879, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Private First Class Stepp, a rifleman, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled into an area where a Japanese machine gun was firing and gave aid to two wounded men and then dragged the two men back through the fire to a safe position. His heroic and courageous act in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men and was an inspiration to all members of his company.

~~Staff Sergeant William H. Steinmetz, 32369334, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Steinmetz performed heroically in evacuating a wounded man in the vicinity of Tanabaru when his company was preparing its defensive positions for the night. When a field artillery observer, two hundred yards forward of our positions was seriously wounded by enemy mortar fire, without hesitation Staff Sergeant Steinmetz went forward across open, treacherous terrain to the aid of the wounded observer. Under continuous enemy sniper fire from which the fallen man received a second wound. Staff Sergeant Steinmetz removed him to a position where he could be evacuated with safety. This heroic action exemplifies the fearlessness and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Steinmetz, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.~~

Technician Fourth Grade Stephan F. Tomshak, 36700178, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Karadors, Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Tomshak, a surgical technician in a collecting company, being informed that there were several seriously wounded men lying in an open field fully exposed to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire, fully realizing the danger involved in trying to evacuate the casualties during an ever increasing barrage of enemy fire, unhesitatingly volunteered to give medical treatment to the wounded. After driving through a mud covered road, drenched by torrential rains and harassed by continuous enemy shell fire, Technician Fourth Grade Tomshak and driver reached their destination by foot his companion and himself had to cross an open field a distance of seventy five yards to reach the casualties, while fully exposed to flying shrapnel. Seeing the serious nature of the wounds, Technician Fourth Grade Tomshak with the assistance of his companion administered blood plasma and first aid while in constant danger of artillery and mortar shelling. With complete disregard for his own safety and with the aid of his assistant, Technician Fourth Grade Tomshak made two separate trips of one hundred and fifty yards each to bring the casualties to the vehicle. Despite the artillery and mortar fire that was hitting on the road of evacuation, the casualties were brought safely to the collecting company where they received further medical care. Technician Fourth Grade Tomshak's heroic action in face of danger and unflinching devotion to duty was instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

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Private First Class ^{2nd CON} Walter S. Acklin, 38230458, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During the night when a man left his foxhole to evacuate a casualty, Private First Class Acklin, on his own initiative, moved up to take over the position. Upon arriving he found three Japs in the hole but he quickly killed them with his automatic rifle. Private First Class Acklin, remained in the hole alone for the rest of the night accounting for five more of the enemy. His heroic and most courageous action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all men of the command. Previous award per General Order No. ~~64~~, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, ~~3 March 1945~~ *3 March* *amended by G.O. 556-6 Nov 45 71*

Staff Sergeant Louis W. Carey, 38391242, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. His company was holding a position in advance of the rest of the battalion and was receiving rifle, machine gun and intense mortar fire from both flanks and their immediate front. Staff Sergeant Carey, seeing that the enemy was forming for an attack, worked himself into an exposed position from which he could fire on the enemy. He remained in this position killing twenty-eight of the enemy and brought up the counterattack. His heroic and courageous actions at great personal danger to himself saved the lives of many men in the company and was an inspiration to the men of the command. Previous award per General Orders No. 64, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Nathan Jones, 38291000, Medical Department, 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 Jones, advancing with his platoon in the attack on Futema, came under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, causing many casualties. With utter disregard for his life, he hurried to the forward slope of a hill, under full enemy observation, in order to render first aid to one of his wounded comrades. In spite of the hail of enemy fire, he remained with the wounded man until his platoon moved forward and cleaned out the area. This exemplary act of heroism on the part of Private First Class Jones not only saved a man's life, but was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 59, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

Technician Fifth Grade Leslie E. Middlebrooks, 38227536, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. When the units were in a dug in position on Outaway Peak, the enemy opened fire with mortars, artillery, and sniper fire of great intensity. During this barrage many men were wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Middlebrooks, a company aid man, rushed out on every occasion to treat these men. At all times he was under intense enemy fire but refused to leave the wounded unaided. During the course of the morning attack, Technician Fifth Grade Middlebrooks not only treated fifteen men from his own company but also men from other platoon and organizations that had been separated from their own units. Technician Fifth Grade Middlebrooks' courageous action in the face

of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 14, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 16 January 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Robert C. Ziegler, 37558929, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies of the battalion was suffering heavy casualties and litter bearers were badly needed, Technician Fourth Grade Ziegler, volunteered to act as a litter bearer and helped to evacuate five casualties under heavy mortar and machine gun fire. Even though he himself was sick, he continued to help evacuate the wounded during the entire day, refusing evacuation until he was completely exhausted. His self sacrifice and complete disregard for personal safety was a credit to himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 63, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

Technician Third Grade Joseph G. Zirwas, 35301134, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Technician Third Grade Zirwas was in charge of a forward aid station when litter squads carrying two seriously wounded men were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire about three hundred yards in front of his position. A messenger from the litter squads brought news of their plight. The litter bearers could not move and the casualties were in desperate need of blood plasma. Upon hearing this news, Technician Third Grade Zirwas procured the necessary plasma and inched his way forward under artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire until he reached the spot where the wounded men lay. He immediately started the administration of plasma and continued to give them treatment under fire until evacuation to the main Battalion Aid Station became possible. Due to his heroic action and untiring devotion to duty, the lives of these men were saved. His every action under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 413, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 29 June 1945.

Sergeant Joseph F. Migliarese, 13094285, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Sergeant Migliarese, squad leader, took his squad on a combat patrol down a deep gorge leading to Kakazu Ridge. As his men moved up the gorge, they were pinned down by machine gun fire from their right flank. Sergeant Migliarese left his squad, and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled until he reached the position where he found the machine gun firing. He threw a grenade destroying the machine gun and killing one Jap. He then rushed over and killed the remaining two Japs with his rifle. His courageous act, which was undoubtedly responsible for saving the lives of many men, was an inspiration to all members of the command and upholds the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 36, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

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Technician Fifth Grade Milburn L. Deal, 36430553, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. The battalion to which Technician Fifth Grade Deal was attached faced Kakazu Ridge, which was one of the most formidable obstacles in the enemy defense line. Before daylight, the battalion launched a frontal attack in which Technician Fifth Grade Deal, courageously making his way through the darkness and heavy machine gun and mortar fire, reached the top of the ridge with elements of his company, only to be subjected to a fierce enemy barrage of artillery, rocket and mortar fire. At this time, he received a serious chest wound from a flying shell fragment. In spite of his serious wound, Technician Fifth Grade Deal turned immediately to the many casualties who lay about him, pausing only to apply a minimum of treatment to himself. First administering aid to four men struck by the same round which wounded him, he continued for over an hour to crawl from one casualty to another, entirely disregarding the severe pain, shock and faintness caused by his wounds and the withering fire under which the company was pinned down. After an enemy counterattack with hand grenades and satchel charges, during which he never ceased his self-sacrificing efforts, the company withdrew to reorganize at the foot of Kakazu Ridge. Technician Fifth Grade Deal refused to be carried down the hill, and left only when the wounded had been taken back. On reaching the foot of the hill, he collapsed from pain and shock. He was then placed on an improvised litter, but while being carried to the rear, regained consciousness and insisted on walking to allow safety to the men that were carrying him. When a barrage of artillery and mortar fire started a moment later, his right arm was shattered by a sniper bullet, but he kept walking helped only by one man until eight hundred yards from Kakazu Ridge, he reached the safety of the battalion perimeter. Technician Fifth Grade Deal's supreme courage, fortitude and self-sacrificing devotion to duty in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles in carrying on while gravely wounded, were a lasting inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and uphold the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Carrie Deal, Mother, 715 West Monroe, Bloomington, Illinois.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Second Lieutenant Albert S. Kimberlin, O2012819, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 22 April 1945. While acting in the capacity of a heavy machine gun platoon leader, Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant), Kimberlin and three members of his platoon moved forward on Hill #5 with the leading elements of a rifle company to reconnoiter for possible gun positions from which to hold the hill when it was taken. As those elements moved up the precipitous slope, they were attacked by a strong enemy force. With complete disregard for his own safety, Second Lieutenant Kimberlin grabbed an M-1 rifle from a fallen comrade and charged the outpost, firing and throwing grenades as he went. Four of the enemy were killed by his accurate fire and several others routed from their positions by his grenades. Second Lieutenant Kimberlin's courageous action and devotion to duty in the face of strong enemy resistance spurred the riflemen on to advance and rout the remaining enemy from the position.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Fifth Grade Fred C. Dragoo, 39569943, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Dragoo, an aid man, was with his company in the attack on Mashiki Ridge. The leading elements were pinned down by heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire and suffered several casualties. Technician Fifth Grade Dragoo, disregarding his own personal safety, dashed over the open terrain to give aid to the wounded men. An enemy mortar shell landed near him wounding him in both hands but he refused to be evacuated and went on helping the wounded. He had given medical attention to eleven men when a phosphorous shell landed near him, burning him severely on the hands and arms, forcing him to be evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade Dragoo's heroic action and devotion to duty, although wounded twice, is in keeping with the highest 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:

Staff Sergeant Floyd J. Austin, 39227352, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Karadera, Okinawa Island, on 13 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Austin, a mess sergeant in a medical collecting company, learning of the dire necessity of evacuating two seriously wounded men who were exposed in an open field to enemy artillery and mortar fire, fully realizing the danger involved, unhesitatingly volunteered to drive a jeep ambulance over a distance of one mile through impassible mud roads that were constantly harassed by the enemy shelling. After driving through torrential rains and continuously in danger of exploding shells and shrapnel, Staff Sergeant Austin and companion reached their destination, then by foot, fully exposed to enemy artillery fire, they had to cross an open field the distance of seventy-five yards to reach the two casualties. Immediately and with complete disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Austin assisted his companion in rendering first aid and in giving blood plasma and helped in carrying the casualties to the jeep ambulance while shells were exploding in the area. Despite the terrific artillery barrages the two casualties were safely evacuated over the same hazardous route to the collecting station where they received further medical treatment. Staff Sergeant Austin's heroic action, his courage and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Jake J. Barliant, 36700578, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chan, Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Private First Class Barliant, acting in the capacity of a litter bearer, was called upon to evacuate a casualty from one of the rifle companies in the battalion. Upon reaching the casualty, who was only slightly wounded, Private First Class Barliant discovered two more casualties lying nearby. These were more seriously wounded and were pinned down by machine gun fire. He crawled out to them under fire and succeeded in dragging them back to safety. When this had been accomplished, he helped in the evacuation of the less seriously wounded man. Private First Class Barliant's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward A. Ksiazek, 32946153, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Private First Class Ksiazek displaying outstanding courage, left the comparative safety of his position under an intense artillery barrage, to administer first aid to a wounded comrade. While in the process of administering first aid, Private First Class Ksiazek was hurled several feet and was seriously wounded by an exploding artillery shell. Ignoring his own injury and the apparent danger to which he was exposed, he returned to the wounded man, completed the first aid treatment, and supervised his

evacuation. Not until the wounded man had been evacuated to safety did Private First Class Ksiazek allow his own wound to be treated. He was then evacuated immediately. Private First Class Ksiazek's action in the face of the enemy's devastating power and his display of courage were an excellent example and a source of inspiration for his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

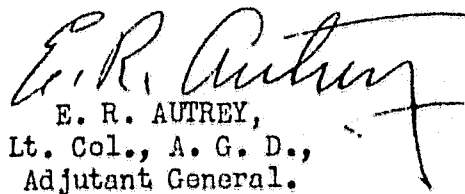
Technician Fourth Grade Ben Liebowitz, 33723462, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Yuza, Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Liebowitz was called upon to lead a litter squad seven hundred yards beyond the aid station to care for and evacuate two casualties. Unknown to the men some Japs had infiltrated during the night and set up a machine gun which covered their route. After having gone two hundred yards, they were met by a hail of bullets. All men ran for cover except Technician Fourth Grade Liebowitz who, thinking of the wounded men and the litter bearers in his charge, disregarded his own safety and set out alone to find a new route of approach. After a thorough and dangerous search he returned and called upon his men to follow and proceeded to the front lines. When they reached the casualties mortar shells were falling in the immediate area. In spite of this fact, Technician Fourth Grade Liebowitz immediately started their evacuation to the rear. Because of the cool courage and heroic action displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Liebowitz, both the wounded men and all of his men arrived safely back at the Battalion Aid Station.

Private First Class Ernest J. Martinez, 34765491, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Aragachi, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. Private First Class Martinez made his way across an open field in order to render first aid to a wounded comrade. This field was covered from both flanks by heavy machine gun and sniper fire which made movement very difficult. While only about half way to the casualty, he was wounded slightly by an enemy machine gun but continued on his way in spite of the injury. In spite of the fact that one Jap machine gun was only seventy-five yards distant, he continued on his mission and dragged the wounded man to cover where he administered first aid immediately; thus saving his life. He then supervised the evacuation of the man to the aid station. Upon arrival there, he declined an opportunity to be evacuated himself for his wound and returned to his assigned duties once more. Private First Class Martinez's determination, courage and steadfastness were an inspiration to all and 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 John F. Baumbach, 39596348, 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 Baumbach crawled fifty yards through murderous machine gun fire in order to display an air panel. He then crawled back fifty yards through the same fire and displaced men to protect the panel. All this time, he was under fire of the enemy machine gun. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many and was an inspiration to all who witnessed his action.

Private First Class George A. Finkbeiner, 36534501, 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 Finkbeiner volunteered to establish an outpost on the extreme left flank of his unit. It was open to machine gun and sniper fire and there was no good cover. He killed four of the enemy who were approaching him and also directed mortar fire which helped to knock out an enemy machine gun. His heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to the men of his organization and upholds the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Alfred I. Isakson, 37312110, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Isakson, a mortar squad leader, knowing that there was a shortage of men in the company, volunteered to take a group of men from the mortar section to man open gaps in the perimeter. Towards dawn, Private First Class Isakson spotted a group of fifteen of the enemy trying to infiltrate through his section of the perimeter. Acting both as an observer for the mortars and as a rifleman, Private First Class Isakson personally accounted for five of the enemy and mortar fire aided the rest of his men to kill the remaining Japanese. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to the men of the command.

Private First Class Sisto Sandoval, 38585025, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Private First Class Sandoval was a member of a reconnaissance patrol which was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire and suffered heavy casualties. Under the heavy fire, he moved around giving first aid to the wounded men. He then dragged two of them to cover and brought up litters for the other three men. His heroic and courageous action undoubtedly saved the lives of the five men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Lewis Sposito, 33763940, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Sposito, when an artillery round lit

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in a platoon area and wounded six men, went across an open field one hundred yards in width under heavy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire and evacuated three men back across the field to a cave, safe from fire. His heroic and courageous act in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of three men and was an inspiration to all members of the company.

Private First Class Wilmar C. Tucker, 38291108, 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 Tucker, a machine gun squad leader, heard that a heavy enemy artillery concentration had inflicted three serious casualties who had to be evacuated immediately. Even though he knew that his route up to the men was covered by sniper and machine gun fire from the left flank, Private First Class Tucker volunteered to go and get the men. Crawling up to them, he administered first aid and then dragged them out one by one to a covered spot from which they could be removed for treatment. His heroic action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of the three men and was an inspiration to all the men of the command.

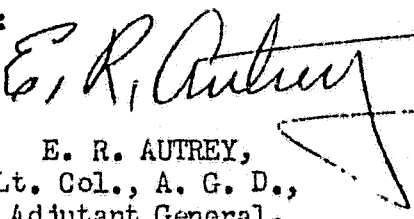
Private First Class Willard N. Roberson, 44013155, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 June 1945. Private First Class Roberson volunteered to go out with two other men to get a body of a man who had been killed at dark the night before. They had not moved very far when they were pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. The other two men went back but Private First Class Roberson was determined to remove the man. He crawled up and still under fire recovered the body and brought it back to a place from which it could easily be evacuated. His heroic action and high respect for his fallen comrade upholds the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant Quinn Eskelson, 01331614, 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. Second Lieutenant Eskelson, rifle platoon leader, was the first man in his unit to go over Conical Hill. In spite of the fact that no one in this battalion had gone over that hill and survived in the two weeks prior to 30 May, Second Lieutenant Eskelson carried two satchel charges, jumped over the crest, sealed two caves with the satchel charges and killed three Japs before calling for his platoon to cover him. His heroic act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I
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SECTION I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Edward E. Bishop, 39422312, 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. Pinned down by enemy machine gun fire from the right flank and under an intense mortar barrage, Private First Class Bishop and one other man volunteered to try and knock out the mortars. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades. They knocked out two knee mortars and killed six Japs. Private First Class Bishop's heroic action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men of the company and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Max E. Anderson, 39596188, 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. On this day Private First Class Anderson's company was assaulting an enemy 75mm gun position. The call for volunteers to knock out the gun was answered by Private First Class Anderson and two other men. With the two men, he advanced across an open field under heavy sniper and machine gun fire. The patrol made their way to the gun position, killing five of the enemy on the way. When they reached the gun position Private Anderson volunteered to stay and guard it. Before reinforcements came up Private First Class Anderson killed two of the five Japs who attempted to retake the gun. His heroic and courageous actions in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all who witnessed them.

Staff Sergeant Ronald Brackon, 39595401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. His company was under an intense mortar and machine gun barrage and received heavy casualties. Staff Sergeant Brackon even though he knew that he would be risking his life also realized that the wounded men had to have medical attention. Crawling through the fire he reached the wounded men and administered first aid and morphine to them. Then he made seven trips back until he had dragged the men to a position from which they could be safely evacuated. His heroic and courageous actions in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of these seven men and was an inspiration to all the men of the command.

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 awarded to the following named military personnel or 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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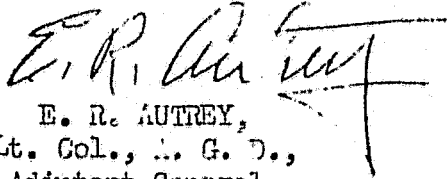
Private First Class Edward Bishop, 39422312, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Private First Class Bishop volunteered to knock out a pillbox and cave that was causing heavy casualties and preventing the occupation of an important part of Conical Hill. In order to get into a position to assault the objective it was necessary to cross several places which were covered by enemy machine gun fire. Nevertheless, Private First Class Bishop worked his way through this enemy fire and finally reached a place from which he could throw satchel charges into the pillbox and cave. He successfully completed his mission which stopped all the fire from that direction and enabled the occupation of important ground. His heroic and courageous act in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of his company. Previous award per General Orders No. 978, Section I, this Headquarters, 6 Oct. 45.

Private First Class Max B. Anderson, 39596188, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Amara, Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Private First Class Anderson, an acting squad leader, took his squad on a combat patrol prior to an assault on Conical Hill. He advanced his squad to the village of Amara, where they were pinned down by machine gun and mortar fire. Private First Class Anderson left his squad in a covered position and crawled down one of the streets until he had flanked the machine gun and then threw a grenade at the position, killing one Jap, he then jumped up and ran over and finished off the remaining two Japs and destroyed the machine gun. He then took his squad on through the town toward Conical Hill, where they were again pinned down, this time by mortar fire. After spotting the position he had it knocked out by our own mortar fire with the aid of a 536 radio. His actions were responsible for the company's success in the taking of Conical Hill later that same day. His courageous act was undoubtedly responsible for the saving of many lives and was an inspiration to all members of his company. Previous award per General Orders No. 978, Section I, this Headquarters, 6 Oct. 45.

Staff Sergeant Roland W. Bracken, 39595401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. When Staff Sergeant Bracken's platoon was assaulting Conical Hill, five Japanese on the highest position of the peak were inflicting heavy casualties on our troops with a knee mortar, and also a light machine gun. The enemy was just out of grenade range and too close for our mortars to take. Staff Sergeant Bracken, knowing that they must be destroyed, moved into an exposed position, took four 60mm mortar rounds and hand grenade adapters, fitted them in his rifle and destroyed the enemy position. 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 this command. Previous award per General Orders No. 978, Section I, this Headquarters, 6 Oct. 45.

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

Staff Sergeant Raymond F. Walterman, 37632426, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. His company was under an intense artillery and mortar barrage, also, it was receiving machine gun fire from the right flank and consequently, it was receiving heavy casualties. Staff Sergeant Walterman, even though he knew that he would be in danger of losing his life, crawled through the fire up to the wounded men and administered first aid and morphine to them. He then dragged fifteen of them one by one back to a position of safety from which they could be evacuated to the aid station. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of these men and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class John E. Eggleston, 39595065, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Eggleston had taken up a position on the forward slope of a hill to fire on some Japs in the valley. He discovered that the gas chamber of his rifle had been shot away and while moving back up the hill to get another rifle he spotted a Jap very near him who was firing a knee mortar at our troops on the top of the hill. Too close to throw a grenade he used the grenade to distract the Jap by throwing it without pulling the pin. Private First Class Eggleston then sprang at the Jap knocking him out with a butt-stroke, he then finished him off with a round from the Jap's own rifle. His heroic and courageous act and quick thinking in the face of great personal danger saved the lives of many of his comrades and was an inspiration to the rest of the company.

Staff Sergeant Lowell E. McSpadden, 37632283, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Oyama, Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Seeing that the company was held up by fire from two Japanese heavy machine guns firing from a pill box on the right flank, Staff Sergeant McSpadden crawled through their fire until he was in a position to bring tracking fire on the pillbox and threw grenades in until he had silenced it. After the company had advanced to the position they found that Staff Sergeant McSpadden had knocked out the two machine guns and fifteen Japs. Staff Sergeant McSpadden's courageous act in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men in the company and was an inspiration to the rest of the company.

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

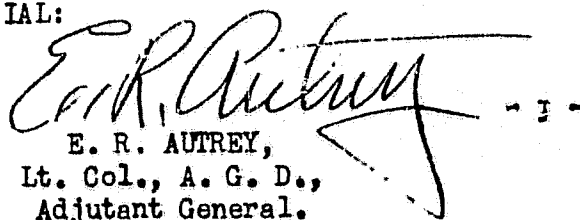
Staff Sergeant Raymond F. Walterman, 37632426, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Walterman volunteered to knock out an enemy machine gun which was firing down the right flank of the company. He crawled up until he could throw the satchel charge and knocked out the gun and killed the crew of four men who manned it. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to the members of the command. Previous award per General Orders No. 979, Section I, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 October 1945.

Private First Class John E. Eggleston, 39595085, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Gaja, Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. Private First Class Eggleston was a member of a squad occupying positions on Conical Peak and during the night of 24 May a Japanese force counterattacked their position. The attack was preceded by an intense mortar barrage and then the Japanese got close enough to throw a large number of grenades. Private First Class Eggleston, from his position, threw twenty-one grenades and fired over one hundred rounds of ammunition into the attackers. His first target was the commander of the attacking force. The loss of the Jap leader caused so much confusion in his ranks that the annihilation of the attacking force was possible. Private First Class Eggleston that night killed twelve Japs and in the morning the body of the Jap officer was found four feet from his hole. His courageous act in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of his company. Previous award per General Orders No. 979, Section I, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 October 1945.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Fourth Grade Louis J. Wilone, 32694494, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Machinato, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Wilone, on receiving the report that one of his comrades was seriously wounded, fearlessly and with utter disregard for his own safety, moved four hundred yards beyond the lines in day light but was driven back due to the open nature of the terrain and murderous fire which the enemy brought to bear as he tried to reach the stricken man. Then under cover of darkness, he again moved out, ventured to the point from which he had earlier been driven back, and leaving three litter bearers at this point, moved alone and unaided the last four hundred yards to reach the wounded man. He immediately rendered first aid and then carried him back to the litter. During the course of this action, he was fired upon several times, mortar barrages harassed him as he moved, but he carried on. Although the enemy fire was intense, he did not return until he had evacuated and saved the wounded man's life. The courage, fearlessness, and intrepid actions displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Wilone were an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 61, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 December 1944.

Private First Class Fay D. Sanders, 36460631, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. Private First Class Sanders, a litter bearer, crossed seventy-five yards of open terrain which was covered by an enemy machine gun, to evacuate a seriously wounded man from a vault. After he had placed the casualty on a litter, the machine gun began firing upon the group. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Sanders, helped drag the wounded man to safety. The courageous and untiring efforts of Private First Class Sanders were instrumental in saving the life of the wounded man. Previous award per General Orders No. 41, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

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

Private First Class Fay D. Sanders, 36460631, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 7 June 1945. Private First Class Sanders, was called upon to lead a litter squad and evacuate a casualty who had been wounded beyond the front lines when a patrol was pinned down. Of this patrol, one man was killed, three managed to crawl to safety, but one litter patient remained where he was hit. The litter bearers were led to a point two hundred yards beyond the front lines and given the general direction of the spot where the wounded man lay. Only by calling to the man could they find him. By so doing, they gave away their own position and a small Japanese field piece lay down a terrific barrage on them while they crossed an open field with the casualty. In spite of the intensity of the enemy fire, they

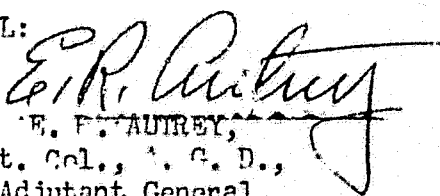
continued on their way and succeeded in getting the casualty safely back to the Battalion Aid Station. Sharing the hazards of the mission with his men and with their welfare always in mind, the leadership and devotion to duty demonstrated by Private First Class Sanders reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 41, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division 1 December 1944.

Sergeant Joseph P. Mirliarese, 13094285, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 28 April 1945. His company was assaulting an enemy 75mm field piece position. Sergeant Mirliarese volunteered to go forward and destroy the gun. With two other men he ran across an open field and reached a spot close to the gun position. Moving down the trail he encountered five of the enemy who tried to stop him. Sergeant Mirliarese killed the five Japs and continued on until he reached the gun. He searched it for booby traps and leaving a guard, went back through the field to report the capture of the gun. His heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men in the company and was an inspiration to the rest of the command. Previous award per General Orders No. 36, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1944.

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

Private First Class Charles T. Bealmer, 37647381, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 May 1945. Private First Class Bealmer was wounded by machine gun fire, but disregarding his wounds, he crawled around to two of his comrades who were also wounded and were lying in the line of fire. He dragged them to a shell hole and administered first aid and then crawled back to where he could get aid to evacuate them. His heroic and courageous action was an inspiration to all the men of his organization.

Private First Class Russell D. Eaton, 39596134, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Pinned down by light machine gun and sniper fire from the left flank, Private First Class Eaton and two other men volunteered to destroy the machine gun. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades. They knocked out two light machine guns and killed nine Japs enabling the company to advance. Private First Class Eaton's heroic and courageous act in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Elias T. Hill, 62753860, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. All during the night, the enemy had pounded the unit with an intense mortar barrage which ended about 0400. Completely exhausted from the strain, many of the men fell asleep at that time. However, Technical Sergeant Hill despite his weariness and fully aware of the need for some one to be alert, remained awake. Suddenly he spotted three Japs who had crawled to within four feet of a hole containing three sleeping comrades. With utter disregard for his own safety, Technical Sergeant Hill left his own hole and exposed himself to possible fire from his own unit, until he reached a bush from which he could fire on the Japs. He succeeded in killing the Japs thus saving the lives of his three comrades. His alertness and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Second Lieutenant Charles F. Jones, 01331740, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 June 1945. Second Lieutenant Jones' platoon, during an attack on the Yuza-Dake escarpment, was held up by an enemy machine gun. Meanwhile, the platoon on the right advanced over two hundred yards in front. When the Japs opened up, this platoon, without the benefit of a platoon leader, was in confusion and facing annihilation. Second Lieutenant Jones, finding out about the situation left his platoon and under the machine gun and rifle fire, went out to the forward platoon, reorganized them and got them back across the open field and into a covered position. He directed the fire of a machine gun on the enemy position

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and then under its coverup fire, went forward one hundred and twenty-five yards across fire-swept terrain, destroyed the machine gun and a crew of four enemy soldiers. His courageous act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

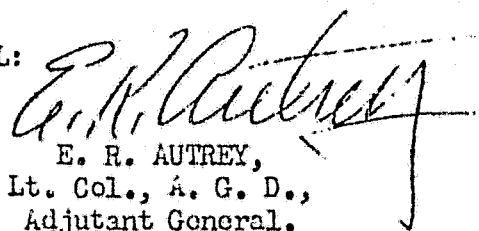
Staff Sergeant Ray T. Lacey, 36540216, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Lacey's company was ordered to attack a hill some four hundred yards forward. To get to this hill, it was necessary to cross over three hundred yards of open field. Staff Sergeant Lacey led his squad through a terrific concentration of mortar and machine gun fire until they were pinned down. Due to casualties, he became platoon leader and upon receiving further fire, he jumped to his feet and rushed to the hill. Upon seeing his heroic actions, his platoon followed. Then on the hill, they had just taken, he organized his men to defend the hill against counterattack, dangerously exposing himself numerous times to get his men into the best positions. His actions enabled us to kill over one hundred Japs and consolidate our position. The heroic action displayed by Staff Sergeant Lacey and his uncompromising determination to accomplish his mission are in the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant John W. Miller, 36430852, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. While under intense sniper and machine gun fire, Sergeant Miller left his covered position to give aid to a wounded man lying in an exposed position. Despite the intense fire that covered the area, he succeeded in reaching the wounded man and administering first aid. Being unable to evacuate the man himself, he crawled back to his original position to seek aid. Accompanied by another man, Sergeant Miller then returned to the wounded man and successfully evacuated him to safety. The courageous actions of Sergeant Miller were an inspiration to all and were responsible for saving the life of a wounded comrade. This heroic deed is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Fred E. Roberts, 39590252, 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 Roberts volunteered to man a vitally needed outpost on the extreme right flank. This outpost was under machine gun fire and direct observation of an enemy pillbox. At night, it was necessary to be in the open to prevent infiltration. Private First Class Roberts, disregarding the machine gun fire, kept the pillbox buttoned up during the day but at night, flares lighted the area and he was a perfect target for the enemy. He killed three and captured one of the enemy. Later in the night, he spotted thirty Japs on a small ridge and corrected artillery fire until they were annihilated. Early the next morning, he adjusted artillery fire on a 47mm gun and destroyed it. His heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to the rest of the men in the company.

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GENERAL ORDERS
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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private Paul Araujo, 37735432, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private Araujo was a member of a platoon which was to take a strategic position and at this time was pinned down by heavy machine gun and sniper fire from a hill on his right flank. Private Araujo and two men volunteered to knock out the machine gun and cover the advance of the platoon to its objective. They quickly moved across the open field and destroyed the machine gun and its crew of three men. Then they took an exposed position drawing the fire of the Jap riflemen and brought fire on the Japs, allowing the platoon to take its objective. Private Araujo's heroic act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private Curtis Browning, 34868654, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. Private Browning noticed four unidentified people walking down a road towards Yuza. Deciding to be sure of their identity, he started crawling to a place that offered better observation. Upon reaching the position, he discovered that the four were enemy troops. He worked his way around to a road and waited for the enemy. They soon came along loaded with ammunition and rifles and Private Browning sprang over the bank and killed the four men single-handedly. This heroic action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Manfred L. Burgener, 36767581, 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 Burgener, member of a squad pinned down by heavy rifle fire, was engaged in taking Cactus Ridge. Private First Class Burgener and two men volunteered to move around the right flank and neutralize the fire that was pinning down the squad. He crawled approximately one hundred yards under continuous rifle fire and killed six Japanese who were holding up the squad. Their action in neutralizing this fire enabled the squad to move forward until they came to the ridge. His heroic and courageous action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

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Private First Class Robert G. Flowers, 38532004, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Flowers, a member of a squad trying to take a small knoll, was pinned down by a machine gun firing directly in front of them. Private First Class Flowers, with two men, volunteered to knock out the enemy machine gun. They crawled forward to approximately seventy-five yards from the gun where they fired upon it and destroyed it together with a three-man crew. This action enabled the squad to take the hill. His heroic action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

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Private First Class Harvey Kaplan, 32993550, 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 Kaplan, a rifleman, during a counterattack by the enemy, dangerously exposed himself to heavy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire to better enable himself to fire on the attacking Japs. During this action, he killed six Japs, one of which threw a hand grenade at him and was only four feet from his position. As the attack was broken up, he led the men in chasing the fleeing Japs. His heroic act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Richard MacHolz, 36611077, 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 MacHolz, a runner for the weapons platoon, saw one of the men from the company fall wounded in front of our lines. Without hesitation, he crawled forward through extremely heavy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire and applied a tourniquet to the wounded man. He then dragged him to a safer position. He stayed with the wounded man until the company had advanced far enough so that the wounded man could be evacuated. His heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.


Private First Class James R. Middlebrooks, 38146688, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. During an assault on Cactus Ridge, the rifle squad of which Private First Class Middlebrooks was a member, was pinned down by heavy enemy rifle fire. Private First Class Middlebrooks and two other men volunteered to move around the right flank to neutralize the fire. They crawled approximately one hundred yards under continuous accurate rifle fire and killed six of the enemy who were holding up the squad, thus enabling them to move forward. His heroic action was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Jesus Bernal, 39595313, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Pinned down by machine gun fire from the right flank, and under intense mortar fire, Private First Class Bernal volunteered to go with his squad leader to knock out one of the machine guns. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades and knocked out one heavy machine gun and killed four Japs. His heroic action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all the men in the company.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private Charles W. Prosser, 35846507, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Private Prosser, was a member of a platoon engaged in digging in on the Yuza-Dake escarpment when a machine gun started firing about fifty yards to his left. He grabbed his BAR and knocked out the machine gun. As he laid his gun down another machine gun opened up to his front and he immediately dropped over a bank to get out of the fire. He then noticed that two men were missing and knowing that they must have been hit, he climbed over the bank in the face of the machine gun fire and pulled the two wounded men out of the fire into a safe position. His heroic act in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private First Class John Schwartz, 37774271, 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 Schwartz saw a man in his platoon hit by machine gun fire, he immediately volunteered to get him although he knew he would be under heavy machine gun and rifle fire the whole way to the wounded man who was approximately seventy-five yards in front of the platoon. He started to the man and was immediately fired on, but he did not hesitate and continued on until he reached him. He applied first aid and then moved the man back through the fire to safety. His heroic act in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the life of the man and was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Joseph W. Spears, 36383202, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Madza, Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Spears, took the responsibility of laying wire within the company. On this evening the company was well spread out and ahead of units on both flanks. One platoon's radio went out and Private First Class Spears immediately started to lay wire to the platoon. As he tried to take the line across an open field covered by machine gun fire, the machine gun opened up and wounded Private First Class Spears in the shoulder, breaking his arm. Nevertheless he continued on, finished laying the wire, then came back across the field before getting first aid. His heroic and courageous act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Albert H. Van Buren, 38496734, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Van Buren was a member of a platoon which was to take a strategic position and was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire from a hill on the right flank. Private First Class Van Buren and two men volunteered to destroy the machine gun and cover the advance of the platoon to its objective. They quickly moved across the open field and destroyed the machine gun and its crew of three men. They then took an exposed position drawing the fire of the Jap riflemen, and in turn, bringing fire on the Japs. His heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class William Watson, 37636884, 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 Watson was ordered with his squad to dig in on the company left flank. The squad had just started to dig when an enemy machine gun opened up from the left wounding three men. The rest of the squad managed to get out of the fire leaving only the three wounded men there. Private First Class Watson, knowing that they must get the wounded out if possible, quickly loaded his pockets with grenades and started to crawl toward where the machine gun had been firing. He finally worked himself into a position where he could observe the gun and with grenades destroyed the gun and two of the enemy who were manning the gun, this enabled the speedy evacuation of the three wounded men. This heroic and courageous act in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of the three wounded men and is a fine example to all in the command.

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* Private First Class I. B. Rasmussen, 36730345, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Madao, Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Pinned down by a Japanese heavy machine gun being fired from the right flank, Private First Class Rasmussen and two others volunteered to knock out the gun. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades and knocked out the machine gun and killed four Japs thus enabling the company to advance. Private First Class Rasmussen's heroic action in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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* Staff Sergeant Phil W. Kimberley, 30149273, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Madao, Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Pinned down by machine gun fire from the right flank and under an intense mortar barrage, Staff Sergeant Kimberley and one other man volunteered to knock out the gun. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades and knocked out one heavy machine gun, and killed four Japs. Staff Sergeant Kimberley's heroic action in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of kin: MRS EUNICE WIMBERLY (MOTHER) LAKE OF THE FOREST EDWARDSVILLE, KANSAS

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

SECTION I
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 7 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 Milo H. Bickmore, 39596169, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Olinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private Bickmore was a member of a rifle squad engaged in taking a strategic hill about three hundred yards south of Maeda. His position was on the extreme right flank of the regiment and about five hundred yards in front of the nearest unit on the right. His platoon was pinned down by exceptionally heavy cross firing of machine guns and mortars. The weather conditions and the high ground the enemy occupied afforded them excellent observation for putting fire on the attacking platoon. When the Browning Automatic Rifleman of his squad was wounded, Private Bickmore picked up the wounded man's rifle, crawled through the fire and ran up the hill. On his way up the hill, a bullet tore off one of his fingers, but he refused to stop and have his wound treated. Gaining the top of the hill, he opened fire with the Browning Automatic Rifle and killed twenty one Japs, and then held off the balance of the confused enemy until the rest of the platoon could move up and organize on the hill. His heroism in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

SECTION II
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Orville K. Gilbert, 19016209, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Olinawa Island on 28 April 1945. While an enemy counterattack was developing in front of Private First Class Gilbert's position, he moved forward to an exposed position to stop the counterattack. He stayed in this position, killing eight Japs until he was forced to move back to a more covered position due to the intense fire. He then continued to lay heavy fire on the enemy. While pouring heavy fire into the enemy troops, he was mortally wounded. The courageous actions of Private First Class Gilbert were a lasting inspiration to all who witnessed them.
Next of Kin: Mrs. Dorothea Gilbert (Mother), 810 Eastlake St., Olympia, Washington

SECTION III
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Staff Sergeant Lowell E. McSpadden, 37693238, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Iwa, Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. Staff Sergeant McSpadden, platoon guide during the attack on Elinar Hill when his platoon was pinned down by machine gun fire from a pill box, without hesitation, orders or assistance, went forward to destroy the pill box. Staff Sergeant McSpadden worked his way forward through the machine gun fire and heavy mortar fire until a near mortar round knocked him down and destroyed his rifle. He then again started forward without a weapon and finally reached a point close enough to the pill box to throw a white phosphorus grenade in the aperture. He followed this with two fragmentation grenades and silenced the gun. Upon examining the pill box later a heavy machine gun and seven dead Japs were found. His courageous act in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 979, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945.

Staff Sergeant Francis M. Hall, 35730152, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Hall, section sergeant of a machine gun platoon, observed four of his men fall as they were wounded by the enemy. Although they were under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant Hall immediately rushed out and picked up the first man and brought him to a safe place. He reported this until all four men had been removed to safety. He then administered first aid and as further evacuation was impossible, took care of them until an M-7 crew came to evacuate the men. Staff Sergeant Hall's heroic actions exemplify the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 426, this Headquarters, 30 June 1945.

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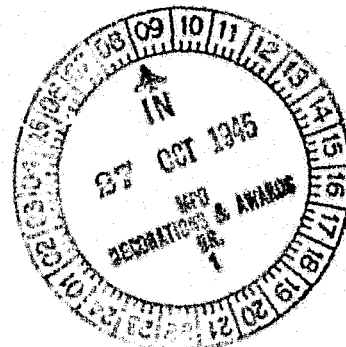
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GENERAL ORDERS
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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943 as amended by Change No. 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 Alvin H. Crawford, 38634363, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Private First Class Crawford was a part of an assaulting platoon which was suddenly pinned down by fire from a pillbox located on the battalion objective. Without orders, he immediately took it upon himself to knock out the pillbox and started moving forward to do so. He finally reached the pillbox and placed himself into a position to destroy it. He threw a white phosphorous grenade into it and then killed seven Japs as they attempted to escape. This neutralization of the enemy position enabled the battalion to move on to its objective. His heroic act in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private First Class Charles S. Etheridge, 33627558, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Pinned down by machine gun fire from the right flank and under an intense mortar barrage, Private First Class Etheridge and one other man volunteered to try and knock out the mortars. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades and knock out two knee mortars and killed six Japs. Private First Class Etheridge's heroic action in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Earl Mathews, 35774394, 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 Mathews, a member of a platoon which was advancing across Cactus Ridge, observed three of the enemy trying to set up a machine gun to fire on the advancing troops. Private First Class Mathews drew their attention and then moved quickly toward them. They fired rifles and threw grenades at him but missed their target. He advanced and destroyed the gun with a grenade and killed three of the enemy with his rifle. His heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Dennis M. Mullen, 39475177, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. While moving forward in the assault on Conical Peak, Private First Class Mullen, an ammunition bearer for a heavy machine gun squad, was separated from his squad due to heavy enemy mortar and sniper fire. While separated from his unit, he joined a group of riflemen and when one of the riflemen was wounded by an enemy grenade, he picked up the M-1 and fired at an enemy position about fifty yards away, killing two Japs. He administered first aid to the wounded man and although slightly wounded himself, moved forward to a position nearer his squad. In this position, he picked up an abandoned BAR and

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accounted for two more Japanese. In a final attempt to reach his squad, he encountered another Jap soldier whom he killed. During this entire period, he kept his two boxes of machine gun ammunition which he brought to his squad. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Mullen was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Amos J. Beran, 33892939, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Private First Class Beran was a member of a combat patrol with the mission of making a reconnaissance of a ridge five hundred yards in advance of the company. About seventy-five yards from their objective, a Japanese machine gun to their right began firing upon them. As the rest of the patrol sought cover, Private First Class Beran, at the risk of his life, ran across the open field until he was in a position to throw grenades at the position. He threw three grenades at the cave, destroying the machine gun and killing four of the enemy. His heroic act in the face of great danger was an inspiration to the members of his company.

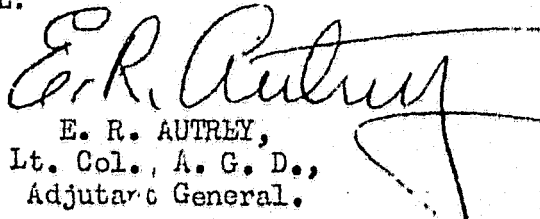
Private First Class Henry E. Bartoszewicz, 36907701, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Private First Class Bartoszewicz came across three Jap engineers mining a direct approach to and through the village of Yuza. Advancing through sniper fire, he eliminated the three Japs and then, by firing on the already laid mines, he exploded them. His heroic action was an inspiration to all men of his organization.

Private First Class Donald L. Bell, 39424953, 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 Bell went to the rescue of a wounded comrade even though he had been told not to go and that he was risking his life. He crawled through heavy sniper fire and over open terrain until he reached him. He gave him morphine and first aid and then dragged him back to where he could be evacuated. His heroic and courageous act was an inspiration to all the men of his 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 600-43 (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 Courtney Bennett, 38572754, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 June 1945. Private First Class Bennett was a member of the platoon that led the company through the village of Chan. They had moved through Chan and were starting up a hill when the platoon was pinned down by rifle and mortar fire. Private First Class Bennett, immediately ran to a small trench and followed it to the top of the slope. He then moved to where he had seen a Jap run into a pillbox. After throwing four grenades into the pillbox all firing ceased and the platoon was able to advance. As they examined the pillbox they found six dead Japs, a knee mortar, a light machine gun and large supplies of ammunition. His heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

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* Sergeant Clarence F. Bolton, 39909248, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. This company had just occupied a position on top of a ridge when flanking machine gun fire raked the position. If the machine gun were not destroyed, the position could not be held. Sergeant Bolton, realizing this, immediately advanced forward and under intense mortar and artillery fire located the enemy gun. Then, courageously and with complete disregard for his own safety, he worked his way into a position and destroyed the machine gun and three Japs manning it, enabling his unit to hold the position.

Staff Sergeant William H. Langford, 19043021, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Langford set up his heavy machine gun section and directed fire on enemy installations. During this period of firing they were picked up by enemy mortar observers and received intense mortar fire which drove them away from their guns. After finding sufficient cover for his men, Staff Sergeant Langford, advanced through the heavy enemy fire to the most forward of his guns and fired on the mortar positions and knocked them out. While doing this he was also receiving heavy machine gun fire. After knocking out the two enemy mortars he fired on the machine gun and knocked it out of action. The courage and self-sacrificing devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Langford was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Captain Paul W. Montgomery, O-509619, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Island from 20 October 1944 to 11 May 1945. Captain Montgomery, collecting company platoon leader, set an outstanding example of courage and individual initiative in the face of great danger. He was a source of inspiration to his men when on the night of 23 April during an assault on Kakazu Ridge, fully realizing the danger involved in leading his station platoon through continuous artillery and mortar fire, Captain Montgomery, moved his medical station within eight hundred yards

of the enemy lines, so that full medical support could be given the infantry. His intrepid action made it possible to render immediate medical and surgical treatment to the ever increasing flow of casualties. Despite continuous mortar and artillery barrages bursting within the vicinity of the medical station, and constantly exposed in full view of an enemy mortar, Captain Montgomery, continued to render medical treatment to the wounded with a display of great courage and professional skill. Captain Montgomery's outstanding courage and unflinching devotion to duty added immeasurably in the saving of many lives of the wounded soldiers and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

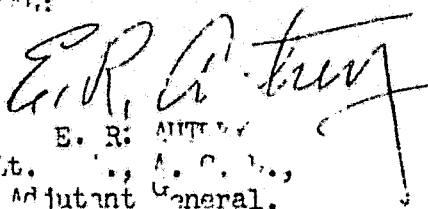
Private First Class Jefferson D. Robinson, 35554843, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Robinson, a platoon runner and radio operator, was a member of a platoon which had occupied the most important hill two hundred yards south of Maeda. The platoon was immediately pinned down by heavy machine gun fire. Private First Class Robinson was trying to contact his company commander when a bullet hit and shattered his rifle and knocked the radio out of his hand. Knowing the need for communication he crawled out of the crater he was in, despite the fact that bullets were hitting all around him and retrieved the radio. Although danger from enemy fire was increasing Private First Class Robinson, worked steadily for two hours before communications were re-established and reinforcements sent. During this same period, Private First Class Robinson received a broken leg from enemy fire while aiding a wounded comrade but he was unable to be evacuated until darkness fell. Private First Class Robinson's courageous act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private First Class Raymond B. Strenski, 36844541, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. Private First Class Strenski's company was digging in for the night in a partially exposed area when a squad leader whose squad was well forward and out in the open, was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Strenski, the aid man attached to the platoon, tried to reach him several times but was driven back by enemy machine gun fire. Finally he was forced to crawl over the open terrain and upon reaching the wounded man he administered first aid and placed splints on his broken leg, while all the time he was receiving enemy machine gun fire. He then dragged the wounded man over the exposed terrain to a covered position where he was placed on a stretcher and evacuated. Private First Class Strenski's heroic service and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military standards.

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First Sergeant Charles R. Briggs, 20546036, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. First Sergeant Briggs, in a counterattack, launched by the enemy on the morning of 6 April, organized and led the company headquarters into a position to help repel the attack. First Sergeant Briggs took a position exposed to enemy fire and directed their fire, also firing himself, causing eleven Japanese casualties before he was killed by an enemy mortar round. His heroic and most courageous act in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of his company and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Charles H. Briggs, Father, Elkins, West Virginia.

Private First Class Harold E. Newberg, 39421655, 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 Newberg, radio operator in company headquarters, volunteered to take an exposed position on the company's open flank during a counter-attack on 7 April. He took this exposed position and personally killed four Japs and was in a large part, responsible for preventing the enemy from swinging around the flank to the company's rear. His heroic and most courageous act in the face of such great danger, undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and was an inspiration to all members of his company. Next of Kin: Mr. Gustaf Newberg, Father, Route #5, Box 237, Visalia, California.

Private First Class Robert C. Petersen, 37572577, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Private First Class Petersen volunteered to secure another weapon when his heavy machine gun was damaged beyond immediate repair by a direct hit of an enemy mortar round. He voluntarily risked his life to cover eight hundred yards round trip over terrain covered by enemy sniper and mortar fire and upon his return, set up his gun to fire upon the enemy. His act of bravery and willingness to risk his life in the face of enemy fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Layrits Petersen, Father, 303 3rd Avenue Southwest, Faribault, Minnesota.

Private First Class David C. Ross, 37579611, 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 became pinned down by an enemy machine gun firing directly across its front, Private First Class Ross, upon discovering the location of the enemy gun, jumped to his feet and started toward the position, firing as he advanced. As he moved forward, he killed one Jap. His supreme devotion to duty and his utter disregard for danger, cost him his life. His courage and heroic actions in which he made the supreme sacrifice, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Elizabeth A. Ross, Wife, Newport, Minnesota.

Private Roy J. Stejskal, 3572194, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. Private Stejskal had been wounded early that evening by Japanese mortar fire, but since the platoons had had so many casualties, he refused to be evacuated. During the night there was a determined infiltration attempt. When dawn came, Private Stejskal was still behind his BAR with six dead Japs in front of him but he was faint from loss of blood from his wound. Private Stejskal's heroic and most courageous act without thought of personal danger was an inspiration to the rest of the men and was in the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Louise Stejskal, Wife, Route #3, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

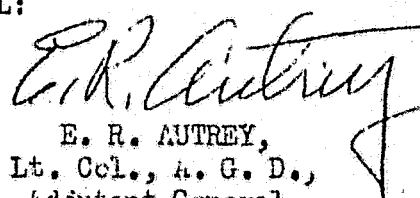
Staff Sergeant Willard Van Way, 39001823, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. His company's objective was denied them by two enemy machine guns which could not be located. Staff Sergeant Van Way took a machine gun and worked himself into an exposed position and spotted the two machine guns. He placed fire on the first gun, knocked out the gun and killed three Japs. Immediately, he was under an extremely heavy mortar barrage but with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he fired on and destroyed the other machine gun and killed three more of the enemy. His heroic action under such hazardous conditions was the deciding factor in our advance and subsequent taking of our objective. Next of Kin: Ida Van Way, Mother, Route #1, Glouster, Ohio.

Private First Class Thomas R. Rubly, 39611353, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 26 to 28 April 1945. In an attack, Private First Class Rubly, without orders, assaulted a three man enemy position alone and unaided. Upon neutralizing the position, his platoon was able to continue their forward movement. On 28 April 1945, again acting entirely on his own initiative he fully exposed himself to the enemy and fired upon them in order to allow four comrades to return to safety. These voluntarily acts of courage and devotion to his comrades and duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: A. A. Rubly, Father, Pasadena, California.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class John Andrade, 39596363, 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. Pinned down by a Japanese heavy machine gun firing from the right flank, Private First Class Andrade and two other men volunteered to destroy the gun. They crawled through the intense machine gun fire until they were in position to throw grenades and knocked out the gun and killed four Japs, thus enabling the company to advance. His heroic action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to the rest of the company.

Private First Class Earl T. Barry, 39422194, 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. Private First Class Barry was a member of a patrol out in front of the company. A Jap light machine gun fired on the patrol pinning it down. He took it upon himself to eliminate the gun and crawling up to a position from which he could throw grenades. When a Jap rose up in his path, not having enough time to pull the pin, he threw a grenade which hit the Jap in the face, knocking him down. Private First Class Barry then finished him with his M-1 and continued on to the cave, killed four more Japs and captured the machine gun. Private First Class Barry's heroic action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private First Class Edward C. Blazek, 36844015, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Blazek, a rifleman in a line company, volunteered to cross an open field which was covered by cross fire from two enemy machine guns to get a seriously wounded man. Upon reaching the man after much difficulty and painful crawling, he administered first aid and then dragged the man back to a position of safety from which he could be evacuated. His heroic action with utter disregard for his own safety, saved a man's life and was an inspiration to all men of the command.

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* Private First Class Thomas C. Johnson, 35540411, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Johnson, an acting squad leader, had his squad dug in on Cactus Ridge, when enemy heavy artillery began falling in his area. Upon immediate investigation, he found that three of his men had been seriously wounded. Despite continuous artillery, Private First Class Johnson administered first aid and then evacuated them to a safe position. His heroic action in the face of such great danger reflects credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: MRS. EDNA JOHNSON, 17316 BRANDT, MT. CLEMENS, MICH.

Staff Sergeant John F. Reller, 37586424, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Vonabaru, Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. While on guard on Gaja Hill in the early morning hours, Staff Sergeant Reller, noticed movement to his rear.

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Quickly getting into a position for observing, he saw fifteen Japs who had managed to infiltrate behind his platoon. Completely disregarding his own safety, Staff Sergeant Keller, leaped from his hole, ran along the skyline to another hole from which he could fire at the Japs. Remaining quiet until the Japs started to attack he opened fire at the first move of the Japs and attracted the attention of all the other guards who were watching forward. Killing two and wounding three Japs Staff Sergeant Keller, aided in driving off the remainder. His alertness and devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Alfred Wenz, 35629956, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Sergeant Wenz, a member of a mortar squad, ran seventy five yards through intense machine gun fire to an isolated wounded man when no one else would attempt to reach and carried him back to a safe place where first aid could be administered. This first aid resulted in stopping severe bleeding which the medical officer stated would have been fatal had not the man been brought in. His heroic act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his unit.

Private First Class Jesse L. Wyrick, 39595876, 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 Wyrick, and three other men, set out on a mission to wipe out an enemy machine gun nest which had been holding up the company for several days. Under heavy mortar and machine gun fire they advanced until one member of the patrol was seriously wounded. Ordering the rest of the patrol to stay back with the wounded man, Private First Class Wyrick advanced alone under heavy fire from the machine gun, until he was in range and threw a satchel charge destroying the machine gun. His heroic action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all the men of the company.

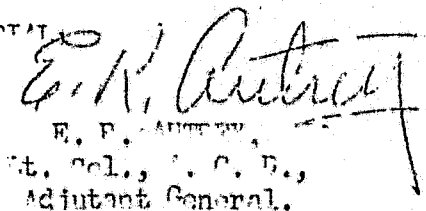
Private First Class Lilburn A. George, 38293603, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Arnold W. Rosterman, 36704118, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Samar Islands from 20 October 1944 to 5 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 24 June 1945.

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Staff Sergeant William R. Beardsley, 37061243, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Beardsley, squad leader, while leading his squad down a gorge was pinned down by sniper fire coming from his right front. Staff Sergeant Beardsley saw that it was three Japs holding his squad from advancing. He crawled forward under cover until he was in grenade throwing distance. Then he threw a grenade, killing two Japs and stunning the other. He then rushed over and killed the stunned Jap with his rifle. His heroic and most courageous act undoubtedly was responsible for saving the lives of many men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Lula S. Beardsley, Mother, 1517 West 16th Street North, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Private First Class William S. Bonham, 36407094, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Bonham, member of a platoon which was to take a most strategic position, was pinned down by a heavy machine gun and sniper fire from a hill on his left flank. He and two other men volunteered to knock out the heavy machine gun and cover the advance of the platoon to its objective. They quickly moved across the open field and destroyed the heavy machine gun and its crew of three men. Then he took an exposed position drawing the fire of the enemy riflemen and also brought fire on the enemy allowing the platoon to take its objective. His heroic actions in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many men and were an inspiration to all members of the command. Next of Kin: Mrs. Sadie S. Bonham, Mother, Route #2, Box 50, Tustin, Michigan.

Private First Class Roland K. Cook, 38272700, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. This company was thinly spread over a large sector and men were needed to fill gaps as a Japanese counterattack was imminent. Private First Class Cook volunteered, and securing some ammunition ran to a position on the front line. As the Jap counterattack developed, an intense mortar and artillery barrage was centered on our positions. Private First Class Cook, despite this, continued firing until he was killed by an artillery shell. There were twelve dead Japs found in front of his position after the attack was repelled. Private First Class Cook's gallantry under such hazardous conditions and giving his life while depriving the enemy from succeeding in retaking our position, deserves the highest possible praise. Next of Kin: Alma L. Cook, Wife, Box 214, Calumet, Oklahoma.

Private William W. Edgar, 39595251, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private Edgar was a member of a combat reconnaissance patrol sent out to reconnoiter a cave on the right flank. When they arrived at the cave, the other two men moved back and in passing Private Edgar told him to pull out as there were a dozen Japs in the cave. However, Private Edgar moved up and arrived just as eight Japs filed out of the cave. He opened up with his BAR and killed all eight of the enemy. His heroic action in the face of great danger was an inspiration to the men of the company and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Jennie B. Wells, Mother, 6332 Carmalita Avenue, Bell, California.

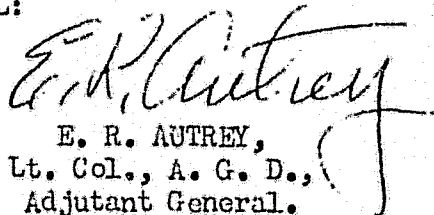
Sergeant Thomas E. Lawry, 37010074, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. In the attack on this ridge, the unit was met by intense enemy mortar fire. Unable to move forward, Sergeant Lawry moved to high ground two hundred yards in front of our lines to direct artillery fire against the enemy. This fire disorganized the enemy and helped our unit to improve its position. His heroic and most courageous action in the face of great danger saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: George Lawry, Father, Route #2, Box 212, Ridgefield, Washington.

Private Fred W. Walker, 38570732, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. His company was assaulting an enemy 75mm gun position when a call for volunteers to knock out the gun was answered by Private Walker and two other men. With the two men, he advanced across an open field under heavy sniper and machine gun fire. The patrol made their way to the gun position, killing five of the enemy on the way. When they reached the gun position, Private Walker volunteered to stay and guard it. Before reinforcements came up, Private Walker killed three of the five Japs who attempted to retake the gun. His heroic and courageous actions in the face of great danger was an inspiration to all who witnessed them. Next of Kin: Mrs. Doris F. Walker, Wife, Route #1, Butler, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class John A. Barbosa, 39422369, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maeda, Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. Private First Class Barbosa was a member of a platoon which was to take a strategic position, and at this time was pinned down by heavy machine gun and sniper fire coming from a hill on its right flank. Private First Class Barbosa and two men volunteered to destroy the machine gun and to cover the advance of their platoon to its objective. They quickly moved across the open field and destroyed the machine gun and its crew of three men. Then they took an exposed position drawing the fire of the Jap riflemen, and brought fire on the Japs, allowing the platoon to take its objective. Private First Class Barbosa's heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Private First Class Milton J. Binon, 36845999, 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. Pinned down by a Japanese heavy machine gun firing from the right flank, Private First Class Binon and two others volunteered to destroy the position. They crawled through the intense machine gun fire until they were in a position to throw grenades and knocked out the machine gun and killed four Japs thus enabling the company to continue its advance. Private First Class Binon's heroic act in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Adam L. Davidson, 39146295, 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. Pinned down by light machine gun and sniper fire from the left flank, Private First Class Davidson and two other men volunteered to knock it out. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades and knocked out two light machine guns and killed nine Japs, thus enabling the company to advance. Private First Class Davidson's heroic act in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Carl Lutz, 37316204, 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. Pinned down by light machine gun and sniper fire from the left flank, Private First Class Lutz and two other men volunteered to destroy them. They crawled through the intense fire until they were in a position to throw grenades. They eliminated two light machine guns and killed nine Japs, enabling the company to continue their advance. Private First Class Lutz's heroic action in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Robert A. Shoemaker, 16174959, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Shoemaker, a member of a platoon which was to take a strategic position and was pinned down by heavy machine gun and sniper fire, volunteered with the aid of two other men to knock out the heavy machine gun, and cover the advance of the platoon to its objective. They quickly moved across the open field and destroyed the machine gun and its crew of three men, then took an exposed position drawing the fire of the Jap riflemen, and also brought fire on the Japs allowing the platoon to take its objective. Private First Class Shoemaker's action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Charles H. Thompson, 39595779, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Thompson was a member of a platoon which was to take a strategic position and was pinned down by a heavy machine gun and sniper fire from a hill on the left flank. Private First Class Thompson and two men volunteered to knock out the heavy machine gun and cover the advance of their platoon to its objective. They quickly moved across the open field and destroyed the heavy machine gun and its crew of three men, allowing the platoon to take its objective. Private First Class Thompson's heroic action in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of the command.

Private First Class Ted A. Cappas, 37566750, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

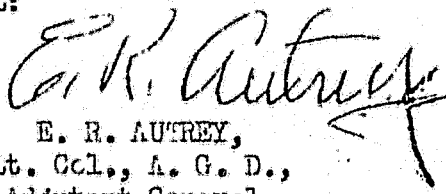
Corporal Melvin L. Danielson, 37553725, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Sergeant Edwin E. Jupe, 38254833, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Clinton D. Phillips, 36617376, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 22 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE PEOPLE 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 600-10 (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 Morton W. Leavitt, 36545263 Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. Sergeant Leavitt (then Private First Class) voluntarily assumed command of his squad when his squad leader became a casualty as a result of intense mortar fire. With complete disregard for his own personal safety after his platoon was pinned down, he exposed himself to the withering machine gun and mortar fire, walked head on toward the cave occupied by the enemy firing his rifle as he advanced. Upon reaching the objective, he threw two grenades into the position to silence the machine gun and kill four of the enemy. As a result of this heroic action, not only was his platoon able to reach his objective but the entire company was able to advance without encountering enemy resistance. Sergeant Leavitt's sheer valor and intrepidity were an inspiration to his men and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William D. Meyer, 39767531, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Meyer exposed himself to enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to single-handedly attack and destroy machine gun position. With great skill and courage, he destroyed the position with hand grenades and rifle fire. Although severely wounded, Private First Class Meyer took it upon himself to administer aid to his comrades. His heroic action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

~~RESC. BY ^{1068-28 Nov. 1945} ~~Staff Sergeant Joseph E. O'Connor, 3661790, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Staff Sergeant O'Connor's unit was assigned the mission of attacking Yaeju-Saka escarpment and continuing the attack along the western foot of Big Apple Hill. During the attack, the company's advance was held up by heavy fire coming from a deep cave. Realizing the necessity of decisive and immediate action, Staff Sergeant O'Connor disregarding his own personal safety, chose to attack the position single-handed rather than waste valuable time to employ a squad. He advanced to a position where he could effectively throw satchel charges despite the fact that he was continually under heavy enemy fire. It was necessary for him to use four charges before the position was neutralized and during the action, he was seriously wounded by a Jap grenade. This heroic performance resulted in the death of nineteen Japanese soldiers. Such initiative and outstanding courage reflect great credit upon Staff Sergeant O'Connor and the military service.~~~~

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Sergeant Morris W. Pratt, 35095359, Infantry, United States Army. For her service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Isl on 10 April 1945. During the afternoon of 10 April, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Pratt's squad had gained a position within fifty yards of the company's objective which was heavily fortified Kakazu Ridge. Sergeant Pratt had just assumed command of his squad which was unable to maneuver, due to an enemy machine gun directly ahead. Immediately taking the initiative, he crawl ahead of his squad almost into the mouth of the enemy gun, single-handedly neutralizing it with grenades and rifle fire. After having accomplished this, he reorganized his squad and led them on a second enemy strong point, killing five of the enemy and forcing others to withdraw.

Second Lieutenant Samuel B. Watkins, 01331687, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. His company was given the mission of securing a highly prized hill. He was platoon leader of the assaulting platoon and by a series of rushes coordinated to take advantage of all the fire power in the platoon, he was able to drive the enemy off and occupy the crest of the hill. Second Lieutenant Watkins reorganized his platoon and prepared for the counter-attack which the enemy launched within a few minutes. The platoon firing on the rushing fanatic Japs began to run low on ammunition. Realizing the precarious position his platoon was in, Second Lieutenant Watkins, disregarding his own safety, crawled to an exposed position and with a light machine gun placed such accurate fire upon the enemy that they could not advance upon his men. By this time, sound power phones were brought forward and, remaining in this hazardous position, he directed 60mm mortar fire which not only stopped the enemy but completely annihilated them. Lieutenant Watkins' heroic action and ability to handle his men in such a crisis was an example to his men and reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

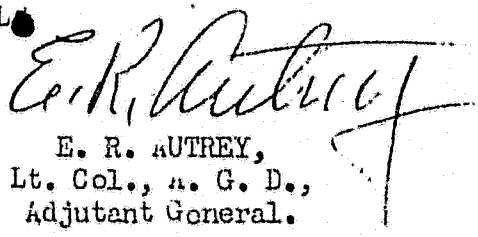
Staff Sergeant Norbert J. Klehr, 37317296, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 18 June 1945.

Private First Class Charles A. Barousse, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 17 April 1945 to 27 April 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Harold T. Heiman, 36557229, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kakazu Ridge, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Heiman, a member of a squad trying to take a small knoll, was pinned down by a machine gun directly in front of them. Private First Class Heiman, with two men volunteered to knock out the enemy machine gun. They crawled forward approximately seventy five yards where they could fire on the machine gun which they destroyed killing its three man crew. This action enabled the squad to take the hill. Private First Class Heiman's heroic act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

First Lieutenant Joseph Lorant, 01312689, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. First Lieutenant Lorant, a rifle platoon leader, leading his platoon in an attack on the Yuza-Dake escarpment, was pinned down by a machine gun one hundred yards to his right front. First Lieutenant Lorant, ordered his platoon to take cover and then personally crawled forward through the machine gun fire until he was in position and destroyed the gun and crew of three men, allowing his platoon to advance and take their objective. His heroic act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

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* Private First Class Charles Snitily, 37266393, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. Private First Class Snitily, was a member of a machine gun squad during an attack on an extremely important terrain feature that was ordered to be taken. The obtaining of this objective would insure better support of the troops in their taking of Kakazu Ridge. Although Private First Class Snitily's entire company was pinned down by heavy machine gun fire, he volunteered to take a machine gun forward through this enemy fire to neutralize it. He moved with his machine gun some seventy five yards in front of the company and then started firing on the enemy gun until he destroyed it and enabled his company to advance and take its objective. His heroic act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company. Next of Kin: MRS. MARIE SNITILY, (Mother)

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Captain Stanley B. Sutton, Jr., 0453574, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Captain Sutton's company had two platoons on the objective when notice of a possible counterattack was received. Realizing his reserve platoon was on the north side of a fire swept field one hundred and fifty yards wide, he attempted radio contact but failed. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he crossed the field covered by an enemy machine gun and after reorganizing the reserve platoon he personally lead them back across the field to the objective. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Norman L. Thomas, 39147213, 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 Thomas, was a member of a rifle squad pinned down by heavy rifle fire from the enemy while his squad was engaged in taking Cactus Ridge. Private First Class Thomas and two men volunteered to move around the right flank and neutralized the fire which was pinning down the squad. They crawled forward approximately a hundred yards during which time they killed six of the enemy and shortly thereafter neutralized the enemy fire enabling the squad to move forward. His heroic action in the face of such great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

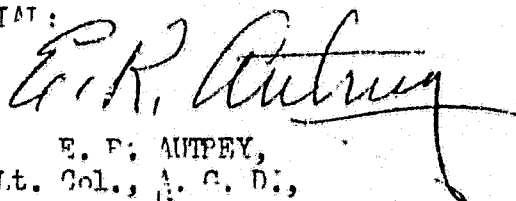
Private First Class William J. Valleroy, 38283050, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Private First Class Valleroy with two men volunteered to knock out the machine gun. They crawled forward approximately seventy-five yards where they could fire on the machine gun which they destroyed killing the three man crew. This action enabled the squad to take the hill. Private First Class Valleroy's act in the face of such great danger was an inspiration to all members of his company.

Technician Fifth Grade Floyd K. Hullinger, 37487904, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. During the attack on strongly held enemy positions, the company in which Technician Fifth Grade Hullinger was first aid man, was pinned down in open rice fields. Moving about was nearly suicidal, due to the heavy volume of enemy fire, but Technician Fifth Grade Hullinger crossed over eight hundred yards of open space, in full view of the enemy, under concentrated machine gun and sniper fire to reach several casualties and give them first aid. This display of loyalty, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety, not only saved a considerable number of men but was an inspiration to all. Technician Fifth Grade Hullinger's courage and determination reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

6 October 1945

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Technical Sergeant Eugene D. Agnew, 35586712, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 22 November 1944. When leading his squad in the assault against the enemy in the face of intense machine gun and mortar fire, he fearlessly exposed himself and personally accounted for one light machine gun and two rifle-men and so ably directed the fire of his men that the enemy was forced to withdraw from his strong position. His exemplary courage and coolness under fire were source of inspiration to his men and contributed greatly, not only to his unit's success in battle, but to its very high state of morale as well.

Private First Class James Chapman, 37752043, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. In spite of being wounded in the left wrist, Private First Class Chapman advanced against the enemy sniper who had wounded him, and killed him, making it possible for his squad to advance and gain a foothold. Only then would he allow himself to be sent back although his wound was then bleeding seriously. Because of the heroic actions, Private First Class Chapman was an inspiration to the men in his squad and his actions reflect great credit upon himself and military service.

Technical Sergeant David L. Dennis, 17000581, Infantry, United States Army. For service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. His company had moved up the face of Nishibaru Ridge under heavy machine gun fire. The company's position was very precarious and Technical Sergeant Dennis, in the absence of a platoon leader, courageously placed mortar fire amidst an enemy who were, at the moment, reorganizing on the reverse slopes for a counterattack. Several times small infiltrating suicide attempts were made until the Japs launched a desperate, fierce counterattack. Technical Sergeant Dennis realized that the company's position was very untenable. Here in an exposed and vulnerable position, he directed mortar fire upon the approaching enemy. The shells landed but twenty five yards from the company's front. No accurate count of enemy dead could be made but the attack was stopped, and Technical Sergeant Dennis, refusing first aid for wounds received from ricocheting rocks, continued to observe and adjust mortar fire upon the fleeing enemy. This action not only saved the lives of many of our own troops and held for us the newly won ridge, but reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Harry F. Jensen, 37236810, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. The company of which Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Jensen was a member was given the mission of attacking Kakazu Ridge. They reached their objective within an hour, but were then subjected to an intense mortar barrage. Staff Sergeant Jensen's platoon was in reserve and was able to reach the safety of a tomb. The casualties from the mortar barrage were extremely heavy and

he realized that many of them needed immediate medical aid and evacuation. On his own initiative, Staff Sergeant Jensen left the safety of the tomb and went to the aid of his fallen comrades. He ventured forth over the treacherous terrain and under intense mortar fire to give aid to one man and then another. After getting them back to the tomb where they could be evacuated, he went to the aid of his platoon leader who had suffered a broken leg. After giving the platoon leader who had suffered a broken leg. After giving the platoon leader first aid he moved him behind a rock, where he improvised a litter and called another man from his squad to help him. Staff Sergeant Jensen then carried this platoon leader to the aid station over a thousand yards of nearly impossible rocky, hilly terrain under terrific mortar fire.

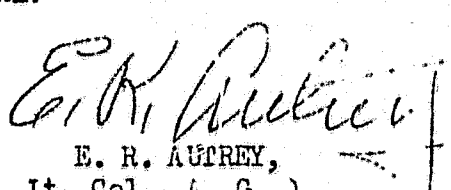
Private First Class John W. Tillema, 36705063, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. At a time when the litter teams were pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, the company was repulsing a strong enemy counterattack one thousand yards south of Kaniku. Private First Class Tillema crawled to the aid of a seriously wounded comrade who was bleeding badly; gave the wounded man first aid, and then, using the fireman's carry, evacuated his wounded comrade to the aid station where plasma was administered. Due to Private First Class Tillema's coolness under enemy fire, his courage and resourcefulness, he saved the life of his wounded comrade.

Staff Sergeant Harold W. Williams, 37435711, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 23 April to 29 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Williams directed fire while skylined on a crest to enemy observation and heavy fire; greatly reduced enemy fire and was in a large part responsible for the repulsing of numerous attempts at infiltration, thus making our positions tenable. 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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Technician Fifth Grade Miles H. Baer, 39569848, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When one of our battalions had been repulsed three times while trying to take Kakazu Ridge, heavy casualties were incurred by our forces as well as the enemy. Technician Fifth Grade Baer, a surgical technician of the Regimental Medical Section, was sent to this battalion as a replacement and put in charge of a litter squad. While evacuating casualties from the line companies, Technician Fifth Grade Baer discovered the presence of a wounded soldier beyond the front lines. Technician Fifth Grade Baer and the litter team tried to reach this wounded man, but were forced back to cover because of the intense enemy sniper and mortar fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, he advanced alone and successfully reached and administered first aid to the casualty. Rather than risk the life of any member of the litter team, he dragged the casualty fifty yards back to cover where the litter squad could pick him up without too much exposure to the enemy fire. Technician Fifth Grade Baer's devotion to duty and leadership were instrumental in the safe evacuation of this seriously wounded casualty.

Sergeant Don Bossingham, 39292864, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 June 1945. When a line company was sent up on the Yaeju-Dake Escarpment to feel out the enemy's strength, they sustained over thirty casualties and were forced to withdraw under the cover of smoke and darkness leaving eight men behind. The next morning, Sergeant Bossingham, a company aid man, learned of the presence of two casualties in a rice field below the escarpment. In order to reach them he had to cross twenty yards of open terrain under deadly sniper and machine gun fire. Heedless of his own personal safety, he dashed out across the clearing and succeeded in reaching the casualties. After administering first aid, Sergeant Bossingham dragged the casualties back across the open terrain to cover and with the help of a litter team evacuated them back to the aid station. Sergeant Bossingham was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and a credit to the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Sigmund A. Brzozowski, 36616553, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Brzozowski, first cook, was in charge of part of many carrying parties bringing vitally needed supplies to the front line units, both during the Leyte and Okinawa Island Campaign. The supply problem was always difficult because of continual rains, steep, narrow trails uphill and the constant danger of ambush. Yet, throughout both campaigns, the company was always exceptionally

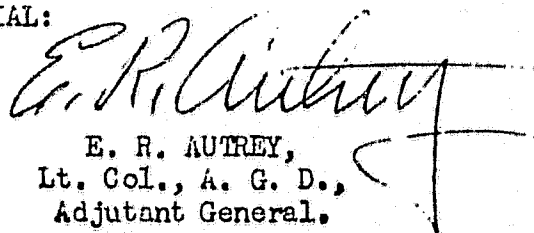
well supplied. During the Okinawa campaign it was necessary to carry rations to the troops over open ground which was under continual enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, yet Technician Fourth Grade Brzozowski never hesitated but led his party of men to the company through the enemy fire and on return trips, over the same difficult trail aided in the evacuation of the wounded. The outstanding job performed by Technician Fourth Grade Brzozowski in keeping the company well supplied against all odds, of terrain, weather and enemy opposition reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Howard C. Delf, 17154414, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 12 April 1945 to 13 April 1945. When his regiment was engaged with the enemy on Kakazu Ridge, Staff Sergeant Delf, squad leader of a 37mm Anti-Tank platoon, was directed to organize his men into a litter team and to assist in the evacuation of the many casualties suffered by the front line units. At 2200, 12 April 1945, Staff Sergeant Delf learned that several casualties had been sustained within the unit three hundred yards from his location. No litter team had been ordered to evacuate them because of the heavy artillery and mortar barrage then falling. Staff Sergeant Delf, refusing to order any of his own men to accompany him volunteered to go alone and get them or administer first aid if it was impossible to bring them all out. With no regard to personal safety under heavy enemy fire, Staff Sergeant Delf set out alone and after a lengthy search in the darkness located the wounded men, one litter patient and three walking casualties. After administering first aid, he led them back to the aid station bringing the litter patient with the help of a less seriously wounded man. Upon his return to the aid station, Staff Sergeant Delf spent the remainder of the night administering immediate and effective first aid to the many casualties. The exceptional courage and devotion to duty displayed by Staff Sergeant Delf exemplifies the finest traditions of the service and was instrumental in the ultimate defeat of the enemy.

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL

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

Sergeant John W. Meyer, 16121304, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed near San Roque, Leyte, Philippine Islands on 19 March 1945. Having gone too far into the deep water of the ocean, a fellow soldier was overcome by a cramp. Sergeant Myers, who had been swimming, but was preparing to dress, saw the man in distress two hundred yards from shore. Without regard for his own personal safety, he went to the man's aid against a rough surf. After reaching him, Sergeant Meyers calmed him and was able to bring him safely to shore. Sergeant Meyer's heroic actions and loyal devotion to duty saved a comrade's life.

SECTION II

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Sergeant Cecil M. Holkamp, 18073612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. While his company was attacking the enemy-held Kakazu Ridge, Sergeant Holkamp was wounded. Refusing medical attention and evacuation, he, as section leader of the machine gun section, continued supporting the attack. Enemy fire killed or wounded all but three men in the section and Sergeant Holkamp although seriously wounded, took the position of the first gunner on one of his machine guns and kept up a highly effective fire on the attacking enemy. He was killed a few minutes later while displacing his machine guns forward to increase his effective support. His outstanding bravery in the face of withering enemy fire will ever serve as an inspiration to all members of the command and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 12, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 December 1945. Next of Kin Mr. Conrad T. Holkamp, Father, Box 547, Junction, Texas.

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.