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AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL I  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER III

SECTION

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), the 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 Meyers, 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 Marine per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded Posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Sergeant Cecil M. Holekamp, 18073612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. While his company was attacking the enemy-held Kakazu Ridge, Sergeant Holekamp 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 Holekamp 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. Holekamp, 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.

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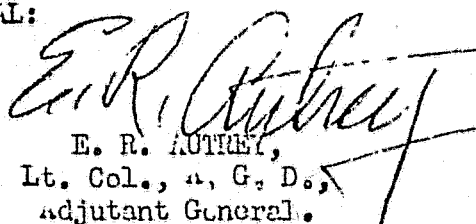
Technical Sergeant Edward Jenkins, 37C 0602, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. On the morning of 15 April 1945, his company was subjected to a fierce enemy counterattack. In the courtyard of an abandoned tomb, the artillery forward observer was dug-in but could not direct accurate artillery fire on the enemy troops from this position. Technical Sergeant Jenkins coolly and calmly climbed to the top of the tomb and gave the forward observer accurate range, although he was entirely exposed to mortar, artillery and small arms fire. He brought the barrage in close enough to crush the counterattack. By morning, there were fifty dead Japs in the area and an untold number of wounded. Technical Sergeant Jenkins willingly placed himself in a dangerous position to direct artillery fire on the enemy. This is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 295, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 June 1945.

Captain Jesse K. Thomas, 01286921, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. When the advance of his company was held up by a powerful Japanese defense, Captain Thomas, without hesitation or regard for personal safety, crawled one hundred and fifty yards under continued fire to locate three well concealed machine guns which were holding up the advance of his company. He then returned to his men and directed effective silencing fire against the enemy positions. He ordered his company to advance, at the time, going forward himself to reconnoiter for an observation post so that he could observe the enemy and direct the fire of his company. Walking along with poor observation around the side of a hill, he came to a bend and an enemy soldier lunged at him with a bayonet. He turned aside in time to avoid the thrust, killed the enemy and continued his advance alone. His courageous actions were an inspiration to all members of his command. Previous award per General Orders No. 30, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 1 February 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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SECTION

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

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, 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 dates indicated:

Pfc	William J. Elliott	36868258	Inf	24 Oct 44	✓
Pfc	Anthony C. Kildis	33548402	Inf	7 Nov 44	✓
Sgt	Auguston Fugate	6986044	Inf	19 June 45	✓
Sgt	Alexander A. Juska	96617326	Inf	17 Apr 45	✓
Tec 5	Louis Lusardi	3706057	MD	28 May 45	✓

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class William J. Elliott, 36868258, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 996, this Headquarters, 8 October 1945.

Private First Class Billie B. Richardson, 37266320, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 324, this Headquarters, 13 June 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 them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated.

Private First Class William J. Elliott, 36868258, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 996, this Headquarters, 8 October 1945.

Technical Sergeant Frank T. Hartzler, 6948105, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 December 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 39, this Headquarters, 2 December 1944.

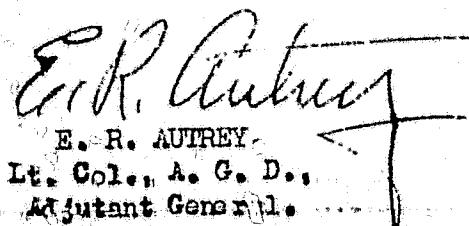
Private First Class Eugene R. Turgeon, 36272390, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 46, this Headquarters, 3 December 1944.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Tec 4	Louis J. Straus	17107106	Inf	27 Oct 44
Capt (Ch)	Leonard F. Todd	0500927	ChC	28 Oct 44
Sgt	Edwin E. Wright	37417528	Inf	21 Oct 44
2d Lt	William G. Brown Jr.	0557176	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Sam Cohen	20630993	Inf	13 Apr 45
Pfc	Charles L. Cook	37353540	Inf	19 June 45
Pfc	Allen R Harkleroad	34882258	CWS	9 Apr 45
Tec 5	Frank E. March	36904524	FA	15 May 45
Tec 5	Eugene G. Qualizza	35893217	Inf	3 Apr 45
S Sgt	George H. Schmidlin	15717201	Inf	13 June 45

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Corporal Jack A. Anderson, 36404902, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 145, this Headquarters, 30 April 1945.

Private First Class Thomas M. Evans, 37540096, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 800, this Headquarters, 24 September 1945.

Sergeant Melvin E. Longerbeam, 35847897, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 505, this Headquarters, 12 July 1945.

Private First Class Richard E. Stickle, 36587505, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 943, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945.

Captain (Chaplain) Leonard F. Todd, 0500927, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 October 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 997, this Headquarters, 9 October 1945.

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

Sergeant Leonard W. Kuzarick, 13175942, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 22, this Headquarters, 4 November 1944.

Private First Class Dennis M. Mullen, 39475177, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 418, this Headquarters, 30 June 1945.

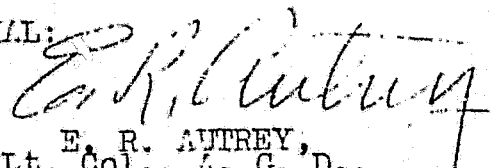
Private First Class Frank J. Ratty, 16146641, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 November 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 104, this Headquarters, 16 April 1945.

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

Staff Sergeant Louis M. Garey, 38391242, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Garey, a 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 on their left. Staff Sergeant Garey, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, left his squad and crawled forward until he reached the position where he found the machine gun firing. He then threw a grenade, destroying the machine gun and killing one Jap and rushed over, killing the three remaining Japs with his rifle. His courageous act was an inspiration to all members of the command and upholds the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 64, this Headquarters, 8 December 1944.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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9 October 1945

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:

Technical Sergeant Warren F. Johnson, 36429534, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with the military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945 and on 18 June 1945. On 23 April one platoon of a regimental anti-tank company was in direct support of a battalion attacking Nishabaru Ridge. Enemy observed mortar and heavy machine gun fire had completely stopped the attack. Neutralization of this machine gun fire was imperative and necessary to further progress. Technical Sergeant Johnson, disregarding his own well-being, advanced forward in order to obtain complete observation of the enemy's position to the front. He located four enemy machine gun placements in spite of an intense mortar barrage falling near and around his observation post. From this exposed position, he directed the fire of his platoon's guns and succeeded in neutralizing the fire of the four enemy machine guns thereby making possible the continued advance of the battalion. On 18 June this same platoon was supporting the attack on the Yaeju-Dake escarpment. While firing from exposed positions in order to accomplish their mission, enemy counter battery fire registered in on two 57mm anti-tank guns. At this time, Technical Sergeant Johnson was directing fire on an enemy observation post and continued to do so until the target was destroyed and his fire mission completed. Technical Sergeant Johnson then supervised the dispersal of his men to covered areas. However, he personally removed all signal equipment in order that contact with the attacking battalion would not be interrupted. He next sought to evacuate a prime mover vehicle the enemy barrage had caught while effecting a resupply of ammunition. He ran across two hundred yards of open ground in order to reach the vehicle which was, at the moment, the enemy's primary target. Even after sustaining a severe arm wound from a shell fragment he continued on and assisted another man to drive the vehicle to safety. By his coolness and particular courage and determination at all times, Technical Sergeant Johnson was an inspiration to the men of his company and his activities reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Raymond J. Branchaud, 31290744, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with the military operations against the enemy on Okinawa on 23 April 1945. In the attack upon Saw Toot Ridge, two casualties were left behind as the assaulting rifle company was forced to withdraw because of intense enemy fire. Private First Class Branchaud, and another man, volunteered to go out after the two wounded men. Upon reaching the casualties, Private First Class Branchaud noticed a small party of the enemy attempting to flank their position. The two litter team members each took a casualty on their shoulder and started back. Protective fire from a friendly light machine gun ended when the enemy destroyed the gun. At the same time, enemy mortar and sniper fire forced Private First Class Branchaud to seek cover in a shell hole. While waiting for more protective fire to be delivered against the enemy strong point, he assisted in administering first aid to the casualties. Soon thereafter, they were able to run back to the safety of their own lines. Private First Class Branchaud, by disregarding his own personal safety, and putting the task at hand above all else, exemplified a persistent and patient devotion to duty.

Private First Class Manuel Baltierras, 37364640, 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 Baltierras was a member of a rifle company which was engaged in an attack on Yaeju-Dake Ridge when they were suddenly fired on by enemy machine guns and forced to withdraw. Private First Class Baltierras remained behind with two wounded men and after giving first aid, started carrying one to safety when suddenly they were fired upon by a machine gun. Private First Class Baltierras immediately attacked it and knocked it out with rifle fire. He then carried the wounded man to safety and went back for the other. Private First Class Baltierras' courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Isaac E. Waters, 02012508, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945 and on 11 May 1945. Second Lieutenant Waters, a regimental maintenance officer, with the interest of maintaining the highest degree of motor maintenance during combat, went forward with another officer on 23 April to reconnoiter a safe and dependable route for vehicles transporting supplies to the front lines. When he noticed the medical aid men administering first aid to four men who had been hit by artillery fire, without hesitation and with cool and calm courage he went to the aid of the medics who had no means of transporting the wounded back to safety. Oblivious of the hail of enemy artillery fire which was falling about him, he calmed the men down and assured them of their safe return to the rear area. Again on 11 May, Second Lieutenant Waters once again went forward on a reconnaissance mission and noticed that directly in front of him and to his right were four men in the operation of stringing communication lines when suddenly a deluge of enemy artillery rained upon the men and knowing that the four wounded men had no means of immediate medical treatment, he placed his vehicle under cover and with courage worked himself across the open field approximately fifty yards away, administered first aid and with improvised stretchers and the aid of another man brought the men back to safety. His unselfishness and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John F. Berger, 39288057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. During his battalion's attack in a vital sector of the enemy's Naha-Shuri-Yonabara defense line, fierce fighting was encountered. Casualties had reached large proportions. Their evacuation, at first only impeded, was brought to a near temporary halt as enemy artillery, mortar and anti-tank gun fire eliminated several vehicles attempting to move forward. Upon hearing that any delay in reaching some of the more seriously wounded casualties might result in the loss of their lives, Private First Class Berger lost no time in starting his truck forward. Several times shells from the large calibre weapons exploded near his moving vehicle, sending fragments inches above his head. With calm determination and by skillful driving, he reached the front lines, and proceeded with the evacuation of the many casualties. Making a total of six trips, in this manner, between the aid station and the front lines, Private First Class Berger removed twenty seven casualties six hundred yards to the rear and safety. In exposing himself to such extreme danger, and in view of the destruction of previous vehicles from the same attempt, Private First Class Berger's outstanding action was an inspiration to his officers and fellow comrades, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

ORIGINAL ORDER # 1111

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section I, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 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 Floyd D. Comins, 36539877, Infantry, United States Army. For his heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu, Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 16 April 1945. During this critical period, when his battalion's command post was located behind a small ridge in full view of the enemy, Private First Class Comins demonstrated unexcelled bravery in his task of providing the command post with the booby traps so necessary to counter-act enemy infiltration. To accomplish his mission of laying the demolitions where they would be most effective, it was necessary for Private First Class Comins to be fully exposed in areas where several fatalities had occurred from enemy sniper fire. Twice daily, for a period of six days, he performed this extremely dangerous process with skill and calm bearing. On two different occasions, during his precarious routine, missiles from the enemy snipers weapons struck so close to him that it was necessary to effect a smoke screen for his escape. Headless of his own security, he set the traps in such a manner that during this period they ensnared and annihilated numerous enemy troops attempting infiltration. The outstanding heroism displayed by Private First Class Comins, in his mission of providing security measures for key personnel of the battalion command post, contributed immeasurably to their well-being and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Wallace H. Tarras, 3732500, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kakazu, Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 16 April 1945. During this critical period, when his battalion's command post was located behind a small ridge in full view of the enemy, Private First Class Tarras demonstrated unexcelled bravery in his task of providing the command post with the booby traps so necessary to counter-act enemy infiltration. To accomplish his mission of laying the demolitions where they would be most effective, it was necessary for Private First Class Tarras to be fully exposed in areas where several fatalities had occurred from enemy sniper fire. Twice daily, for a period of six days, he performed this extremely dangerous process, with skill and calm bearing. On two different occasions during his precarious routine, missiles from the enemy snipers weapons struck so close to him that it was necessary to effect a smoke screen for his escape. Headless of his own security, he set the traps in such a manner that during this period they ensnared and annihilated numerous enemy troops attempting infiltration. The outstanding heroism displayed by Private First Class Tarras, in his mission of providing security measures for key personnel of the battalion command post, contributed immeasurably to their well-being, and reflects the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant James E. Ostgard, 37318306, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yaniku, Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. When casualties on the front lines became so numerous that the duties of the medical aid men were over-burdened, Staff Serg.

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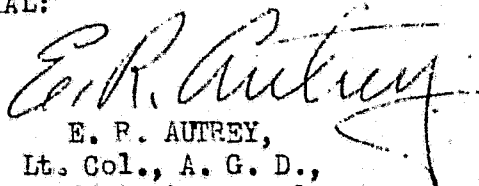
Ostgard, a squad leader in the battalion anti-tank platoon immediately volunteered to lead a litter team to the scene of action to relieve the serious situation. In the face of devastating sniper and artillery fire, he led his men skillfully across the four hundred yard distance which separated them from the front lines. So adept did he lead his men to the scene of strife that they completely escaped the constant sniper fire directed at them and the artillery which was falling in the area. Upon reaching his destination, Staff Sergeant Ostgard directed the speedy evacuation of three of the more seriously wounded men. Although it was possible to remove only one man at a time, he acted with cool reservation, and by sheer determination, managed to get all three of the casualties to the battalion aid station without mishap. The initiative, tenacity, and calm bearing which Staff Sergeant Ostgard demonstrated, were directly responsible for saving the lives of the three wounded soldiers, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles W. Robinson, 36703049, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. During a coordinated attack which was launched by our forces on the entire front against the enemy on the southern half of the island, Technician Fifth Grade Robinson's battalion had advanced to a position approximately one half mile north of the town of Tanabaru. Enemy opposition had been stiff throughout the advance, and as nightfall drew close, the enemy laid down intense artillery concentrations and frequently heavy mortar barrages. It was during one of these such shellings that the line to the forward observation post was knocked out of operation. Previous artillery concentrations had put out of action most of the battalion wire section, and on this particular occasion there were no wiremen available to repair the line. To successfully maintain and consolidate the gains of the day it was absolutely necessary that the line be established in a minimum of time. Technician Fifth Grade Robinson, who was a radio operator at the time, was aware of the situation, and volunteered to go out on the line and attempt its repair. The observation post was five hundred yards forward of the battalion command post, and it was necessary to cross an open field one hundred yards wide. This crossing meant great exposure, from the artillery shells which were still falling in the area, as well as sniper fire from cleverly concealed positions. However, he went forward, found the break in the line, quickly repaired it, and returned to his unit. The enemy shelling continued, however, and a few hours later another break in the line occurred. Technician Fifth Grade Robinson again voluntarily repeated his earlier action. His courageous efforts resulted in the maintenance of communication, so vital to the success of the entire attack, throughout the night.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR  
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

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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:

Second Lieutenant Frederick B. Steed, 01331780, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. When the two scouts of his reconnaissance and demolitions patrol were wounded and Lieutenant Steed personally assumed the position of lead scout and in the face of fire led his platoon forward. Second Lieutenant Steed discovered a heavily fortified position previously unknown to our troops. The defenders threw hand grenades and brought heavy rifle fire to bear upon the patrol, which was receiving fire from the right rear. To ascertain the strength and disposition of the defenses, Second Lieutenant Steed exposed himself to this intense fire. He was seriously wounded in the neck by a grenade fragment and suffered great loss of blood. In spite of his wound, Second Lieutenant Steed continued to reconnoiter the strong point. He then disposed his platoon for the continued advance and returned to his commander with valuable intelligence. He refused medical aid until he had satisfied himself that the results of his reconnaissance had been recorded. The courage and astuteness displayed by Second Lieutenant Steed in spite of the pain and weakness occasioned by his wound and the devotion to duty which prompted his gallant actions in the face of personal suffering and danger reflect the very highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Lewis N. Grill, 39292071, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Grill was a squad leader when the mission of assaulting heavily fortified Nishibaru Ridge was given, and after a bitter fight, his unit was halted within two hundred yards of their objective by a screen of enemy machine gun, sniper and mortar fire. Then with absolute disregard for his personal safety, Staff Sergeant Grill, squad leader in the platoon, moved out into the hail of enemy fire to more effectively cover and observe the enemy. From his hazardous vantage point he alone knocked out the most troublesome enemy pillbox with accurate rifle fire. He then maneuvered his squad into a skirmish line and directed their fire on other enemy positions, throwing volley upon volley of hand grenades. Staff Sergeant Grill killed fourteen Japs, routed seven, neutralized four pillboxes, and knocked out two light machine guns. Only by his exceptional bravery in the face of these tremendous odds was the objective taken.

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Private First Class John R. Hodges, 35904290, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. The company to which Private First Class Hodges was assigned, was given the mission of attacking and securing bitterly contested Nishibaru Ridge. When the gunner of the machine gun squad to which he was assigned became a casualty, Private First Class Hodges, completely on his own initiative, procured the machine gun, and from an exposed position fired into the counter attacking enemy. With great personal risk, he fired from the hip, killing five enemy and forcing the remainder to retreat in confusion. During the attack one man had been injured by sniper fire and was unable to move from his exposed position. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Hodges ran forward to the injured man, although he immediately became a prime target for intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire. He finally succeeded in reaching the injured man only to once again become the target for enemy fire emanating from a nearby pillbox. Although armed with only a pistol, he frontally assaulted the pillbox, and by superior performance, was able to neutralize the emplacement. He then carried the wounded soldier back to a position of safety where necessary medical treatment was applied and the injured man's life was saved.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

Sergeant Earl E. Smith, 36617914, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When enemy phosphoreous shells scored a direct hit on the battalion ammunition dump setting several cases of ammunition on fire, Sergeant Smith left the safety of his foxhole and with shovel in hand, ran directly to the flames and proceeded to throw dirt over the burning cases. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Smith went to work among the exploding shells and flying fragments. He worked with such great speed and determination that the fires were soon subsided. The fearlessness which Sergeant Smith demonstrated prevented further destruction to the essential ammunition dump, and also possible disaster to personnel of the battalion command post. His courageous action is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 5419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in A. 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Military personnel:

Private First Class William A. Alka, 36914551, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by intense rifle and machine gun fire, Private First Class Alka, with complete disregard for his or safety, after spotting the source of enemy fire, moved forward quickly, while firing his Browning automatic rifle into the enemy position, and finally eliminated the enemy by the use of grenades. During the entire action, Private First Class Alka was continually exposed to enemy fire and observation. Private First Class Alka's superior devotion to duty and his willingness to undergo extreme dangers that his unit might benefit thereby, was a tribute to himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles F. Airhart, 3919802, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. The company was in the attack on the right sector of its battalion zone of action along Yaeju-Lake Ridge. The leading platoon of the company initially meeting no resistance had pushed far ahead of the other units where they were engaged by terrific enemy fire from their front and flanks. The platoon position became untenable but a withdrawal across the open terrain would mean a heavy loss of personnel. It was necessary to call for a heavy smoke screen to shield the withdrawal of the platoon. However, the radio failed to function and it necessary for a runner to deliver the message to the company command post. Private First Class Airhart volunteered for the dangerous mission. Continuously fired upon by snipers, wounded during an engagement with a Jap soldier, whom he killed, Private First Class Airhart succeeded in his mission. As a result the smoke screen was delivered and the platoon withdrew without further casualties. The determination, fortitude, initiative, and outstanding courage displayed by Private First Class Airhart exemplifies the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Dexter Benner, 39727720, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Private First Class Benner, a radio operator, volunteered to accompany a contact patrol, with the mission to reach an isolated platoon. Although the patrol was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun crossfire and enemy sniper fire, Private First Class Benner continued on his self-assigned mission and of his own initiative crossed two hundred and twenty five yards of open space under continuous heavy enemy fire to reach the platoon leader of the isolated platoon. It was due to Private First Class Benner's initiative and determination that accurate supporting fire could be brought on the enemy positions and the safety of the platoon was assured. Private First Class Benner's courage and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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First Lieutenant Chestnut H. Bullock, 01227673, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 April 1945. During an advance across open terrain in the vicinity of Nodake on 4 April 1945, the rifle company of which First Lieutenant Bullock was executive officer, was suddenly subjected to intense and accurate enemy machine gun and rifle fire, which inflicted numerous casualties upon our own troops. First Lieutenant Bullock, without thought of personal safety, moved without hesitation while constantly under enemy fire administered first aid to many of the wounded. It was reported to him that a seriously wounded man unable to move, had been left approximately two hundred yards in front of the company as a result of a forced withdrawal. He was also informed that a litter squad had failed in attempting to reach the casualty and had suffered two of its members wounded and one killed. First Lieutenant Bullock ran across the two hundred yards of open terrain while subjected to heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire and reached the man. After giving him aid, First Lieutenant Bullock carried the wounded man back to an immediate point of safety, where he was given plasma by the battalion surgeon in time to save his life.

Technical Sergeant Samuel M. Dworaczyk, 38254066, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. When the company in which Technical Sergeant Dworaczyk was acting as weapons platoon leader attacked strong enemy positions on Mishibaru ridge, the two forward rifle platoons were isolated from the support by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Technical Sergeant Dworaczyk took a reel of wire and on his own initiative crossed a deep ravine and two hundred yards of open terrain. While crossing this terrain he was under constant and concentrated enemy machine gun fire and a mortar barrage. When he reached the crest of the ridge he immediately established an observation post and adjusted, while under enemy fire, extremely accurate and close mortar supporting fire. Technical Sergeant Dworaczyk's courage and devoted duty were responsible for the elimination of two enemy machine gun positions and at least three enemy knee mortar squads. Technical Sergeant Dworaczyk's heroic actions, his determination and bravery, were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Aloysius Glass, 37315843, 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 Glass, in charge of a litter team, made his way under fire to the right flank platoon of his company. Soon after he had reached this position the area came under enemy mortar fire. He exposed himself to enemy machine gun and sniper fire time after time in bringing the eight resolute casualties back to cover. When a casualty was discovered seventy five yards in front of the platoon and unable to make his way back, Private First Class Glass volunteered immediately to attempt his rescue. With utter disregard for his own life he ran across seventy five yards of open terrain through heavy enemy fire to the side of the casualty. He then half carried and half dragged the unconscious man back over the same hazardous ground to cover. Private First Class Glass's heroic efforts were an inspiration to his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Woodrow W. Gregory, 16491122, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Sergeant Gregory was an assistant squad leader in a company whose mission it was to seize Hill Forty Nine. Under heavy enemy automatic rifle fire they reached their objective suffering heavy casualties. While organizing the newly gained territory, the enemy launched a terrific counter attack. In an attempt to retake the strategically important position. Realizing the gravity of the situation, Sergeant Gregory fearlessly led his men into position on the forward slope of the hill, completely disregarding his own personal safety, he exposed himself in order to accurately fire on the enemy and direct the fire of his men under the hail of enemy fire. Not only did he heroically lead his men, but he assisted in directing the fire of 60mm and 81mm mortars and a light machine gun. As a result of his heroic action and steadfast devotion to duty, Sergeant Gregory greatly inspired his men.

Private First Class Harold W. MacFarlane, 39208889, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a company was held up by the enemy on Takazu Ridge a patrol was sent around the west side of the hill to secure the reverse slope. When this patrol had left its last cover the enemy allowed them to enter an exposed area. Then the enemy by use of small arms, machine gun and mortar fire attempted to isolate and annihilate the patrol. The patrol hastily withdrew a distance of forty five yards into a shallow draw. One member of the patrol was wounded severely and could not complete the withdrawal. In answer to a radio message at 1430, a litter team consisting of Private First Class MacFarlane and three other men left the aid station for the front, nine hundred yards away. Their route took them through the town of Uchiburi where they were delayed by mortar fire. As they traversed an open field they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. The

entire route was made more difficult by the heavy rains that fell that day. In order to reach the casualty, they followed the same route the patrol had used. This led them up a small draw running parallel to our lines and which was under enemy mortar fire where our patrol had to take cover. Coming into the open area at the head of this draw, they spotted the casualty and dashed out forty five yards to reach him. After they had placed him on a litter they were fired upon by an enemy machine gun. Paying no heed to this fire, they carried the casualty back to the draw where it was possible to administer first aid. Carrying him back to the aid station. Private First Class MacFarlane and three other men, by rendering such heroic service, materially aided the morale of the rifle elements and were instrumental in saving the life of a wounded comrade.

Private First Class Edward J. O'Connor, 31365511, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. As a result of intense enemy mortar fire, all means of company communications were rendered useless, leaving the smaller units of the company virtually isolated and without badly needed supporting fire to silence the withering rain of enemy shells that were pounding the position incessantly. Realizing that numerous lives would be lost unless communication was restored, Private First Class O'Connor, a messenger, on his own initiative and without orders, courageously crawled from his covered position through the inky blackness and torrent of rain over ground constantly under enemy fire in order that he might repair the break in the wire. Although in constant danger from his own comrades who might easily have mistaken him for the enemy, Private First Class O'Connor worked for more than an hour, returning only when his self assigned mission was completed. A short time later Private First Class O'Connor volunteered to lead litter squads to three seriously wounded comrades and aid in their evacuation. Although Private First Class O'Connor was wounded in the knee while in the performance of these deeds he refused evacuation until ordered to accept aid the following morning. Private First Class O'Connor's bold and courageous actions won the admiration and thanks of his comrades and reflect great credit to the military service.

Staff Sergeant John F. Robinson, 30300219, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at Awaka, Okinawa Island on 15 April 1945. When it became known that the forward elements of his battalion were unable to return to the battalion supply depot for rations, water and ammunition because of heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and artillery fire, Staff Sergeant Robinson immediately volunteered to participate in a carrying party to get the urgently needed supplies to the front lines. To do so it was necessary to traverse an open field nine hundred yards wide, while being subjected to enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Robinson acted without hesitation, even though he had already been killed in a previous attempt. He successfully reached the front line companies with the important items. Staff Sergeant Robinson's courageous action was an important factor in enabling the battalion to hold their newly won positions.

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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 Homer C. Hamilton, 35261646, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. During a coordinated attack which was launched on the entire front against the enemy on the southern half of the island, Private Hamilton's battalion had advanced to a position approximately one-half mile north of the town of Tanabaru. Enemy opposition had been stiff throughout the advance, and as nightfall drew close, the enemy laid down intense artillery concentrations and frequently heavy mortar barrages. It was during one of these such shellings that the line to the forward observation post was knocked out of operation. Previous artillery concentrations had put out of action most of the battalion wire section, and on this particular occasion there were no wiremen available to repair the line. To successfully maintain and consolidate the gains of the day it was absolutely necessary that the line be established in a minimum of time. Private Hamilton, who was a radio operator at the time, was aware of the situation, and volunteered to go out on the line and attempt its repair. The observation post was five hundred yards forward of the battalion command post, and it was necessary to cross an open field one hundred yards wide. This crossing meant exposure from the artillery shells which were still falling in the area, as well as sniper fire from cleverly concealed positions. However, he went forward unfaltering, found the break in the line, quickly repaired it and returned to his unit. The enemy shelling continued, however, and a few hours later another break in the line occurred. Private Hamilton again voluntarily repeated his earlier action. His courageous efforts resulted in the maintenance of communications, so vital to the success of the entire attack, throughout the night.

Technician Fifth Grade Harvey J. Myers, 38290830, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When one of the platoon leaders of his company was seriously wounded, Technician Fifth Grade Myers volunteered to drive over enemy territory to speed the wounded man to the aid station. Although ordered to return by a longer but safer route, Technician Fifth Grade Myers chose to brave the dangers of enemy fire and the possibility of being wounded in enemy territory with little chance of immediate evacuation rather than take the extra time required by the authorized route. As he drove in front of the lines he was fired upon by two heavy machine guns and many snipers, several rounds striking his vehicle. Despite this obvious danger and disregarding his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Myers continued his dangerous drive across enemy held ground. The heroism displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Myers in succoring a wounded comrade reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Charles E. Broadwell, 37229259, 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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Technical Sergeant John D. Conway, 37391041, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 18 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Donald W. Eberhardt, 36700481, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 28 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Albert Fuciarelli, 36536184, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 18 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Andrew Jablensky, 36271680, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

First Sergeant Donald H. Lonker, 36430917, 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.

Staff Sergeant Leon D. Mello, 38254865, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 18 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Sergeant Waverly S. Reardon, 3446582, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technician Fifth Grade Frederick A. Sears, 16148148, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 22 June 1945.

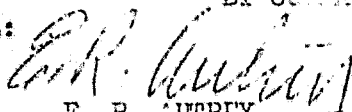
Technician Fifth Grade Murray E. Suskin, 32910375, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 October 1944 to 23 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant William M. Williams Jr., 32638077, 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.

First Sergeant Joseph Zsakovics, 16005542, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 18 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

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

SECTION I  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Sergeant Joseph M. Arnold, 36405111, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. His company was engaged in an attack on Cactus Ridge but was stopped by intense mortar, machine gun and rifle fire. Suddenly, Sergeant Arnold jumped up and started running toward the ridge. The rest of his squad seeing this display of courage, jumped up and started to follow, then the entire company started to follow him. He moved up the hill shooting and giving orders until he reached the top and there was surrounded by four Japs, three of which he killed before he was mortally wounded. His gallantry and courage so inspired his company and so demoralized the enemy that the capture of what seemed an impossible position came to an end quickly. His voluntary and gallant action in the face of such hazardous conditions is deserving of the highest commendation. Next of Kin: Mrs. Anna Arnold, Mother, 612 Eastern Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant Carrol Furry, 36533950, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Furry, platoon sergeant, was leading his platoon in an attack on a most strategic hill south of Maeda. As his platoon approached the hill, they came under intense machine gun, rifle and mortar fire, pinning his men down and inflicted casualties on them. Staff Sergeant Furry, knowing that to stay in their present position would mean annihilation, suddenly jumped up and ran for the objective. His gallant actions inspired his men and they jumped up and followed him reaching the objective, taking it and killing over fifty Japanese in the action. Staff Sergeant Furry lost his life but his gallantry in action in the face of such great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his men and was an inspiration to all members of this command. Next of Kin: Mrs. Minnie Furry, Mother, 387 West Evelyn, Hazel Park, Michigan.

Private First Class Chester J. Roberts, 39336025, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Private First Class Roberts was acting squad leader of a rifle platoon which was attacking a strongly fortified position south of Maeda. The platoon was held up by the intense fire coming from the hill to their immediate front. They were brought forward and Private First Class Roberts volunteered to guide them and direct their fire although he knew he would be under constant machine

gun, rifle and mortar fire. He led the tanks into position and then directed their fire, running from tank to tank with utter disregard for his own safety, until he was mortally wounded by an enemy machine gun. His heroic actions resulted in over fifteen pillboxes being destroyed and over one hundred Japanese being killed. Next of Kin: Mary E. Roberts, Mother, Rt 2, Box 180, Bend, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant Robert Van Benthuyzen, 37392667, Field Artillery, U. S. Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. On 1 April Staff Sergeant Van Benthuyzen's assigned Infantry Company was ascending a steep mountain road in the vicinity of Kue when they were temporarily halted by a road barrier. Staff Sergeant Van Benthuyzen immediately selected a detail and began removing this barrier. Upon completion of this task, the cleverly concealed enemy, holding a hill-top salient which commanded our force's approach, opened fire with machine guns, mortar and rifle fire pinning the company down in the open. Staff Sergeant Van Benthuyzen with utter disregard for his own safety and despite the intense fire of these weapons which were aimed directly at him, knelt down on the road without cover and fired clip after clip with his carbine directly into the enemy position, but the numerically superior enemy forces were too much for him to overcome and he was killed by the enemy fire after disposing of at least two of the defenders. His sustained fire on the enemy positions was the necessary respite, for our troops regained complete control and swept up the road to capture the enemy positions and the hill. By his fearlessness and aggressiveness and at the expense of his own life, Sergeant Van Benthuyzen prevented many casualties to our troops and substantially aided the Infantry in gaining its objective. Next of Kin: Mrs Louise Van Benthuyzen, Mother, 436 Holmes Place, Webster Groves, Mo.

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 Leon E. Cook, 39716190, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 23 October 1944 to 11 April 1945. Next of Kin: Mrs Onata Cook, Wife, General Delivery, Hawley, Texas.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Clarence L. Bicker, 37318458, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When casualties among the front line rifle companies became so numerous that the efforts of all medical aid men did not completely relieve the acute situation, Private First Class Bicker volunteered to go forward and assist in bringing casualties to the aid station, approximately six hundred yards to the rear. Knowing that he must move across terrain which was constantly exposed to enemy sniper and mortar fire, he made several trips to the scene of action, and with others, succeeded in evacuating casualties to the aid station. Private First Class Bicker's unflinching determination to remedy a serious situation and save the lives of his comrades was an inspiration to all who witnessed his brave action.

Corporal Robert E. Laird, 39345738, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When orders changing the plan of attack were received by radio, Corporal (then Private First Class) Laird crossed one hundred and fifty yards of terrain exposed to enemy machine gun and mortar fire to contact his platoon leader who was pinned down with two scouts. Upon delivering the orders, Corporal Laird again braved the enemy fire to return to the platoon area. He went from hole to hole, gave instructions to each of the men separately, although constantly exposed to sniper fire, and led the platoon to a forward assembly area where the platoon leader gave his orientation. The heroic service performed by Corporal Laird gave his platoon leader additional time to examine the terrain and formulate his attack order.

Private First Class Wilburn E. Lindsey, 36227458, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with the military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 April 1945. In the attack upon Saw Tooth Ridge, two casualties were left behind as the assaulting rifle company was forced to withdraw because of intense enemy fire. Private First Class Lindsey, and one other man, volunteered to go out after the two wounded men. Upon reaching the casualties, Private First Class Lindsey noticed a small party of the enemy attempting to flank their position. The two litter team members each took a casualty on their shoulder and started back. Protective fire from a friendly light machine gun ended when the enemy destroyed the gun. At the same time, enemy mortar and sniper fire forced Private First Class Lindsey to seek cover in a shell hole. While waiting for more protective fire to be delivered against the enemy strongpoint, he assisted in administering first aid to the casualties. Soon thereafter, they were able to run back to the safety of their own lines. Private First Class Lindsey, by rendering such heroic service, materially aided the morale of the rifle elements, and was instrumental in saving the life of a wounded comrade. At no time did he hesitate, nor consider his own personal safety. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Technician Fourth Grade Leonard Marcotte, 38260668, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 May 1945. When his company was assaulting fortifications in the Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru Line, and one of the machine gun platoons, vital for the support of the advancing troops, moved into position from which it was both exposed and useless to the attack, Technician Fourth Grade Marcotte volunteered to make the hazardous trip to warn the men of their plight and to lead them to a new position. Dashing across the exposed high ground, making use of the shortest route and thus sacrificing the available cover of the terrain, he reached the platoon before their muzzle blasts exposed their position to the enemy, and led them to a position of vantage, from which they were enabled to render effective support to the embattled troops.

Private First Class Charles F. Messick, 32485104, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dick Hill, Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. In attacking the formidable enemy positions on Dick Hill, Private First Class Messick's battalion suffered such a great amount of casualties that the medical personnel were unable to accomplish their evacuation with necessary speed. Aware that a vehicle would serve the purpose of evacuating more casualties in a shorter period of time, Private First Class Messick insisted on taking his jeep to the forward areas to assist in, and speed up their removal to safe areas. Although he was thoroughly warned of the extreme dangers from falling artillery shells, which had previously eliminated several other vehicles in the area, Private First Class Messick, by sheer determination and skillfully maneuvering his vehicle, reached the front lines and proceeded to evacuate the seriously wounded men. In spite of the terrific artillery concentration he made a total of four perilous trips between the front lines and the battalion aid station. This involved crossing an open area six hundred yards wide. Private First Class Messick's courageous actions, however, were not without results. In exposing himself to such hazards, he not only brought to safety twelve casualties, but undoubtedly saved the lives of three seriously wounded men, who, had it been necessary to evacuate by litter teams, would in all probability, have lost their lives. Private First Class Messick's fearless actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles W. Vickers, 34764004, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Heniku, Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. When casualties among the front line rifle companies became so numerous that the efforts of all medical aid men did not completely relieve the acute situation, Private First Class Vickers volunteered to go forward and assist in bringing casualties to the aid station, approximately six hundred yards to the rear. Knowing that he must move across terrain which was constantly exposed to enemy sniper and mortar fire, he made several trips to the scene of action, and with courage, succeeded in evacuating casualties to the aid station. Private First Class Vickers' unflinching determination to remedy a serious situation and save the lives of his comrades was an inspiration to all who witnessed his brave action.

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AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL I  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL III  
SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

Sergeant Ashton J. Knight, 38313279, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. When enemy phosphorous shells scored a direct hit on his battalion ammunition dump, setting several cases of ammunition on fire, Sergeant Knight left the safety of his fox hole, although it was during the hours of darkness, and with shovel in hand, ran directly to the ravaging flames and proceeded to throw dirt over the burning cases. By the time he arrived on the scene, however, the flames had already reached the small arms ammunition and grenades. The situation was further imperiled by damaged mortar shells and duds strewn around the area. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Knight went to work among the exploding shells and flying fragments. He worked with such great speed and determination that the fires were soon subsided. Sergeant Knight then began to remove the still smoldering boxes to an area apart from the rest of the ammunition, until he was absolutely sure that further damage was impossible. The fearlessness which Sergeant Knight demonstrated prevented further destruction to the essential ammunition, and also possible disaster to personnel of the battalion command post. His courageous action is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Andrew Babinski, 37313279, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Babinski was given a mission that necessitated immediate mortar fire against the enemy positions on Kazu Ridge. An enemy counterattack pinned down a company of friendly troops and after being pinned down they began to receive a heavy barrage of enemy mortar and artillery fire causing heavy casualties among them. Spotting the enemy mortar positions, battalion headquarters called for immediate counter mortar fire. No observation could be obtained from the position that Staff Sergeant Babinski then held. Realizing this great need for a better observation post, Staff Sergeant Babinski moved one hundred yards to a higher hill, and from which point he adjusted the fire of his section of mortars and began inflicting much damage upon the enemy. The enemy, realizing that the hill which Staff Sergeant Babinski was on, was the only position from which our mortar fire was being adjusted, laid down a heavy barrage of mortar and artil-

lery fire upon it. Despite the fact that enemy shells were falling upon his observation post, Staff Sergeant Babinski realized the urgent need for his remaining there to adjust the fire of his guns. With outstanding devotion to duty, Staff Sergeant Babinski remained at his post adjusting the fire of his guns until our rifle units were relieved of the merciless mortar barrage falling upon them.  
 Next of Kin: Frances Babinski (Mother), Minto, North Dakota.

SECTION III  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Lester E. Babcock, 35903421, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 31 May 1945. While operating an SCR-300 radio at a forward observation post, Private First Class Babcock and a companion were pinned down by a terrific mortar barrage. At the same time sniper fire from a concealed position wounded Private First Class Babcock's comrade in the shoulder. Although shells tore at the position incessantly, Private First Class Babcock left the radio only long enough to drag the wounded man to cover and give him temporary treatment, returning then to his post. While in the process of bringing mortar fire to bear on the enemy strong point, Private First Class Babcock was wounded in the arm and leg by mortar fragments, and although bleeding profusely, he calmly and courageously continued to send and receive messages until the enemy positions had been reduced. Such a display of cool courage and complete devotion to duty under fire greatly aided his unit and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Ted S. Wall, 37438257, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 April 1945. During an assault on Kakazu Ridge, units of his company were pinned down by intense machine gun and mortar fire from concealed enemy positions. Staff Sergeant Wall and the three men of his squad dashed from the positions where they had taken cover through the intense enemy fire to a position above the enemy emplacements. With grenades and small arms fire they proceeded in knocking out two machine guns and one mortar. Although Staff Sergeant Wall was wounded by shrapnel during these actions, he refused to be evacuated until the position had been reinforced and secured. His deeds undoubtedly saved the lives of many of his comrades and aided greatly in the success of the assault. Such initiative, courage, and devotion to duty while under fire reflect great credit upon himself and 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 1945, 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:

1st Lt	William E Heard	01215535	Inf	10 Apr 1945
Pfc	George W Benson	38634637	Inf	12 June 1945
Pfc	Alex Berman	31378383	Inf	12 June 1945
Pfc	Charles Gebuhar	37647750	Inf	12 June 1945
Pfc	Leon A Compean	38581105	Inf	25 May 1945
Pfc	Elvin F Trosper	39933089	Inf	23 May 1945
T Sgt	Dwight F. Walters	36431738	Inf	11 Apr 1945

2. Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, 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:

Tec 5	Edmund J. Epp	33487157	Inf	28 Oct 1944
Sgt	Raymond G. Groer	38509339	Inf	28 Oct 1944
Capt	William G. Procknow	01304946	Inf	15 Nov 1944

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Technician Fourth Grade Walter N. Christopherson, 37318283, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 484, this Headquarters, 10 July 1945.

Sergeant Homer L. Deen, 38255140, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 626, this Headquarters, 22 August 1945.

Private First Class Alfonse E. Fescina, 32691236, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 November 1945 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 206, this Headquarters, 13 May 1945.

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Staff Sergeant Louis M. Fyock, 36903746, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 November 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 505, this Headquarters, 12 July 1945.

Sergeant Carl L. Graefing, 32644535, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 543, this Headquarters, 4 August 1945.

Sergeant Raymond G. Greer, 4509339, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 1007, this Headquarters, 5 October 1945.

Private First Class Maynard W. Laing, 39213974, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 October 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 505, this Headquarters, 12 July 1945.

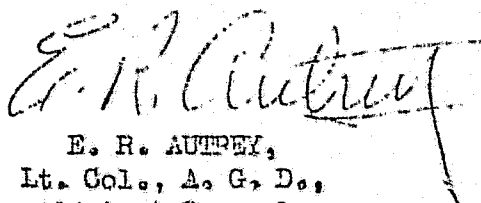
Technical Sergeant Hervis A. Lonain, 33260498, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 160, this Headquarters, 5 May 1945.

Sergeant Petronilo Salinas, 38361304, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 12 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 7, this Headquarters, 8 January 1945.

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SECTION I  
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

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1. So much of General Orders 790, this Headquarters, 22 September 1945, as pertains to Tfc Sebern E. Thornton, 38562178, is rescinded.
  2. So much of General Orders 418, this Headquarters, 30 June 1945, as pertains to Pfc Edward Turcotte, 31519315, is rescinded.
  3. So much of General Orders 189, this Headquarters, 9 May 1945, as pertains to Pfc Jack L. Norman, 37471145, is rescinded.
  4. So much of General Orders 903, this Headquarters, 1945, as is dated "1 October 1945," is amended to date General Orders 903, "2 October 1945."
  5. So much of General Orders 801, this Headquarters, 24 September 1945, as pertains to 2d Lt John E. Smith, 01327894, is rescinded.
  6. So much of General Orders 923, this Headquarters, 3 October 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Steve J. Bukosky, 36535374, is rescinded.
  7. So much of General Orders 922, this Headquarters, 3 October 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Fred A. Zucchi, 17159322, is rescinded.

SECTION II

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

Private First Class Sebern E. Thornton, 38562178, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 October 1944, on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 154, this Headquarters, 3 May 1945.

Private First Class Edward Turcotte, 31519315, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 May 1945, on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 26, this Headquarters, 30 January 1945.

Private First Class Jack L. Norman, 37471145, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 171, this Headquarters, 7 May 1945.

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

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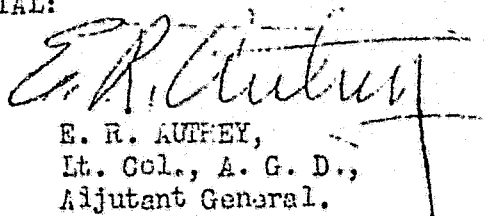
Staff Sergeant Steve J. Bukosky, 365 5872, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Bukosky's company was engaged in the attack on Mashiki Ridge when the leading elements came under intense 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 soldiers. 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 positions, including the gun crew and killing them all. 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. Previous award per General Orders 200, this Headquarters, 12 May 1945.

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 held hill four hundred yards west of Kochi, and when the leading element 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 centered 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. Previous award per General Orders 931, this Headquarters, 3 October 1945.

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SECTION I  
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 920, this Headquarters, 3 October 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Helmut E Deminatus 42001746 is rescinded.
2. So much of General Orders 877, this Headquarters, 29 September 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Anthony Midas 39538494 is rescinded.
3. So much of General Orders 884, this Headquarters, 1 October 1945, as pertains to Technical Sergeant Elmer A. Wolf 36404975, is rescinded.
4. So much of General Orders 891, this Headquarters, 1 October 1945, as pertains to Second Lieutenant Albert S. Wilson, 02012434, is rescinded.
5. So much of General Orders 973, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant William H. Scheinmetz, 32369334, is rescinded.
6. So much of General Orders 934, this Headquarters, 3 October 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Harvey E. Constable 57230992, is rescinded.

SECTION II  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Anthony Midas, 39538494, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 28 April 1945. While his unit was advancing to seize a ridge against heavy enemy resistance, Staff Sergeant Midas was wounded by mortar fire. After he had been bandaged, a litter was brought over, but Midas steadfastly refused to be evacuated, instead, he carried on with his regular duties as a rifle squad leader. Staff Sergeant Midas continued to lead his squad for several days until the unit was relieved and only then did he accept further medical care. The action of Staff Sergeant Midas was an inspiration to all of his men and his deed brings great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Margaret Midas, wife, 850 Magnolia Avenue, Pasadena, California.

Technical Sergeant Elmer A. Wolf, 36404975, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 29 April 1945. Through the untiring efforts of Technical Sergeant Wolf, an enemy counterattack was repulsed. Technical Sergeant Wolf was in command of a heavy weapons platoon in absence of a platoon leader and he

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successfully observed and directed mortar fire in front of two companies. He made a reconnaissance under heavy fire and personally directed the setting up of his weapons. During the counterattack, he sat in an exposed position and directed mortar fire. Technical Sergeant Wolf refused to abandon his position in spite of the intense artillery and machine gun fire. Through his bravery and outstanding efforts the attack was successfully repulsed. Next of Kin: Lavina Wolf, Wife, 127 Burr Oak St., Kalamazoo, Michigan.

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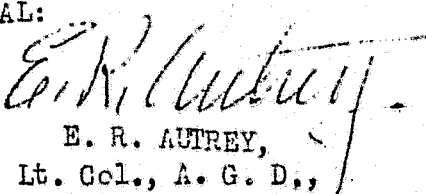
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

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. Next of Kin: Harvey J. Constable, Father, Des Moines Iowa.

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Helmut E. Deminatus, 42001746, 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 traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders 201, this Headquarters, 12 May 1945.

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 Tenabaru 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 had received a second wound, Staff Sergeant Steinmetz removed him to position where he could be evacuated with safety. This heroic action exemplified the fearlessness and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Steinmetz, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders 851, this Headquarters, 27 September 1945.

2d Lt. Albert S. Wilson, 02012434, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 17 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders 503, this Headquarters, 12 July 1945.

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AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS I  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II

SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 936, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Gleo E. Bowers, 38701919 is rescinded.
2. So much of General Orders 939, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Joseph L. Collins, 37712057 is rescinded.
3. So much of General Orders 950, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Edward Stone, is amended to read Sergeant Louis E. Stone.
4. So much of General Orders 988, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945, as pertains to Corporal Roland J. Froulx, 37565457 is rescinded.
5. So much of General Orders 643, this Headquarters, 24 August 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant Joseph Pakney, 36535787 is rescinded.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

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.

Corporal Roland J. Froulx, 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 Froulx's foxhole and one of them an incendiary grenade, was thrown into a cane patch beside an 81mm mortar ammunition dump setting fire to the cane. The fire spread quickly, endangering the ammunition. Corporal Froulx 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.



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2. Under the provisions of DA 100-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Star Leaf Classer is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Staff Sergeant Joseph [redacted], 4 [redacted] 7, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 June 1945 near Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 418, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 30 June 1945.

3. Under the provisions of DA 100-15 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Star Leaf Classer 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 Robert W. Wollcke, 32833783, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Yusa, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 47, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 December 1944.

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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER III

SECTION I

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS

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1. So much of General Orders 975, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Wilburn L. Deal, 36430553 is rescinded.
  2. So much of General Orders 985, this Headquarters, 5 October 1945, as pertains to Private First Class John Kovacic, 35606316 is rescinded.
  3. So much of General Orders 961, this Headquarters, 5 October 1945, as pertains to Technician Fifth Grade Glen L. Harris, 6573953 is rescinded.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Technician Fifth Grade Wilburn 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 any 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 surviving on while gravely wounded, were a lasting inspiration to all who witnessed his actions and uphold the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION III  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 23 October 1945, 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:

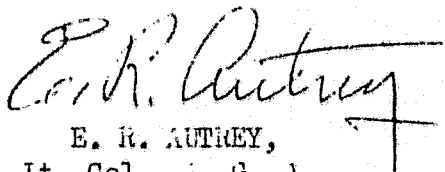
Technician Fifth Grade Glen W. Harris, 6573953, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. Previous award per General Orders No. 940, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 October 1945.

Private First Class John Kovacic, 35606316, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. Private First Class 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 himself 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. Previous award per General Orders No. 66, 11 December 1944, this Headquarters.

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

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SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Capt	William C. Luehrs	0460788	Inf	23 Oct 44
Pfc	Vincent S. Riccobuono	32987603	Med	28 Oct 44
Pfc	Edward B. Woodman	38272686	Inf	26 Dec 44
Pfc	Fral L. Anderson	38635409	Inf	12 Jun 45
1st Lt	William C. Bolin	01049733	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Don J. Enterline	36585791	Med	4 Apr 45
T/Sgt	John F. Hassett	38283027	Med	25 Apr 45
Pfc	Everhardt Katerberg	36405259	Inf	1 Jul 45
Sgt	Thomas H. Page	32929626	Inf	18 May 45
Sgt	James A. Pendergrass	38292343	Inf	7 Jun 45
Pfc	Arville O. Porter	37233394	Inf	16 Jun 45
P/4	Joseph Sciara	36533356	Inf	13 May 45
Sgt	Thomas Shamas	32465336	Inf	19 Apr 45
Pfc	Nelson W. Smith	38550965	Inf	29 Jun 45
Cpl	Bernard H. Taylor	37265392	Inf	1 May 45
Pfc	Walter E. Warhanch	37775298	Inf	29 Jun 45
T/5	Wesley T. Wellander	16122416	Med	2 May 45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Leonard A. Cantwell, 38291333, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 near Madesra, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 460, this Headquarters, 5 July 1945.

Private First Class Cecil D. Collier, 36700389, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 near Kikasu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 128, this Headquarters, 27 April 1945.

Technical Sergeant George W. Dunn, 37461880, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 near Nakama, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 205, this Headquarters, 13 May 1945.

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Private First Class Harry L. Greer, 34900790, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 near Ozato, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 394, this Headquarters, 27 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Arthur Klawender, 36536150, Infantry, United States Army wounded 21 November 1944 near Dagami, Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 135, this Headquarters, 28 April 1945.

Private First Class William McFadden, 36818866, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 near Chan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 439, this Headquarters, 3 July 1945.

Captain Irving Morris, 01304931, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 near Yuza, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 10, Headquarters 5th General Hospital, USASOS, APO 565, 5 December 1944.

Second Lieutenant Magnett C. O'Shea, 02012487, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 26 April 1945 near Maeda, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 565, this Headquarters, 2 June 1945.

Private First Class Wilbur H. Poorman, 35509277, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 25, this Headquarters, 10 November 1944.

First Lieutenant Edward M. Smith, 0139865, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 near Yuza-Dake, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 943, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945.

Staff Sergeant Cleon C. Stutler, 35145728, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 near Ginowan, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 194, this Headquarters, 10 May 1945.

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

Sergeant William W. Clendenin, Jr., 34435313, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 April 1945 near Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 79, this Headquarters, 26 December 1944.

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

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Carl V. Cole	35762537	Inf	11 Nov 44	✓
Pfc	Glen E. Whitacre	33536760	Inf	30 Jan 45	✓
Pfc	William A. Alberts	36911838	Inf	19 Jun 45	✓
Pfc	Dale R. Eaker	3581884	Inf	21 Jun 45	✓
Pfc	Harry Boling	35817503	Inf	12 May 45	✓
Pfc	Keith Carlile	35908931	Inf	14 Jun 45	✓
Pfc	Keith E. Cochran	37775215	Inf	11 May 45	✓
Pfc	Lewis Cooper	38380497	Inf	13 May 45	✓
T Sgt	Eugene J. Gallup	36431908	Inf	15 Jun 45	✓
S Sgt	George H. Lardon	37266469	Inf	25 May 45	✓
Pfc	Savas V. Longoria	38109711	Inf	4 Jun 45	✓
Tec 5	Richard T. Moore	37216332	Inf	27 Apr 45	✓
Sgt	Eugene Rustelnik	36415022	Inf	3 Jun 45	✓
Pfc	John R. Moss	36915091	Inf	11 May 45	✓
Pfc	Ervin J. Rothe	36405175	Inf	20 Jun 45	✓
Pfc	Henry M. Spires	3599829	Inf	12 Jun 45	✓
Pfc	Curtis E. Sprecher	39346594	Inf	14 Jun 45	✓
Cpl	Tony J. Underwood	38329381	Inf	4 Jun 45	✓
Pfc	Freston D. Warick	38679331	Inf	20 Apr 45	✓
Sgt	Harold E. Wickel	39926083	Inf	8 Apr 45	✓

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Second Lieutenant Wiley H. Billingsley, 0133179, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 470, this Headquarters, 7 July 1945.

Private First Class Lawrence P. Thies, 3573240, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 641, this Headquarters, 24 August 1945.

Sergeant John E. Whiteaker, 36272947, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 440, this Headquarters, 3 July 1945.

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AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART II

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 408, 17 October 1944 the following Enlisted Men are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, effective 5 November 1944:

Tec 3	Osamu Yamamoto	30106657	Inf	(314th Hq Intelligence Detachment)
Tec 4	Akira Oheri	30104197	Inf	(314th Hq Intelligence Detachment)

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Tec 3	Melvin C. Dustmann	36431859	MD	10 Apr 1945
Pfc	John L. Henry	33746564	Inf	12 May 1945
S Sgt	Robert E. Hunton	38290555	Inf	16 May 1945
1st Lt.	Thomas R. Kilian	01331631	Inf	10 May 1945
Tec 5	Robert T. Koss	36540512	Inf	12 May 1945
Pfc	Robert H. Anderson	35603930	Inf	11 Jun 1945

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GENERAL ORDERS  
NUMBER 1018AWARD 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 Clair L. Bice, ASN 39595477, Infantry U.S. Army. For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 14 May 1945 in the vicinity of Conical Peak, Okinawa Shima. Private First Class Bice, who had just returned from the hospital and was still recuperating from a serious shoulder wound, volunteered to carry much needed ammunition from the battalion supply dump to the forward lines. After moving forward through an open field for about three hundred yards, the ammunition train was pinned down by an enemy machine gun firing from a cave a short distance away. Private First Class Bice and one other man, without regard for their own safety, moved from their place of cover to a position beside the cave where they were able to throw two grenades inside, killing the four Japs who were manning the gun. By his heroic and courageous action Private First Class Bice was directly responsible for the successful delivery of the sorely needed ammunition to the front line troops. Private First Class Bice upheld the highest traditions of the military service and his actions were an inspiration to all.

Second Lieutenant George F. Hughes O2012496, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dagami, Leyte Island, on 25 November 1944. When his platoon was badly hit by fire from six to eight machine guns, Lieutenant Hughes, then Private First Class, crept and crawled through a hail of enemy fire to reach his company commander and give details as to the enemy's positions. He then crawled and ran to the support platoon and moved them into position and by a well directed fire laid on the enemy under his control, silenced the enemy fire until the trapped riflemen could move to covered positions and evacuate their wounded. His complete disregard for the enemy fire, great personal courage and coolness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Sergeant Gordon M. McWhorter, 38230432, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 14 June 1945. When his platoon guide was wounded by enemy small arms fire while on reconnaissance, Sergeant McWhorter, disregarding the enemy fire sweeping the area, moved, with a medical aid man, to where the wounded man lay in an exposed position and assisted in giving him immediate first aid for a period of half an hour and then directed and assisted in his evacuation. First Sergeant McWhorter's bravery, prompt action and disregard for his personal safety when a fellow soldier needed help was an inspiration to his men and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Sergeant John R. Miller, ASN 37392700, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Shima on 12 June 1945. When advance elements of his company were pinned



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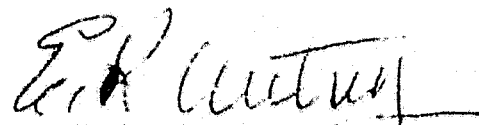
down and several men wounded by two well concealed, cross-firing machine guns, First Sergeant Miller, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled forward through continuous machine gun fire to aid the wounded men. First Sergeant Miller administered first aid and assisted two of the men over seventy-five yards of open terrain to a position of safety. Then together with another man, he again moved forward through the withering fire with a litter, to evacuate a more seriously wounded man. Due to the seriousness of the man's wounds, it was necessary to move slowly across the rugged terrain, even though under continuous enemy observation and fire, until they reached a position of safety. First Sergeant Miller's heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger undoubtedly saved the lives of the three men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service and was an inspiration to all members of his command.

Corporal Raymond J. Williams, ASN 26383079, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Iwa, Okinawa Shima. On the night of 21 June 1945, Corporal Williams, with another man, was manning a road block inside the town of Iwa. At 0100 hours, three infiltrating enemy soldiers were observed moving toward their position. The man with Corporal Williams opened fire with his sub-machine gun which jammed after firing only one round. Corporal Williams immediately opened fire with his carbine, killing two of the enemy. The remaining Jap moved into a concealed position where he commenced throwing grenades. One of the grenades landed close by, seriously wounding Corporal Williams' companion. Corporal Williams immediately moved the wounded man to a more covered position, then without regard for his own safety, moved into a position where he himself threw a grenade, killing the remaining Jap. Corporal Williams then returned to his wounded comrade, administered first aid and carried him to a safer location where he could be evacuated. Corporal Williams then returned to his position and manned it alone until relieved. In the morning it was observed that the dead Japs had been carrying satchel charges and grenades and undoubtedly would have caused much damage in the rear areas if they had gotten through this position. Corporal Williams' heroic and courageous action in the face of great danger reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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22 October 1945

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 24 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Staff Sergeant Leslie L. Linn, 39619026, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mount Lao, Leyte Island on 14 November 1944. When the advance of his company was held up for a period of three days, by an enemy road block which consisted of heavy machine gun emplacements and rifle fire, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Linn volunteered to go with another man in an assault upon the enemy road block. The two men had climbed up the path unmolested to within fifty yards of the road block when the enemy proceeded to lay down heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Staff Sergeant Linn, in the face of the heavy fire, continued forward, crawling to within five yards of one of the enemy emplacements. Although, bleeding considerably from a wound received from an enemy grenade, he maintained his position and kept up a steady volume of fire into the enemy defenses. Upon seeing this action, his squad advanced forward. When the enemy brought up reinforcements, and it was necessary for his squad to withdraw from the position they had gained, Staff Sergeant Linn still kept at his post, covering the retreat. The squad had sustained several casualties and the wounded men would have been easy prey for the enemy had not Staff Sergeant Linn drawn their fire with his incessant and murderous shooting. When the enemy was finally overrun, later in the day, it was determined that six of the nineteen enemy had been killed by the fire of Staff Sergeant Linn. His heroic and fearless intrepidity aided greatly in his company's completion of their mission and his steadfastness in maintaining his post, unquestionably saved the lives of a number of his fellow comrades.

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 Staff Sergeant James E. Dowdy, 38292039, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Leyte Island from 11 to 14 November 1945. When his company was forced to withdraw into a gorge because of a well concealed enemy machine gun which was inflicting heavy casualties, Staff Sergeant Dowdy (then Private First Class) led a patrol each night from 11 November 1944 to 14 November 1944 in order to secure a trail in which to locate the enemy gun and destroy it. The mission was fraught with peril, for not only did they contend with the darkness, but the heavy jungle underbrush was so thick that it was necessary to hack out each single inch of the way. The mission was altogether of extreme importance for if the advance of his company was to continue the trail had to be found and the gun located. Finally Staff Sergeant Dowdy, operating in a torrential rainstorm, came much further up the hill than previously and was able at this advance point to overhear the enemy's talk and movements. Staff Sergeant Dowdy decided to hold up here until morning, and then, as dawn broke, his five-man patrol engaged the enemy in a fire fight. They succeeded in killing three enemy. Two of his own men being wounded, Staff Sergeant Dowdy administered first aid to the men and assisted them back to the comparative safety of the gorge. His observations and discovery of the new trail aided his company tremendously in the ultimate success of its mission. His heroic action against the enemy and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of the military service.

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Staff Sergeant John E. Keller, 15164769, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 27 December 1944. Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Keller was a Browning Automatic Rifleman in an assault upon an enemy installation. His squad had climbed the precipitous slopes of the hill and had approached a rise in the ridge formation where two times previously the enemy had opened up with heavy machine gun fire. It was a perilous situation, but Staff Sergeant Keller disregarding his own personal safety gained the height of the rise and proceeded to lay down a heavy band of fire upon the enemy positions. In return, the enemy offered intense counterfire in an attempt to dislodge Staff Sergeant Keller from his advantageous but highly vulnerable position. Staff Sergeant Keller held his post defiantly maintaining incessant fire while the balance of the unit swung wide to the right in a flanking maneuver. His initiative, coolness under fire, and his unflinching devotion to duty were a source of inspiration for all the men of his unit.

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\* First Sergeant Milton Shepsky, 76383496, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 14 November 1944 and 11 January 1945. When the whereabouts of an enemy machine gun had been determined, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) Shepsky led a squad of men up the trail in an attempt to destroy the gun and thereby permit the advance of the entire company. The trail permitted only one man at a time to negotiate it. Leading his troops, First Sergeant Shepsky braved the withering fire of enemy machine gun and hand grenades three separate times. The first two assaults proved inadequate, due to our receiving heavy casualties. On the final onslaught, First Sergeant Shepsky, going forward under heavy fire, got within five yards of the gun emplacement and from this close position he hurled a hand grenade and silenced the gun. His brave and fearless action here played a major part in the final completion of his company's mission. On 11 January 1945, in the vicinity of Lake Dana, Leyte Island, First Sergeant Shepsky again displayed exemplary courage and fortitude when after travelling two days through heavily wooded hill country with a thirty-man patrol, made contact with the enemy at an unnamed village. The enemy had holes up beneath the houses there and offered a serious threat to further advance of the patrol. Under one of these houses the enemy had set up an automatic weapon. First Sergeant Shepsky approached the house with three other men, surrounded it and although he was constantly under fire, he crept up to the gun and killed the three attendants. The safe and continued advance of the patrol, through First Sergeant Shepsky's heroism was definitely assured. The heroic action displayed by him and his devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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\* Sergeant Robert T. Snodgrass, 13186278, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 14 November 1945. Sergeant (then Private) Snodgrass was a member of a patrol of three men whose mission was to seek out a trail and locate an enemy machine gun emplacement that had halted the advance of his company for a period of three days. As the patrol advanced forward through jungle and uphill, it was met with intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. As the patrol kept advancing toward the enemy, one of the men was wounded by the enemy fire. Sergeant Snodgrass with utter disregard for his own safety, advanced through a hail of enemy bullets to the side of his fallen comrade where he administered first aid, with bullets kicking up dirt all around him. After many attempts, he successfully evacuated the wounded man down a steep slope to safety. Due to his utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Snodgrass was responsible for saving the life of his wounded comrade. His courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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SECTION

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

Technician Fourth Grade Louis Airaghi, 36609896, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on the afternoon of 14 August 1944 on Oahu, Territory of Hawaii. Hearing the cries of an officer who was in distress while swimming in a rough sea, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private First Class) Airaghi, with unhesitating courage, voluntarily and at great risk to his own life, swam to his rescue. Reaching him as he was sinking for the second time and in a state of exhaustion, and although a mediocre swimmer himself, he managed to tow the officer to shore. Technician Fourth Grade Airaghi's heroic actions were instrumental in saving the life of an officer, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Arthur S. Castro, 39597784, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. Private First Class Castro with utter disregard for himself fearlessly worked his way to the top of the ridge overlooking the town of Madecra under intense enemy fire and proceeded to fire upon the enemy with deadly effect, eliminating a strong fortified enemy observation post. Later with a patrol he finished wiping out the remaining Japs in that area. Private First Class Castro's quick thinking and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions on the military service.

Second Lieutenant Richard P. Joslin, 01331630, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island. On 14 June 1945 Second Lieutenant Joslin was designated to lead his platoon in the assault to seize the high ground on the Jaeju-Lake escarpment. As he moved forward in front of his platoon, he was met by intense enemy machine gun fire and mortar fire which killed one of his squad leaders and one assistant squad leader. Realizing that the machine gun would mean instant death to his entire platoon if it were not immediately put out of action, he rushed to the enemy position firing his carbine off-hand and throwing grenades. He personally accounted for a light machine gun and six enemy dead. Second Lieutenant Joslin's courage and his spirits have been a constant inspiration to his men.

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Private First Class John C. Marlovitz, 36689294, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 June 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by a withering crossfire of machine guns and heavy sniper fire, Private First Class Marlovitz located the position of the enemy pillbox and knocked it out with grenades and rifle fire, killing seven Japs and capturing lots of enemy equipment, thus allowing his company to advance and consolidate their lines for the night. Private First Class Marlovitz's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

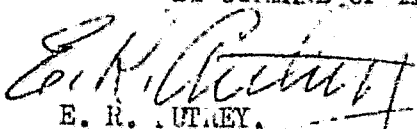
Sergeant Robert W. Massey, 38282659, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza, Okinawa Island on 17 June 1945. Several attempts to reach a wounded man lying in the very face of enemy strongpoints were repulsed by terrific small arms fire. Sergeant Massey speedily took stock of the situation, set up his mortars and ran forward to direct their fire. He called for covering fire and then, with complete disregard for his own safety, raced out through the enemy fire to the aid of the wounded man. As Sergeant Massey was carrying the casualty back, they had to pass so close to the enemy positions that our covering fire had to be lifted. With his typical cool courage and aggressiveness, Sergeant Massey pushed on with his extra burden although the rifle fire had now become extremely intense. With bullets snapping past him continually he brought the wounded man to safety. Sergeant Massey's devotion to duty, unselfishness and heroism reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant William H. Hoddis, 36433374, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. At 0930 Sergeant Hoddis, a transportation sergeant, was leading three jeeps carrying mortar and machine gun ammunition through Ginowan-Mura Village in order to reach his company in the vicinity of Cactus Ridge. A by-passed enemy light machine gun opened fire on the vehicles from one of the buildings. Ordering the drivers to take cover, Sergeant Hoddis and one other man advanced on the machine gun. Ordering the other man to cover him, he crawled up to the building and threw in a grenade killing two of the enemy. A third ran out of the building and he killed him with his carbine. His heroic action saved many lives and enabled the much needed ammunition to be brought forward. His cool courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his men and in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Earl F. Knight, 38293674, Medical Department, 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. During an attack near Chatan, Private First Class Knight led his litter squad forward in an attempt to evacuate three wounded men who were pinned down by enemy fire. After successfully evacuating two of the casualties and while returning for the third, all three members of his squad were seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire. With calmness and without hesitation, he immediately secured help and continued forward to evacuate the original casualty. Immediately thereafter, he supervised the evacuation of the three wounded members of his squad. Private First Class Knight's courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to the members of his squad and to the men in his 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 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fourth Grade Fred Q. Barnett, 35443737, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. When a line company was sent up on Yacju-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. Technician Fourth Grade Barnett volunteered to lead one of the litter squads and go forward to evacuate the casualties. When Technician Fourth Grade Barnett and the litter squad started out in the rice field where three casualties lay, a machine gun opened up and they were forced to crawl back to cover. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and the murderous fire, Technician Fourth Grade Barnett then dashed out alone in the open field and succeeded in reaching the casualties. After doing so, he administered first aid to the wounded men and under the cover of a smoke screen, he and the rest of the litter bearers succeeded in getting the three casualties out and safely evacuated back to the aid station. Technician Fourth Grade Barnett's devotion to duty in the face of great personal danger was instrumental in the saving of the wounded men's lives and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Clarence J. Arp, 38272739, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When a line company was making its way around the left flank into Meedera, they received intense machine gun and small arms fire and were forced to withdraw from the town. Word was received at the battalion aid station of six casualties sustained by the advancing troops. In order to reach the wounded men at the edge of the town, litter bearers would have had to cross about four hundred yards of open terrain. Rather than expose these men to the intense enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private First Class Arp, a truck driver, volunteered, at the risk of his life, to take a jeep across the open terrain to evacuate the casualties. Under the heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Arp made two trips to the edge of the town and successfully evacuated the wounded men back to the battalion aid station. His courageous actions and devotion to duty not only made it possible for the casualties to receive plasma and emergency medical treatment much sooner than if carried by hand, but also protected the lives of his comrades.

Corporal Paul Cohen, 36383047, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. On the morning of 8 April, Corporal Cohen was a forward observer for his M-7 cannon platoon which was assigned the mission of supporting an Infantry battalion in attacking the village of Uchitomari, Okinawa. The objective was extremely well fortified and casualties were heavy from withering enemy mortar and sniper fire. Corporal Cohen's platoon leader was wounded and the men of his platoon were pinned down by enemy fire making it extremely hazardous to come to his aid. Totally heedless of the great danger, Corporal Cohen heroically exposed

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himself to the enemy and crawled twenty yards through open terrain under heavy enemy crossfire until he reached his platoon leader. Corporal Cohen immediately administered first aid and then made the dangerous return trip back to the platoon assisting and sometimes carrying the wounded officer until they reached safety. Due to heavy casualties in the area, Corporal Cohen was unable to find a medical aid man and because the officer was in severe pain, Corporal Cohen again exposed himself to the enemy fire as he took the officer back to a medical aid station for treatment. His actions exemplify the highest traditions of the military service and were an inspiration to the men who witnessed them.

Sergeant Jerome E. DeBrun, 36431724, Infantry, United States Army. For her service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 April to 12 April 1945. As a squad leader of a heavy machine gun squad, Sergeant DeBrun displayed great initiative and courage in the face of intense enemy mortar and artillery fire and under extreme and trying weather conditions. During a fanatic enemy counterattack, Sergeant DeBrun placed himself in extreme danger in order to evacuate two of his wounded men. One man was evacuated successfully but while getting the other man, Sergeant DeBrun himself was severely wounded. In spite of his wound, he dragged himself and comrade to a place of safety. Sergeant DeBrun's supreme courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

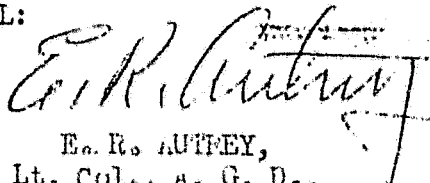
First Lieutenant Salvatore Di Nuzzo, 0132514, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. First Lieutenant Di Nuzzo, when his platoon came under enemy fire from a hill in the company zone, reorganized his men and led them forward in an attack that successfully reduced the enemy positions, capturing one five inch gun, one machine gun and killing an estimated twenty enemy soldiers. Although wounded himself, he remained with the platoon until all resistance ceased and then was evacuated despite his protests. His aggressiveness, skillful leadership and great courage played a major role in the reduction of this strongpoint and enabled the company to sweep forward to their objective for the day. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Alfred J. Hess, 39595554, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. When his platoon guide was wounded by enemy sniper fire while on reconnaissance, Private First Class Hess, with complete disregard for his personal safety and despite the fact that the wounded man lay in an open fire swept area, applied first aid for a period of half an hour and then assisted in evacuating him to the rear. Private First Class Hess' bravery, prompt action and devotion to duty was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Carl A. Erickson, 38243069, 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 Erickson's bold and determined efforts on 6 April were a decisive factor in the neutralization of enemy fortifications near the town of Ginowan. He courageously braved deadly enemy machine gun fire to gain a commanding position from which he neutralized two enemy positions with his automatic rifle. Two casualties were removed under cover of his devastating fire as he remained in his exposed position. He bravely led the attack on the enemy positions and in capturing the Jap pillboxes, he killed fifteen Japs and destroyed two machine guns. The decisive and heroic actions of Private First Class Erickson are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Eldon S. Greer, 15308120, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945. When one of the rifle companies of an attack Infantry battalion suffered several casualties as it was making an assault on an enemy held hill, two of the casualties were in a position that, to reach them, required crossing one hundred and fifty yards of open terrain under enemy fire. Receiving word that the men were seriously wounded and needed immediate evacuation, Technician Fifth Grade Greer and the other men of the squad crossed the area under extremely heavy enemy machine gun fire and gave the casualties immediate first aid and under the cover of a smoke screen laid down by the line company, succeeded in evacuating them back across the open terrain and hence to the aid station. These heroic actions, reflecting exemplary courage and coolness under fire, are a credit to himself and the military service.

*James H. Harris II*  
\* Captain *James H. Harris II*, 0528361, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Captain Harris treated seriously wounded men in the Battalion Aid Station which was under a continuous shelling by enemy artillery. Around 2000 in the evening, nineteen rounds of enemy artillery shells landed near the aid station, sometimes exploding as near as sixty feet. The barrage lasted for twenty-five minutes, during which time, Captain Harris worked on the wounded men without stopping for a moment's rest. Although working under heavy and dangerous artillery fire, Captain Harris successfully completed amputation of both legs of one man and administered blood plasma and treated another man with severe fragment wounds. The complete disregard for his own well being, the courage and coolness under fire shown by Captain Harris reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.



Staff Sergeant Joseph Valentine Naffziger, 36479385, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. While attacking a small knoll, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant) Naffziger's squad suddenly received an intense mortar and grenade barrage. When the squad leader was wounded, he immediately assumed command of the confused troops and pressed forward in the attack. He was the first man to reach the top of the hill where he disposed of two Japanese who were setting up a light machine gun. Headless of personal risk involved, Staff Sergeant Naffziger continued forward, flushing out and killing two more of the enemy. Staff Sergeant Naffziger then located a heavy machine gun which was inflicting many casualties on the flanking platoon. While exposed to intense enemy fire, he directed fire against the emplacement and put it out of action almost immediately. His heroic actions during this engagement not only reduced the number of casualties sustained but were also most important factors in the complete defeat of the fanatical enemy in this sector.

Technical Sergeant Alfred M. Schroeder, 36700243, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. During the course of the assault on Hill 49, the squads of the first platoon were separated by intense and accurate machine gun and rifle fire. Technical Sergeant Schroeder, the platoon sergeant, with absolute disregard for his personal safety but steadfast in his devotion to duty, dashed forward into the killing zone in order to receive instructions from the platoon leader. Receiving his orders, he started back and although constant exposed to enemy fire and in danger of his life, he opened fire, on the run, at the enemy machine gun emplacement and knocked it out. This heroic action displayed by Technical Sergeant Schroeder was an inspiration to his men and enabled them to join the forward elements of the platoon with safety. Later in the same assault, Technical Sergeant Schroeder again crossed an enemy machine gun beaten zone, constantly risking his life and exposing himself to the enemy in order to obtain communications, stretchers and a light machine gun during a fierce enemy counterattack. This unselfish heroism displayed by Technical Sergeant Schroeder enabled his company to move forward, seize and hold their objective.

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 \* Private First Class Saul Karasyk, 3094902, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands on 4 November 1944.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I  
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ORIGINAL ORIGIN

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:

Captain Albert J. Olson, 0515570, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 April 1945 and 5 June 1945. Captain Olson, Medical Officer for a field artillery battalion, repeatedly risked his personal safety to assist in the treatment and evacuation of personnel wounded on the front lines. On one occasion, 11 April 1945, an intense enemy mortar barrage caused many more casualties amongst our troops than the attached medical aid men could effectively handle. A chief of section sergeant of a forward observer party was seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position on the front. With exemplary courage Captain Olson voluntarily made his way to the sergeant's position, treated him and personally conducted his evacuation to the rear. During this hazardous task he narrowly escaped death when three artillery shells struck within several yards of his position. On another occasion, 5 June 1945, when infiltrating enemy troops seriously wounded an enlisted man of his battalion, Captain Olson ventured in the dark through the perimeter defense of two batteries, safely evacuated the casualty despite constant danger from enemy snipers, and expertly treated the wounded man throughout the night, undoubtedly saving his life. Captain Olson's heroic actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of his profession and have been a source of confidence to the members of his organization which has greatly increased the fighting efficiency of the unit and reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Bill Smith, 38291255, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. During a daylight attack when his platoon was isolated and had suffered heavy casualties as a result of concentrated enemy machine gun fire from the front and right flank, Technical Sergeant Smith, without hesitation, went to the aid of a man wounded, who was in an exposed position, gave him first aid and single-handedly carried him to a protected position. He then faced the intense enemy fire again to organize his platoon for a withdrawal and personally and alone reconnoitered the route. He directed and assisted in the evacuation of the casualties, and finding three men still cut off, went to their position despite the enemy fire directed at him and gave them covering fire. Not until all his men had safely withdrawn did he leave his dangerous position to join them. His courage, devotion to his men and deliberate leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service:

Private First Class Thomas M. Williamson, 18031189, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. Acting as a litter bearer, Private First Class Williamson was called upon to attempt to evacuate a man who had been wounded by sniper fire. In order to reach this casualty he had to cross an open draw which was covered by heavy enemy mortar fire. Realizing the danger involved he told the three members of his litter squad to remain where they were, in a covered position. Then, with complete disregard for his personal safety, he ran through a heavy mortar

barrage and succeeded in reaching the wounded man whose leg was broken. He dragged the man to a nearby Japanese emplacement and splinted his leg with pieces of a Japanese ammunition box and blanket. He then successfully carried him to the spot where the waiting litter squad was and evacuated the wounded man to safety. His courage and devotion to duty reflect highly upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

First Lieutenant Edward R. Cleary, 026304, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 13 June 1945 to 21 June 1945. On 13 June 1945 First Lieutenant Cleary assumed command of a rifle company, and from that time until 21 June 1945, he was the only officer present with the company. Despite this, he successfully led the attack on enemy-held Yacju-Dake Escarpment, and personally conducted the assault Madeera. During both attacks he was everywhere at once, completely disregarding his own personal safety, he single-handedly acted as company commander, executive officer and platoon leader. On 19 June 1945 First Lieutenant Cleary was commanding a rifle company which had just gained Hill 79 when the enemy launched a fierce counter attack supported by heavy mortar and sniper fire. Although fully aware of the precariousness of the situation, First Lieutenant Cleary personally crawled to a position of vantage, and although himself exposed, he completely disregarded his own personal safety and radioed targets to the mortars and supporting machine guns, consequently forcing the enemy to retreat. Realizing that another attack would soon develop, First Lieutenant Cleary personally organized two attached platoons and saw to the placing of the heavy machine guns and the anti-tank guns so that they might be utilized, although he was continually the prime target for intense sniper and machine gun fire. That night two enemy attempts to pierce our lines were repulsed with heavy casualties to the attackers; consequently, the company was able to retain this strategically important position and enabled the battalion to gain their objective. First Lieutenant Edward R. Cleary's display of sheer heroism and utter intrepidity in the face of the enemy reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 743, this Headquarters, 18 September 1945.

Private First Class Joseph C. McMurtry, 15305660, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Chatan, Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. Private First Class McMurtry, acting as a member of a volunteer litter squad, helped to evacuate three wounded men from an area which was under heavy enemy machine gun fire. At great risk to his life he twice ran across two hundred yards of open ground under heavy enemy machine gun fire to evacuate two of the wounded. The battalion aid station was approximately five hundred yards away and although a litter carry of this distance was extremely difficult and tiring he returned a third time to get the remaining casualty. After successfully reaching him and covering a short distance on the return trip he and two other members of his squad were seriously wounded. Although he was shot through the thigh and was unable to walk he helped the remaining litter bearer who was not wounded by crawling and dragging the three wounded men to a defiladed position from where they could be evacuated safely. His courage was possible for saving the lives of his fellow soldiers and it reflects highly upon himself and the military service. Previous award GO 60, this Hdq., 8 December 1944.

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SECTION

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

ORIGINAL ORDER

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

Technical Sergeant Alfred C. Robertson, 671 4673, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 25 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Robertson was a platoon sergeant acting as platoon leader in a rifle company. After gaining a vitally important position on Sawtooth Ridge, Technical Sergeant Robertson had his men busily engaged in digging in for the night when suddenly, from a well concealed enemy position, an enemy machine gun pinned down Robertson's platoon and elements of his company. Realizing the danger of his situation and with complete disregard for his own safety he moved into the zone of fire to reach a position where he could annihilate the enemy. Reaching a position from which he was fully exposed and a perfect target for the enemy, he emptied clip after clip from his rifle and then resorted to throwing grenades. This decisive action silenced the gun and killed four of the enemy. Through the coolness, extreme courage and valor of Technical Sergeant Robertson the enemy position was completely wiped out and his company was able to establish and consolidate their gains for the night.

Staff Sergeant Byron B. Boals, 37366474, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action in connection with military operations against the enemy on 26 April 1945 at Kochi, Okinawa Island. On April 26, 1945, Staff Sergeant Boals' company was in the attack Southwest of Kochi. The enemy had the approaches to the h covered by heavy mortar fire and intense interlocking machine gun fire; many casualties were inflicted, and only through the untiring efforts of Staff Sergeant Boals was the evacuation of four casualties possible. Due to his knowledge of the enemy's position, he volunteered to lead the evacuating of the seriously wounded whose lives were saved due to his undying efforts. Exposing himself to heavy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant Boals inched his way forward to the first of the casualties and after administering first aid, proceeded to assist in evacuating the other three wounded men. The only possible route to evacuate the wounded was covered by heavy machine gun fire, and it was necessary that Staff Sergeant Boals expose himself to the devastating enemy concentrations along this route in order to accomplish his mission of returning the wounded to safety. His gallant courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Second Lieutenant Donald J. Walsh, 01331788, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yonabaru, Okinawa Island on 17 May 1945. When the advance of his battalion was held up, Second Lieutenant Walsh led a squad of riflemen against the positions holding up the advance. Despite the advantages in terrain and excellent fields of fire employed by the enemy he led his men forward, and together with two of his men assaulted a key enemy emplacement, destroying five enemy soldiers and one heavy machine gun. When the enemy moved in reinforcements, Lieutenant Walsh moved to a position from which he could observe them and adjust artillery fire on the enemy column.

driving them off the road and inflicting many casualties. Twenty five of the survivors moved in to attack in an attempt to take the pillbox held by Lieutenant Walsh and two riflemen. With ammunition nearly exhausted, Lieutenant Walsh with admirable courage and foresight, personally dragged up the captured machine gun, opened fire, and the enemy broke and fled leaving twelve dead upon the field. Lieutenant Walsh by his aggressiveness and steady assurance led his troops forward until his mission was successfully completed. His great personal courage reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Thead L. Willis, 38293596, Infantry, United States Army for heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy, 13 April 1945, on Okinawa Island. When the road leading forward to the battalion area came under severe shelling, troops in adjacent areas were driven into their holes and traffic on the road was halted. At the battalion aid station lay a man desperate in need of immediate surgery. At this time Technician Fifth Grade Willis, realizing the plight of the wounded man, volunteered to drive him back to a collecting point despite the increasing tempo of the barrage, and with complete disregard for his extreme vulnerability, Technician Fifth Grade Willis picked his way down the shell scarred road. Nearby shell explosions covered his vehicle with dirt, and shrapnel tore through it continuously. Nevertheless, he arrived at his destination with the casualty. Technician Fifth Grade Willis' unselfish devotion was undoubtedly a vital factor in saving this man's life and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

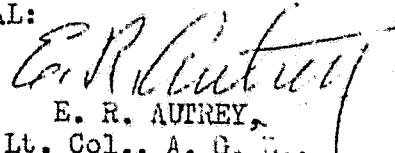
SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

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 after approaching the escarpment the enemy strength was found to be great and the enemy fire power proved to be stubborn. Many casualties were inflicted and orders were to continue the attack as planned, although this seemed impossible. Staff Sergeant Stewart led his squad halfway up the escarpment by fire and movement and located an enemy mortar position. Without hesitation he inched his way 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, Staff Sergeant Stewart located two snipers and killed them, thus securing the advance of his squad. Staff Sergeant Stewart's heroic achievement and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions. Previous award per General Orders No. 926, this Headquarters, 3 October 1945.

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 5 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Private First Class John V. Munson, 39622092, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. During the attack on heavily fortified Sawtooth Ridge, an entire Infantry Regiment was on line, and the intensity of the bitter fighting resulted in heavy casualties to the attacking forces. The extensive deployment of troops, plus the depletion of the attached medical section, made it necessary to employ men from the Regimental Anti-Tank Company to augment the litter bearers. Private First Class John V. Munson was assigned to an assault company and although totally unfamiliar with the type of work, performed heroically. At 1400 hours on 27 April 1945 Private First Class Munson observed a wounded rifleman lying in the open, approximately one hundred yards forward of friendly troops. Realizing that the stricken soldier could not survive unless brought to a position of safety where first aid could be administered, Private First Class Munson, heedless of the intense enemy mortar fire and withering machine gun fire, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, moved forward to rescue the wounded man. At great personal risk he crawled and ran through the murderous fire, until he reached the casualty, whom he subsequently carried to a position of safety. Twice during his valiant journey he was hurled to the ground by artillery concussions, but he never faltered, and by sheer courage managed to rescue the injured soldier. Going back in an attempt to rescue another casualty under the same perilous conditions Private First Class John V. Munson was fatally wounded. His stalwart gallantry and sheer intrepidity in sacrificing his own life to save a comrade reflects the highest traditions of the military service.

Next of Kin: Elizabeth Munson (Mother), 439 Mahon Street, Glasgow, Montana.

Private First Class John Traynor, 13197640, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic action against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Private First Class Traynor being on an exposed position knocked out several enemy mortars with devastating fire from his automatic rifle and engaged an enemy pillbox in a hand grenade duel. After a severe battle, he succeeded in knocking it out, but in doing so he was hit and later died from his wounds. His bravery and sacrifice are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Next of Kin: Catherine Traynor (Mother), 5555 Pemberton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class William D. Smith, 34437106, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 and 20 May 1945. During the attack by his squad against a heavily fortified enemy position Private First Class Smith observed a machine gun brought into action against the maneuvering element of his squad. Realizing that the fire from this gun would cause severe casualties to his squad, Private First Class Smith, without regard for his personal safety and the heavy enemy fire completely exposed himself so as to effectively engage the machine gun, destroy it, and killing the members of its crew. After the positions had been taken the enemy launched a determined counterattack under the cover of darkness. Determining the location of an enemy group approaching his right flank Private First Class Smith quickly brought the automatic rifle team into position and while exposing himself directed their fire so effectively that several enemy casualties resulted. Later another attack threatened the positions, and three men were wounded by grenades and satchel charges. Private First Class Smith, again disregarding his own safety took over their position, and by his extensive use of hand grenades, and by directing the fire of the three remaining men, the attack was repulsed, with enemy leaving twelve dead as they withdrew in disorder. Private First Class Smith's coolness in fire and prompt and aggressive action was an inspiration to his fellow soldiers, and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Kelly H. Wong, 39933916, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. When his company began to receive heavy enemy small arms fire from a cave entrance, Private First Class Wong volunteered to keep the enemy position under observation and fire while his platoon moved to its flank though he knew he would be exposed to enemy fire while doing so. Hearing enemy fire from another position he moved, on his own initiative, fifty yards across the swept terrain until he had located it. Then, disregarding the hail of rifle fire and hand grenades being thrown at him by the enemy, he directed bazooka fire into both openings, completely reducing the positions. Private First Class Wong's bravery, initiative and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technical Sergeant Bill Smith, 38291255, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During a morning attack, Technical Sergeant Smith, then a Staff Sergeant and acting platoon leader, was the first man to arrive on Needle Rock Ridge, coincident with a squad of enemy soldiers, the spearhead of a general counterattack. Immediately he took an exposed position and opened fire on the enemy driving them back. He maintained his position, directing his men and observing the movements of the enemy. When a radio was brought to him, despite the enemy fire directed at him, he directed the fire of both 81mm and 60mm mortars on the enemy positions and troop concentrations. His aggressive leadership and gallant actions played a major role in repulsing and breaking up the enemy attack, enabling our troops to occupy the hill with only minor casualties. Later the same day, during an attack shortly before dusk, Technical Sergeant Smith again led his platoon onto the objective and while he was directing his men into position, the area was swept by concentrated enemy machine gun fire from the rear, causing heavy casualties and isolating the platoon. Immediately and with no thought of his own safety, he went to the aid of the wounded men, and with the assistance of others, was able to get them to cover. When all his men were in protected positions, he again unhesitatingly faced the enemy fire to attempt to make contact with the other elements of the company. Previous award per General Orders 1024, this Hq., 23 Oct. 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 William H. Abrams, 38573701, 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 Abrams' company was assigned the mission of seizing a heavily fortified hill in the vicinity of Madecera. During the assault the company was pinned down by enemy fire from three enemy pillboxes. Heroically, and without regard for his personal safety, Private First Class Abrams dashed across fifty yards of fire-swept terrain to single-handedly knock out the three pillboxes from the rear. During this action he killed five enemy, eliminating the three pillboxes and allowing the company to go forward.

Private First Class Billy Adams, 37751946, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Although his company was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Adams, with absolute disregard for his own personal safety, dashed boldly forward across fire swept terrain in order to obtain an effective firing position against the enemy. While exposed to the enemy Private First Class Adams, with aggressiveness, succeeded in knocking out two of the enemy snipers. It was due to Private First Class Adams' heroism that his company was able to move ahead, seize, and hold their objective.

Private First Class Louis G. Alvarado, 39728910, 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 Louis G. Alvarado, when his platoon was pinned down by heavy sniper fire from a cave high upon a cliff, struggled up the cliff at his own personal risk and demolished the enemy with a satchel charge, thus enabling his unit to proceed on their mission without further loss. Private First Class Alvarado's quick response and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Marvin H. Anderson, 37312058, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Anderson on 13 April 1945 at great risk to his life allowed himself to be surrounded by the enemy to gain information. Without cover he used only knowledge of enemy tactics to pass back to and warn his company. Meeting a charge while returning to his post, he fought the enemy with grenades and carbine so furiously that he killed ten enemy and completely broke up the attack. Sergeant Anderson's loyalty and devotion to duty reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Elmer R. Staley, 30905660, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. While patrolling the area east of the town of Madecera, Okinawa Island, Private First Class Staley spotted an enemy cave-like pillbox. He immediately advanced toward the enemy position, using all available cover. Upon reaching a point five yards from the position he rushed it and jumped into the pill-



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box completely surprising six enemy and taking them prisoner. Two enemy light machine guns and several rifles as well as ammunition and hand grenades were found in the Jap cave. Private First Class Staley's courage prevented the enemy from using these weapons and undoubtedly saved some of our men. Private First Class Staley's courage, initiative and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

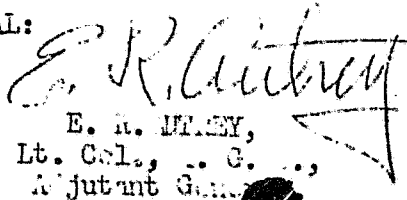
Private First Class August Vanzo Jr., 35909446, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. When in the course of an attack it became necessary for Private First Class Vanzo's platoon to withdraw, volunteers were used for the dangerous job of evacuating casualties. Private First Class Vanzo, unhesitatingly volunteered. He brought a man down from the escarpment on the edge of three hundred yards of open space. Although the entire open terrain was under enemy fire, Private First Class Vanzo carried the wounded man across the open field. Although there was a smoke screen, Private First Class Vanzo was continuously fired upon by at least two machine guns. Yet he did not hesitate one instant, but continued on his way with his heavy load. Private First Class Vanzo's courage and initiative undoubtedly saved a man's life. His heroism won the admiration of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Collin J. Young, 33617009, 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 Young was acting in the capacity of assistant Browning Automatic Rifleman on the date mentioned above. Moving up the exposed slope of a hill held by the enemy, Private First Class Young and the Browning Automatic Rifleman were caught in the beaten zone of two Jap machine guns. Although the Browning Automatic Rifleman was wounded from a burst from one of the enemy machine guns, Private First Class Young seized the Browning Automatic Rifle, and, exposed to the enemy, continued up the hill firing intensely at the enemy positions and succeeding in knocking one out. It was due to his heroism, gallantry, and absolute disregard for his own personal safety that one machine gun was knocked out the other neutralized, and the hill taken by the company.

Private First Class Charles O. Young, 39933815, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. On the above date Private First Class Young's company was dug in on Yaeju-Lake Ridge near the town of Yungusuku, Okinawa. Smoke was needed for the company's advance because of large numbers of snipers. Private First Class Young volunteered for the job, and as he was going to the command post, a machine gun began firing at him. Private First Class Young located and attacked the position with grenades and destroyed three enemy and one machine gun. He again started working his way back when he came up on a cave. He threw in a grenade but it was thrown back out, wounding him in the leg with a large piece of shrapnel. Just then an enemy soldier charged from the cave and Private First Class Young shot him, bringing his total for that day to four. Private First Class Young although badly wounded, delivered his vital message to the company command post. This greatly inspired his comrades and is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Roque M. Barrera, 38428742, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. On the above date Private First Class Barrera was a member of a rifle company advancing on the Yabu-take Escarpment, and they were suddenly fired upon by an enemy machine gun, which wounded three men. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Barrera made two trips under machine gun fire, dragging two of the wounded men to a sheltered position. Then under intense sniper fire he crawled forward and directed our machine gun fire on the enemy gun, thereby knocking it out. Using this fire as a protective screen, Private First Class Barrera crawled forward to the third man and dragged him to cover. Through Private First Class Barrera's courage the lives of two wounded men were saved and an enemy machine gun neutralized. This is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Crescencio D. Caballero, 38528228, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. Private First Class Caballero, with no regard for his personal safety, heroically and fearlessly worked his way under intense enemy fire to the top of the ridge overlooking the town of Nakera and proceeded to fire upon enemy positions with deadly effect. Later with a patrol in this same area he finished wiping out the remnants of the enemy left in that sector. The initiative and resourcefulness Private First Class Caballero showed in this heroic deed reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clarence E. Crump, 37537932, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. While guarding in the patio of a tomb Private First Class Crump left all available cover and on his own initiative approached close to a heavily armed enemy. After killing the Jap he again faced the full fury of an intense mortar and machine gun barrage to carry a wounded comrade from the area of danger, rendering first aid which no doubt saved the wounded man's life. Still cool and unperturbed he returned to the thick of the fight to fight until the assault was completely broken. Private First Class Crump's actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant John A. Dragseth, 37569913, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When his platoon and company were pinned down and unable to advance on their objective by enemy machine guns firing from a large cave high upon the escarpment, Sergeant Dragseth personally advanced and single-handedly knocked out the position, exposing himself openly to the enemy. Sergeant Dragseth performed with utter disregard for his own safety and made possible the advance of his company upon its objective. In knocking out the enemy position, Sergeant Dragseth killed twenty of the enemy and captured numerous weapons. His heroic action in the face of overpowering odds reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ernest W. Duckworth, 32246207, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. During the early hours of 13 April a Japanese battalion attempted to infiltrate the defensive position of his company. The right flank was being guarded by Private First Class Duckworth and the men of his platoon. In order for the enemy to accomplish their mission they had to pass through the right flank. Using a tomb as a fort, he set up a defensive position within the surrounding wall of the tomb. As the enemy approached this position, he sat waiting for them. They had approached within hand grenade distance and Private First Class Duckworth opened up with his carbine. After using up all his ammunition he began to use hand grenades until he ran out of them. On his own initiative he crawled out to where a Jap machine gun lay, and he took the machine gun to the tomb and set it up and began firing it on the enemy. He continued this until a Jap mortar shell hit close and wounded him. Private First Class Duckworth's ceaseless fighting and his eliminating a Jap machine gun, which was endangering our troops, was one of the main factors which resulted in repelling the attack.

Private First Class Jean S. Feeney, 36761594, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. On the above date Private First Class Feeney's company was dug in on a hill near the town of Kunbaru, Okinawa. An enemy machine gun had part of their area covered, but Private First Class Feeney took a detail and started on the hazardous route to the distribution point. He made the trip going, but when he was returning the enemy gun opened up, wounding one man in the foot and another in the leg. Knowing that the ammunition had to be taken up Private First Class Feeney attacked the enemy gun position with grenades and destroyed it. When he returned to his men, had the wounded carried to the aid station, and acquired the ammunition and took it to the front lines where it was badly needed. This is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Wilbur H. Goza, 303000204, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Goza's company was fighting off a fierce enemy counterattack and was rapidly running out of ammunition, when he volunteered to take charge of a detail to bring the much needed supplies to the front over a hazardous route. While this detail was bringing up the supplies they were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. Realizing the dire necessity for getting the supplies forward, Technician Fifth Grade Goza disregarding his own personal safety moved forward, and with use of his rifle and grenades eliminated the enemy position, allowing the supplies to move forward.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART  
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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Willard J. Clary	37775244	Inf	12 June	45	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Cpl	Joseph B. Cook	35698710	Inf	24 May	45	
S/Sgt	Alvin E. Cryder	38570292	Inf	28 Apr	45	
Pfc	Raymond M. DeLaastro	39047350	Inf	19 Apr	45	
Tec 5	Foster B. Fletcher	38329378	Inf	24 May	45	
Pvt	Earl V. Hanson	39344005	Inf	22 Jun	45	
Pfc	Arthur S. Hill	39475909	Inf	26 Apr	45	
Pfc	Floyd A. Lennox	36405978	Inf	16 Jun	45	
Sgt	Henry B. Mullins	38631910	Inf	19 Apr	45	
Sgt	Roy E. Ostrem	37675998	Inf	28 Apr	45	
Pfc	Chester G. Paterson	36450918	Inf	19 Apr	45	
Capt	Louis Reuter Jr.	01286706	Inf	13 May	45	
Pfc	Ernest J. Seals	37647835	Inf	15 May	45	
Cpl	Calvin E. Swindler	37526133	Inf	16 Jun	45	
Pfc	James S. Weatherbie	39726888	Inf	17 Apr	45	
Pfc	Coleman C. Webb	38635283	Inf	14 Jun	45	
Cpl	Fred D. Werts	36384231	Inf	18 Nov	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 to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy on dates indicated:

Private First Class Orlo O. Berrick, 39935603, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 3 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 585, this Headquarters, 9 August 1945.

Staff Sergeant Alvin E. Cryder, 38570292, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 1029, this Headquarters, 25 October 1945.

Staff Sergeant John E. Easton, 39595065, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 439, this Headquarters, 3 July 1945.

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Staff Sergeant John D. Garlington, 38282748, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 October 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 5, this Headquarters, 12 December 1944

Technician Fourth Grade Clifford K. Gertsch, Medical Detachment, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders unknown.

Private First Class Robert B. Hadley, 39595366, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 29 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 585, this Headquarters, 9 August 1945.

Sergeant Melvin R. Kappel, 38657794, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 510, this Headquarters, 13 July 1945.

Private First Class George J. Kunneth, 37576008, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 October 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 153, this Headquarters, 3 May 1945.

Technical Sergeant Leo G. Lillie, 37305549, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 485, this Headquarters, 10 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Ben R. Lee, 39622087, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 1 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 727, this Headquarters, 15 September 1945.

Private First Class LaVerne B. Perkins, 39475842, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 510, this Headquarters, 13 July 1945.

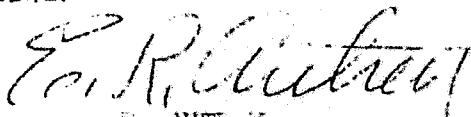
Staff Sergeant Walter H. Stolps, 37318489, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders 50, this Headquarters, 3 December 1944.

Private First Class Harvey L. Webb, 38532089, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 November 1944 on Leyte Island. Previous award per General Orders 943, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945.

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## SECTION I

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Paul A. Grabuski, 37364640, 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 Grabuski was a machine gunner in a light machine gun squad of a company which was dug in at the base of Hill 153 the mission of the company was to support an attack, and after heavy firing the ammunition supply began to dwindle. An ammunition bearer was sent back for more and in the process received wounds from an enemy light machine gun. Private First Class Grabuski heedless of his own personal safety dashed for the wounded man and carried him to safety. He gave the man urgently needed first aid, which consequently saved his life. Then Private First Class Grabuski took it upon himself and acquired ammunition from an adjoining squad, although exposing himself to the heavy fire. Upon his return he noticed an enemy counterattack forming and single-handedly dispersed it with expert firing. These actions of Private First Class Grabuski exemplify the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Columbus A. Heflin, 38293193, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 17 April 1945. While patrolling in the vicinity of Kaniku, Private First Class Heflin, an acting squad leader, brought his patrol upon a cave. He threw a grenade into it and followed up with a white phosphorous grenade. Somehow the enemy occupying the position threw the latter grenade back causing Private First Class Heflin to be severely burned. He used several more grenades and called for a satchel charge with which he sealed the cave. He was unable to wait away from the position due to the condition of his wounds. This heroic action set an example of strong determination and bravery.

First Lieutenant Francis E. Perry, 01318463, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. First Lieutenant Perry's platoon was assigned the task of leading the assault against a strong point immediately in front of his unit's position. He personally led and directed the M4 tanks into an exposed position from which devastating fire was coming. Leaving a non-commissioned officer in charge, First Lieutenant Perry moved around on the flank to a position where he could better observe the enemy's movements. When he was within grenade distance he threw three grenades into the enemy and then leaped in, himself killing four enemy soldiers and capturing one heavy machine gun. The courage and spirit displayed by First Lieutenant Perry on this, as well as other occasions, has been a constant inspiration to the men of his company.

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SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

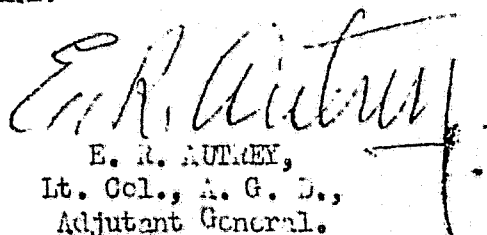
Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division.

Staff Sergeant Leslie L. Linn, 39619096, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 and 21 June 1945. When the movement of his company into the town of Aragachi had been temporarily halted by heavy machine gun fire emanating from several houses in the town, Staff Sergeant Linn, squad leader of the advance squad of his company, found himself and his entire squad pinned down and hemmed in on all sides. The enemy was strongly fortified and well armed and was holding up not only this one squad but also the entire company to the rear. This hold up hampered the operation of the entire battalion and it was Staff Sergeant Linn's company's mission to secure the left flank while two other companies moved on the right. Staff Sergeant Linn, sensing the predicament, decided to move a portion of his group in an attempt to outflank the enemy. Leading this group he moved silently under cover of darkness on the night of 20 June into position for an assault. On the morning of 21 June, he, with his group of eight men, attacked the enemy. Following his intrepid bravery, the squad had succeeded in knocking out three of the four house positions, then Staff Sergeant Linn, displaying cool and aggressive valor, got hold of a satchel charge, and creeping and crawling under heavy fire up to the remaining strong point, heaved in the demolition and completely destroyed the emplacement. Fifteen dead enemy were counted at this one spot, and the squad's total of enemy killed for the day amounted to forty three. The resourcefulness, initiative and heroism displayed by this fine soldier served as an inspiration for all the men of his command. His actions played a major part in the ultimate success of his company's mission. Previous award per General Orders 1020, this Headquarters, 22 October 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 Joaquin J. Camara, 39425336, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. Unable to lay a communications network throughout the company perimeter during daylight because of uncertain conditions, Private First Class Camara volunteered to lay the network alone. Armed only with a pistol and in constant danger from infiltrating and by-passed enemy as well as fire from friendly troops, he did not hesitate. Although fired upon several times, he managed to establish lines to two of the rifle platoons and was on his way to the third when he was attacked by three of the enemy. He opened fire with his pistol, killing one, wounding another and exhausting his ammunition. The remaining enemy threw a grenade at him, but he escaped behind a coral formation and continued to lay his line. His courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty in the face of adverse conditions reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Willard W. Casper, 37647147, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. When during the attack on strong enemy positions it was necessary to withdraw, Private First Class Casper volunteered to evacuate the wounded through heavy enemy fire. Singlehandedly he crawled with a wounded man through one hundred and fifty yards of enemy small arms fire. He then carried the man down a steep slope of an escarpment, and over three hundred yards of open space. Though a smoke screen was laid down, Private First Class Casper was under continuous enemy fire since the enemy fired several machine guns into the area which formed the only route of withdrawal. Yet Private First Class Casper did not hesitate, but managed to bring the wounded man to safety. Once across the open space Private First Class Casper again aided in the withdrawal by giving supporting rifle fire overhead. Private First Class Casper's courage and initiative won the admiration of his comrades and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Karl J. Evers, 36278580, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. When a heavy machine gun section of which Private First Class Evers was member was advancing to a forward position, an enemy machine gun suddenly began firing, pinning the section to the ground. After the members of the section crawled to a safer area Private First Class Evers noticed that one of his comrades was seriously wounded and lay under complete enemy observation. Every time his comrade attempted to crawl to safety a heavy barrage of enemy sniper and machine gun fire would beat the ground around him. Private First Class Evers asked for smoke grenades from other members of the section but no smoke grenades were available. Realizing that time was an important factor in saving the life of his comrade, who was under constant enemy fire, Private First Class Evers, with thorough knowledge of the danger he faced, and with utter disregard for his own



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personal safety, crawled beneath a heavy rain of enemy machine gun and sniper fire to his now twice wounded comrade. Private First Class Evers dragged the wounded man to safety and administered first aid which resulted in saving the man's life.

Staff Sergeant Orion C. French, 39287407, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. When painfully wounded in the left chest by devastating enemy machine gun fire Staff Sergeant French refused aid and immediately went to assist the other wounded men. He remained behind to give covering fire when the most serious cases were being evacuated and only on the order of his platoon leader did he consent to go to the rear for medical aid. On his way to the rear he assisted in carrying a litter. His courage and fearless devotion to duty even when painfully wounded reflect the highest credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Charles E. Perret, 38312707, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa on 12 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Perret, a cook in a rifle company, was carrying ammunition to the top of Kakazu Ridge. On his way back he came upon two aid men trying to evacuate a wounded man but were being held up by an enemy machine gun. With complete disregard for his own safety Technician Fifth Grade Perret crawled to the cave's entrance and threw in two grenades. Looking into the cave he observed that three enemy soldiers had been killed and the machine gun destroyed beyond repair. The seriously wounded man was then able to be brought to the aid station. The initiative and utter intrepidity displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Perret reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Albert H. Westmoreland, 33272343, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945 and on 19 June 1945. During the advance of his company on Kakazu Ridge Private First Class Westmoreland, together with his platoon sergeant, unhesitatingly worked his way forward to an enemy-held pillbox which was holding up the advance of their platoon. On seeing two of the enemy lying on the ground, Private First Class Westmoreland supposed them to be dead and so continued his search. Sensing danger, he turned in time to see one of the enemy regaining consciousness. He immediately killed the enemy soldier, and the other enemy, realizing he had been discovered, jumped up and grabbed the rifle of the platoon sergeant. Private First Class Westmoreland boldly closed in and bayoneted the enemy. Again on 19 June 1945 his squad was held up by intense enemy fire. His squad leader was seriously wounded, and fell in an area which was covered by enemy fire and with no cover of any kind near him. Private First Class Westmoreland, realizing the seriousness of the man's wound and disregarding his own safety, left his own covered position and went to the aid of the wounded man. He temporarily bound the man's chest wound and then carried him to a covered position where an aid man took over and aided the wounded man. Private First Class Westmoreland's courage and coolness under fire, together with the complete disregard for his own life in order to aid his wounded comrades, is a great credit to himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Corporal Francis Breedlove, 36430795, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tombstone Ridge, Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. While in an attack, Corporal (then Private First Class) Breedlove's company halted momentarily as enemy mortar fire struck near them. One round fell about seventy five yards from Corporal Breedlove, seriously wounded one of the men, and left him lying helpless in an exposed field. Without consideration for his own safety, Corporal Breedlove left his position of cover and raced through the hail of falling shells to the assistance of the wounded man. While under constant fire, Corporal Breedlove half-carried and half-dragged the casualty to more protective terrain and administered first aid. After calling for a litter he aided and directed the evacuation of the wounded man to the aid station for urgently needed medical care. Corporal Breedlove's conduct in this instance was typical of the cool courage and devotion to duty he displayed daily in action against the enemy.

Second Lieutenant Robert V. Fulkerson, 01331618, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Though stunned by the concussion from an anti-tank mine which destroyed the track and bogey of the tank which his platoon was covering. Second Lieutenant Fulkerson moved forward into a cut covered by fire from three sides to reconnoiter the area. In the face of the intense fire directed at him, Second Lieutenant Fulkerson succeeded in establishing the mine pattern. With calm deliberation he moved from one mine to another neutralizing over ten mines. Though now the object of mortar fire, as well as observed rifle and machine gun fire, Lieutenant Fulkerson carefully removed each mine to a remote place. He then returned to lead his platoon forward through the same intense fire to neutralize two enemy strongpoints. The intensity of the fire forced the withdrawal of the platoon to a more covered position. It was discovered that one man was missing. For the third time Lieutenant Fulkerson, though keenly aware of the danger, moved through the cut to locate the man. He discovered the man had been killed in action. The cool professional skill and the high degree of courage which marked the heroic action of Second Lieutenant Fulkerson on this day, reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Eugene A. McConnell, 34435539, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) McConnell, gunner of a sixty millimeter mortar squad, was the decisive figure in the capture of a line of enemy fortifications near the town of Ginowan. When fire orders became indistinct through the roar of battle, Sergeant McConnell fearlessly and courageously moved his mortar to an exposed position from which he could observe his own shell bursts. His outstanding courage under raking enemy fire and his persistence in continuing his fire missions until the enemy defenses were neutralized were directly responsible for his platoon's success and enabled aid men to evacuate five casualties safely. The heroism and courageous action demonstrated by Sergeant McConnell are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class Filiberto Montoya, 38584820, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Yuza, Okinawa Island, 15 June 1945. As lead scout for his platoon in an attack on the Yuza-Dake hill, Private First Class Montoya refused to seek cover when fired upon by an enemy machine gun, and returned the enemy fire with such devastating effect that the casualties sustained could be evacuated. He then rushed the machine gun position, killed the remaining members, and alone, held the position until reinforcements arrived to consolidate the position. His courage and bravery were essential factors in enabling the platoon to secure its final objective, and reflect highly upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class James Tshulos, 32838898, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 5 April 1945. When several men in his platoon were wounded during an attack on strongly fortified positions near the town of Ginowan, Private First Class Tshulos fearlessly dashed forward and carried the casualties to a position of comparative safety. He then took command of the situation and, with absolutely no regard for his own personal safety, led the attack on the positions. His initiative, fortitude and personal courage were decisive factors in the success of the attack. The actions of Private First Class Tshulos are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade) Vernon L. Root, 37266382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 16 May 1945. As the men led by Staff Sergeant Root were crossing over an embankment near Tabletop Hill, Okinawa, one was hit by sniper fire. Regardless of the fact that enemy mortars were shelling the area persistently, Staff Sergeant Root, seeing the helplessness of the casualty, ran across the open ground to his assistance. Realizing that the wounded man was unable to move, he began to fashion a litter from stray equipment, heedless of the greatly increased mortar and sniper fire now threatening his own life. He worked on, moving the other men to action by his display of fearlessness, so that they soon came out from their cover to aid him. After leading in the removal of the casualty to a sheltered position, Staff Sergeant Root dressed the wound quickly and efficiently, and then directed the evacuation which followed. Staff Sergeant Root's calmness and resourcefulness under fire served as an inspiration to all the men in his company and are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Donald E. Jackson, 35241326, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 16 May 1945. Private First Class Jackson left his fox-hole several times during heavy enemy mortar barrages to break up enemy counter-attacks. Utterly disregarding his own personal safety, he fearlessly crept forward to the crest of a hill to hurl grenades down upon the enemy troops, breaking up the attacks before they could be launched. The heroic actions of Private First Class Jackson were instrumental in enabling his company to break through the enemy and are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class William H. Poorman, 35509447, Infantry United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaniku, Okinawa 21 April 1945. As messenger, Private First Class Poorman, in addition to his regular duties, acted as litter bearer, helping to evacuate the wounded to the Battalion Aid Station. On 21 April 1945, while the Company was attacking a heavily fortified enemy position, a man fell seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position where heavy enemy mortar fire was concentrated. Private First Class Poorman, disregarding his own personal safety, left his foxhole and crawled some one hundred yards through heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to aid his wounded comrade. Disregarding the enemy mortar shells bursting around him, he efficiently administered first aid and then proceeded to carry the wounded man back over the same treacherous terrain to the safety of the Battalion Aid Station. On several other occasions Private First Class Poorman voluntarily went forward to aid a wounded comrade. His unceasing efforts and energy, his courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to all who were with him and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

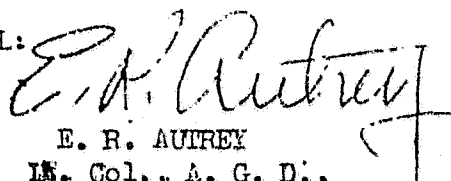
Private First Class John Valenzuela, 39596933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 18 June 1945. Private First Class Valenzuela's company on the above date was to attack and secure several enemy pillboxes. As they were advancing a mortar barrage began and several machine guns opened fire. Even though severely wounded in the arm Private First Class Valenzuela attacked two of the enemy pillboxes and destroyed them, with hand grenades. He also killed an enemy soldier who had been maneuvering a knee mortar in place to fire. Only then would he allow them to evacuate him. This is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Joe W. Villa, 39727747, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 June 1945. Private First Class Villa volunteered for a hazardous task of placing a satchel charge in a Jap position. Although wounded in the right arm, he continued his mission. Through his action sixteen of the enemy were annihilated. Private First Class Villa's actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

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

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, 26th Infantry Division, to the following named Enlisted Men:

Private First Class Manuel L. Casillas, 39152031, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island. Private First Class Casillas on the morning of 21 June 1945, took a light machine gun into a forward position without benefit of cover or concealment and with utter disregard of personal safety shot within fire into the enemy positions. Headless of bullets flying only fractions of inches away, he was firing full blast and his gun was rapidly heating in his hands when the bullet struck that killed him instantly. Private First Class Casillas' actions reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Ramona Contreras (Sister), P. O. Box 372, Shafter, California.

Sergeant Lola L. Cladfelter, 34670570, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Cladfelter, a member of a rifle company, engaged the enemy in an assault against a strongly fortified ridge south of Hanika. When they neared the top of the ridge an enemy counterattack developed and Sergeant Cladfelter at great personal risk gained a strategic position and poured devastating rifle fire into the enemy ranks allowing his platoon to gain the top of the ridge. Then, alone and with utter disregard to his personal safety, he attacked and destroyed a machine gun that could have caused considerable damage by infiltrate fire into their positions. Sergeant Cladfelter's devotion to duty and extreme coolness under fire stopped what could have been a disastrous blow to his company. This is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mrs. Hazel D. Cladfelter (Wife), 203 Harris Street, Thomasville, North Carolina.

Private First Class Jerry Cruise, 39333978, 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 Cruise voluntarily left his position of safety to give aid to two of his badly wounded comrades under a heavily concentrated mortar barrage and intense sniper fire. Crawling and working his way over the rocky, treacherous terrain and under intense enemy fire to the side of the wounded men, Private First Class Cruise gave medical aid to one of them, and then turning to the other wounded man he also gave him medical treatment, but while in the process, Private First Class Cruise was fatally wounded by the intense enemy mortar fire. Due to Private First Class Cruise's courage, and disregard for his own safety he was able to save the lives of two of his wounded comrades. His sheer gallantry and unflinching courage reflect the highest tradition of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Leonard L. Cruise (Father), 3546 N. E. 43rd Street, Portland, Oregon.

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Private First Class Gerry Fierce, 39864832, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. When his squad was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire, and was suffering heavy casualties, Private First Class Fierce, an assistant squad leader, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, exposed himself to the direct fire of a machine gun in order to silence it with his own fire. Although mortally wounded, Private First Class Fierce refused evacuation until the rest of the wounded men were cared for and successfully evacuated. The sheer courage and intrepidity displayed by Private First Class Gerry Fierce, in saving the lives of his comrades at the cost of his own life, reflect the highest traditions of the military service.

Next of Kin: Mr. Gerry Fierce Sr. (Father), 163 North Main, Tucson, Arizona.

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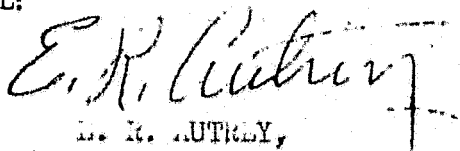
Under the provisions of Act 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority indicated, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Staff Sergeant John G. Spielman, 37233026, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Spielman was a squad leader in a rifle company and on the above date his company had advanced to the foot of highly prized Nishibaru Ridge. When they had gained the top of the ridge the enemy launched a sudden counterattack. Time after time Staff Sergeant Spielman at great personal risk exposed himself to enemy fire in order to direct his men to the best positions and to direct machine gun fire breaking up the counterattack. Then, singly, he attacked a pill box where four enemy soldiers had taken cover and neutralized it with grenades. Through his heroic actions the ridge was able to be taken and held. Later in the battle for Saipan Hill Staff Sergeant Spielman, while courageously leading his squad against the entrenched enemy, was mortally wounded. The sheer gallantry and courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Spielman reflect the highest traditions of the military service. Provm. Award GO 679, this Hq., 8 September 1945. Next of Kin: Mr. John L. Spielman (Father), R. 2, Ocala, Fla.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9485, February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, as amended by change No. 3, 25 April 1946, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the commanding general, 50th Infantry Division, to personnel serving with military personnel:

Private First Class Richard C. Avelino, 104107, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 2 June 1945. With his company engaged in combat, Private First Class Avelino fought single hand only and successfully in attacking and against over holding enemy, several enemy strongholds, thus allowing his company to advance and successfully take their objective. In doing so, he was wounded but he ignored himself many times to deadly enemy fire, and he was left with little left. Private First Class Avelino has safeguarded his company, advanced to the extent of knocking out several enemy pillboxes, killing the enemy and capturing considerable enemy equipment. Private First Class Avelino's devotion and resourcefulness are symbolic of the highest traditions of the military service.

Sergeant Kenneth L. Carter, 200136, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 21 April 1945. His company was prepared to attack a strongly held enemy position on the enemy flank and to counter-attack. The suddenness of the attack regained the pillboxes and mortars left over for the enemy. Sergeant Carter realized that the position had to be knocked out. With absolute disregard for his own safety he rushed up the rocky slope and threw seven hand grenades as he approached the enemy position. In addition to a number of enemy wounded, Sergeant Carter accounted for five dead enemy and captured one light machine gun. As the remaining enemy force fled from the area, Sergeant Carter continued to bring fire on the enemy with his rifle. This heroic action enabled his company to move forward and take their objective, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Harold Cloud, 200600, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. Sergeant Cloud, a heavy machine gun squad leader, was back with his squad when his platoon sergeant was hit by enemy machine gun fire. The wounded man as an exposed position thirty-five yards forward of the front line of his riflemen, where sniping and machine gun fire was continuous. Sergeant Cloud immediately started out for the wounded man. Three times he was forced to take cover from snipers but he allowed nothing to deter him from proceeding on until he reached the wounded man. After administering first aid he dragged him back over the same route to a covered position. After changing the stretcher to his sergeant return to his squad and moved it up to the new position which his platoon sergeant had reconnoitered before he was hit. Sergeant Cloud's unselfish devotion to his wounded comrade was an inspiration to his men. His gallantry reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ivan V. Covey, 103007, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 2 June 1945. Private First Class Covey, a gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, set up his gun on the exposed right flank, on the hill opposite Okinawa Ridge to give maximum fire to the battalions during their attack on Okinawa Ridge. While in position, he was hit several times by enemy machine gun fire, but he continued to





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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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.

Private First Class Malcolm E. Thomas, 37712155, 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 Thomas gallantly and fearlessly took it upon himself to make it possible for his company to advance and occupy their objective. In doing this, he bravely fought the enemy single handedly, knocking out one enemy observation post and neutralizing another. With his own ammunition supply gone, he grabbed up an enemy machine gun and continued to fire upon the enemy with deadly accuracy. During this action he was wounded, but refused to stop until his platoon occupied the position. His devotion to duty and heroic action are a symbol of the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Lester E. Hawkins, 35246971, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 12 May 1945. During the night, an urgent message reached the Battalion Headquarters requesting medical aid for a man that had been seriously wounded earlier in the day. Private First Class Hawkins volunteered, without hesitation, to drive his vehicle to the front where the man had been wounded. Although enemy artillery fire fell along the road continuously, he continued forward until the wounded man was located. While another man crawled forward, he remained behind with his vehicle so as to cover the advance, and to guard his jeep. During the time that he was performing this duty, he observed three Japs crawling towards him and the other man who was attempting to evacuate the wounded soldier. Unhesitating and with utter disregard of his own life, Private First Class Hawkins commenced firing with such accuracy that two of the Japs were killed and one seriously wounded. As the wounded Jap attempted to throw grenades, and while still exposing himself to the grenade fragments he continued to fire his rifle. This resulted in the third of the enemy being killed. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Hawkins on this dangerous mission reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Eugene V. Yohe, 37229306, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his platoon was ordered to withdraw after it had received heavy casualties in its assault on Kakazu Ridge, Staff Sergeant Yohe with complete disregard for his own personal safety voluntarily chose to remain behind with the wounded. He administered first aid and fashioned three litters out of Ponchos to effect the evacuation of the wounded men through intense enemy machine gun, mortar artillery fire. While carrying the wounded men back they were stopped by intense machine gun fire. He fearlessly stood out in the open and fired upon the enemy machine gun and after knocking it out with his rifle he continued four hundred and fifty yards back to the aid station with the wounded. Staff Sergeant Yohe's unselfish thoughts for the other men and his cool courage was responsible for the saving of three lives of his comrades. His bravery, devotion to duty and fearlessness was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Howard E. Ritt, 39566337, 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 Ritt, a gunner in a machine squad which was given supporting fire for a rifle platoon as they attacked a small hill in the area of Sulzer, and even though wounded continued to deliver fire on the enemy allowing the rifle platoon to go forward and take their objective. Private First Class Ritt's heroic action and unflinching devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Byron H. Caldwell, 39470463, 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's right flank was pinned down by heavy mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Caldwell located a Jap machine gun emplacement and taking a concealed path of approach, he crawled to within range of the emplacement and using phosphorus grenades, frustrated the Jap machine gun crew. He then fired with his automatic rifle at them, killing four of the enemy. Then, he returned to his company's position and helped in the evacuation of the wounded under a heavy mortar barrage. Sergeant Caldwell's actions were with complete disregard for his own personal safety, and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Hilton G. Klein, 33427674, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 May 1945. Private First Class Klein, a PAR man, was in the attack on Charley Hill when the platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Private First Class Klein with his assistant moved around to the left flank to neutralize the enemy machine gun emplacement. He then crawled to within fifteen yards of the emplacement and threw three fragmentation and two white phosphorus grenades into the position which flushed out the Japs machine gun squad. He then opened fire with his B-R and killed three of the enemy. During the action his assistant was seriously wounded and Private First Class Klein administered first aid and evacuated him to a place of safety through an enemy mortar barrage and sniper fire. Private First Class Klein's courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant [Name], 36383472, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 20 October to 31 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 22 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant John F. Hassett, 38283027, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island, from 20 October to 12 March 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 29 July 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 23 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Victor F. Barth, 55850528, 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 Barth was with a wire team whose mission was to lay a vital wire to an Infantry front line company after the hours of darkness. Communications by wire were extremely necessary because radio communications were out and the company was attacking at dawn. Realizing the importance of a successful wire laying mission, he volunteered to accompany another man to lay the vital wire. During the mission and in the hours of darkness they were fired upon by the enemy as they progressed in territory not yet entirely cleared of the enemy. The heroic and fearless actions displayed by Private First Class Barth and his measures to install a vital communications was successful and thereby contributed highly to the success of the company's assault at dawn the following morning.

Staff Sergeant William N. Brown, 57442188, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Brown led a scouting patrol of two men to locate two enemy machine guns that were holding up the advance of our troops pushing through the town of Yuza towards the Yuza-Dake Escarpment. He was forced to cross a mine field constantly under sniper fire in order to reach a vantage point from which he could accurately locate the enemy machine guns. Staff Sergeant Brown purposely exposed himself to draw fire after working his way in front of our own lines. He was finally successful in accurately locating the enemy machine guns and materially helped the quick advance of our troops towards their objective. Staff Sergeant Brown's aggressiveness and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Onorin J. Bucci, 32100878, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Bucci's normal duties as Platoon Sergeant did not extend farward of the battalion command post. When one of the rifle companies received heavy casualties in the opening of 22 May 1945, Staff Sergeant Bucci, with complete disregard for his own safety, volunteered along with another comrade to evacuate a casualty lying in an exposed position. Despite heavy enemy machine gun fire on the forward slope of King Hill, they crawled over the exposed ground, rendering the casualty emergency treatment, and evacuated him over the same hazardous terrain. Staff Sergeant Bucci's exemplary courage and calmness under fire reflect great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest standards of the military service.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-5 (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

First Lieutenant Jerome H. Holmicki, 01133025, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 10 April 1945. On this day the company of an Infantry Regiment to which he was attached moved across three hundred yards of open terrain to gain a position on Kakazu Ridge. During this movement the enemy, firmly entrenched in a deep ravine, launched a terrific artillery and mortar barrage which pinned the company down and inflicted many casualties. Realizing the seriousness of this situation and the immediate necessity of covering artillery fire, First Lieutenant Holmicki after repeated attempts, finally crawled through a hail of enemy mortar and small arms fire and gained an observation point which gave him observation of the enemy gun and mortar positions. Here he adjusted a counter artillery barrage and enabled the company to consolidate their positions and evacuate casualties. His feat undoubtedly saved the lives of many Infantrymen and contributed greatly to the capture of Kakazu Ridge. First Lieutenant Holmicki's fortitude, fighting spirit, and complete devotion to duty was an inspiration to all who witnessed this action and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Walt Michaels, Jr., 16700220, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 11 May 1945. While acting as aid man for the second platoon of his company on the first evening on Charlie Hill, Private First Class Michaels was pinned down fifty yards outside the Company Command Post with his platoon leader while on reconnaissance for machine gun positions. Intense machine gun and mortar fire was sweeping the top of Charlie Hill, barely snapping over their heads as they crouched in a shallow ditch. Above them, directly on the top of the bare hill, fifty yards from their trench, a Black man was badly wounded by a mortar shell. No other team could go up there after him, and the aid man refused to go out into what looked like certain death. Private First Class Michaels volunteered to crawl out to the mortally wounded man and give him assistance. Creeping on his belly with bullets and shrapnel tearing at his clothes, he made his way to the man, put five bandages on gaping wounds, then slowly and laboriously dragged the wounded man over the exposed and fire-swept ground to the shallow ditch. All this he carried out with utter disregard to his own safety, when no one else would dare venture out there. He remained with the wounded man exposed to constant fire in a Casualty Tent until they could work their way out of the open. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Michaels were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Esten H. Phillips, 36917012, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 15 May 1945. The heavy machine gun platoon in which Private First Class Phillips was serving as an ammunition bearer was attached to a company which was deployed on the left forward nose of the hill. Heavy machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire pinned down the entire sector; fire was coming from Central Hill to the right and from Love and Kang Hills to the front and right. Private First Class Phillips was dug in on the forward slope when a rifleman was hit by machine gun fire. Immediately, and regardless of his own safety, he set out for the wounded man. His position was twenty yards away and further down the forward slope. He worked his way up over the crest of the hill, using the cover of the

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the medics brought up the litter, and successfully evacuated him to the aid station. Private First Class Phillips' unyielding devotion to his wounded comrades and his quick, courageous actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class John F. Kuchman, 55129535, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 16 May 1945. His battalion was receiving fire from three sides, and great casualties were being inflicted. Constant machine gun fire covered the area in which Private First Class Kuchman was working with his machine gun section and prevented any movement in safety. His machine gun section's mission was to fire harassing fire at Love Hill to keep down snipers, which required a great amount of ammunition. Through the very dense and sporadic machine gun fire that returned as Private First Class Kuchman was working his way forward with machine gun ammunition, a Jap machine gun fired and a bullet struck him in the back of his right arm and the bullet passed through his carotid. Despite the fact that the enemy gun was still firing and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Kuchman crawled to the exposed position and rendered first aid to the wounded man, after which he helped him to a safer position. From here he worked his way back through the machine gun fire and with the aid of the other men evacuated the wounded man three hundred yards to an aid station. Returning now in the darkness Private First Class Kuchman returned to his gun position with ammunition. His courageous actions and devotion to his fellow men is a credit to himself and the military service.

Sergeant Paul C. Chrowsbury, 17761505, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 9 April 1945. Sergeant, then Private First Class, Chrowsbury, a ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad which had their gun placed on the exposed right flank of a small hill opposite Kakazu Ridge to give supporting fire to the First and Second Battalions for a main attack on Kakazu Ridge. Sergeant Chrowsbury was pinned down at his gun position by accurate and intensive enemy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire. The men from the First Battalion ~~in this platoon~~ whose gun position was near sergeant Chrowsbury's position, were seriously wounded by the Jap machine gun fire. Sergeant Chrowsbury, disregarding his own safety, crawled to the wounded men and administered all possible first aid, then made a break through the concentrated machine gun fire, and succeeded in getting litters for the wounded men. Sergeant Chrowsbury once more went through this machine gun fire aiding in carrying these men back to the Battalion aid station. This courageous act reassured and inspired the platoon as he was a new replacement and experiencing his first heavy combat. Sergeant Chrowsbury's gallant and unselfish devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service.

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

Private First Class Oscar J. Marzili, 36700570, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. The ammunition and a near platoon of which Private First Class Marzili was a member was called upon to remove mines from the unsecured village of Osata. In view of the mine field in the face of intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire, Private First Class Marzili set about his task of removing mines which already had inflicted heavy casualties upon the battalion. Although constantly subjected to heavy enemy fire while removing the mines, Private First Class Marzili, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, remained in his exposed position until the hazardous task had been completed. His courage, coolness under fire, and devotion to duty was instrumental in the success of the attack which followed, and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Staff Sergeant Herbert H. Ashby, 36383242, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 27 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Ashby, company supply sergeant, volunteered to move up to the assault platoons to help evacuate wounded during an enemy counterattack. In order to get to the wounded men it was necessary to cross over a hundred yards of open field covered by heavy machine gun and sniper fire. After moving about half way across the field, Staff Sergeant Ashby and the two men with him were pinned down by the heavy sniper fire. With out hesitation and with utter disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Ashby jumped to his feet and moved into a position from which he could spot the sniper's fire. Encircling the enemy he came up behind him and killed him with a grenade. Staff Sergeant Ashby then noticed a machine gun firing from the mouth of a small cave a short distance away, and he moved into a position near the cave and threw two grenades, killing one of the crew and forcing the other two Japs in the crew to retreat into the cave. Then he, with another man, brought up satchel charges and closed the cave. He then continued on to the forward platoons and helped evacuate several wounded men back to the aid station. Staff Sergeant Ashby's heroic actions in the face of great danger, which undoubtedly saved the lives of several men, reflect great credit upon the military service and himself.

Private First Class James F. Bickett, 39932027, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. When his platoon was crossing an open space on the top of a coral escarpment, enemy machine guns opened fire. Private First Class Bickett without hesitation remained in an exposed position to return the fire with his automatic rifle. Although his weapon was knocked from his hands, and he was slightly wounded by the enemy fire, he remained at his post until all his men had reached cover and he had silenced two enemy machine guns. His quick action and accurate fire were responsible for the success of his platoon's attack.

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Technician Fifth Grade James Biesel, 36243490, 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 Biesel, company armorer and artificer, on his own initiative moved up and joined an assault platoon to stop an enemy counterattack. He moved into an exposed flank position and killed seven of the enemy. After the counterattack had been broken up, Technician Fifth Grade Biesel, alone, carried five wounded men over thirty yards from an open area to a cave where the men would be safe from the falling shells and could be more easily evacuated. Technician Fifth Grade Biesel's heroic and courageous actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed them and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

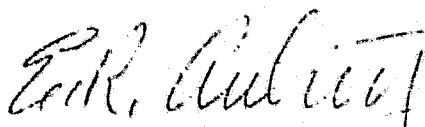
Captain Marvin Blum, 0544430, Medical Corp., United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 15 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. During an intense enemy artillery barrage in the vicinity of Dick Hill a heavy concentration of shells fell in the site of the forward battalion aid station. Captain Blum, who was administering treatment to several wounded soldiers, made an effort to have the casualties transported into a nearby tomb, but due to the narrowness of the opening this was impossible. Other cover not being available, Captain Blum remained with the casualties although the position was still under fire. He continued treatment until all the men had been attended, and later supervised their evacuation. Captain Blum's courageous actions were an inspiration to all who witnessed and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles W. Belin, 34989171, 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 Belin, a scout for his platoon was responsible for the discovery of a well-concealed enemy machine gun which had been by-passed by the advance platoon in the town of Arayachi on 20 June 1945. Had this gun remained undiscovered, the results would have been disastrous for our troops. While attacking a house in Arayachi, Private First Class Belin was the first man on the line. While the enemy maintained a heavy volley of fire, Private First Class Belin continued forward disregarding his personal welfare, and approached to within ten yards of the house. From here he threw a hand grenade, and immediately fell when the explosion, he rushed up to the house, crashed in the door, and killed the enemy who had been only dazed by the grenade. Altogether, Private First Class Belin accounted for eleven Japs in the advance upon the town. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Belin was an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BIDDLEY:

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29 October 1945

AWARDS 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 V. Chamberlain, 13197247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 June 1945. On June 16 Private First Class Chamberlain's company was in the attack on the strongly fortified Yuza-Lake escarpment. Serving as first scout for his platoon, he reached the top of the ridge where he met a heavy volume of machine gun and rifle fire. Without thought of his own personal safety, he worked his way forward until he was within a few yards of a Jap machine gun. Engaging in a grenade battle with the enemy, Private First Class Chamberlain finally killed three Japs and then shot two more as they were fleeing. In the course of the action, Private First Class Chamberlain was wounded in the leg and had to be evacuated. His courageous actions made it possible for his platoon to secure their objective without further casualties. Private First Class Chamberlain's heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Conway M. Jagett, 39597004, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. While his company was in reserve positions on Zebra Hill, Private First Class Jagett volunteered to help evacuate casualties for another unit. Two men had already been wounded in an attempt to evacuate a casualty lying on the forward slope of the hill. Though it meant exposing himself to deadly close-in sniper and machine gun fire, Private First Class Jagett fearlessly rushed to the side of the wounded man. As he started back over the hill with the man in his arms, enemy mortars opened fire on him, but he continued his hazardous trip until he had reached safety with his burden. The courage, determination, and initiative of Private First Class Jagett are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Ralph E. Crow, 35050035, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Crow, a heavy machine gun squad leader, was attached to a rifle platoon which was attacking a ridge immediately north of Kakazu Ridge. Upon gaining the crest of the ridge the troops were flattened by a terrifically intense mortar barrage. Staff Sergeant Crow crawled forward to a wounded man; helped him to a defiladed position, and rendered first aid. At this time about fifty Japs started yelling and counterattacking the hill. Immediately he and his runners, despite the falling mortar shells which kept everyone else down, picked up their gun and rushed to the forward slope of the hill. Setting the gun up in a completely exposed position which was under small arms fire, he, with complete disregard for his own personal safety directed the machine gun fire which killed thirty four of the enemy and materially aided in repulsing the counterattack. Staff Sergeant Crow's aggressiveness and courageous actions are a credit to himself and the military service.



Private First Class DeForest J. Crum, 39595189, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. Private First Class Crum and two of his comrades were on guard in a forward outpost in the vicinity of Saw Tooth Ridge. At 0100 an organized infiltration party of Japs reached their fox hole. At this time Private First Class Crum and his two comrades engaged the enemy with small arms fire and a mortar supply of hand grenades, killing eight of the enemy. Private First Class Crum, a Browning automatic machine gunner, with complete disregard for his own personal safety exposed himself to the enemy to kill five more Japs. This disorganized the enemy, and held them at bay until dawn, when reinforcements from his company arrived to assist them. Private First Class Crum's unselfish devotion to duty, bravery and courage in the face of danger, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant George L. Curry, 37531534, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 April 1945 and 19 June 1945. On 21 April 1945 in the vicinity of Kikazu Ridge and during an intense enemy mortar, artillery, and buzz-bomb barrage, Sergeant Curry saw four men of his platoon hit. While the barrage was yet in progress, Sergeant Curry unhesitatingly ran from his own position to the aid of the wounded men. After administering first aid he succeeded in calling for assistance and ultimately effected the evacuation of these men to the aid station. Again on 19 June 1945 during an attack in the vicinity of Aramuchi, when Sergeant Curry and the company aid man were returning from a hazardous trip forward to bring back a wounded man, an enemy machine gun opened fire on the litters and carriers. The presence of this fire necessitated Sergeant Curry's crawling in the litter along a very shallow ditch in the ground. During this action, he was shot through the helmet, narrowly escaping with his life. All through the operation he was prominently gallant in his courageous assistance in the evacuation of nearly one third of the casualties of his company. The coolness and courage displayed by Sergeant Curry is a credit to himself and his organization, and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Corporal William R. Davies, 39459011, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. While carrying water and rations to the front line elements of the regiment, Corporal Davies volunteered to go to the assistance of a wounded man who was isolated in advance of friendly troops. In order to reach the wounded man Corporal Davies had to cross an area that was effectively covered by sniper fire from Kikazu Ridge. Corporal Davies reached the wounded man, administered morphine, and carried him back through spasmodic sniper fire for seventy five yards to a position of safety and concealment. Due to lack of personnel he then carried the wounded man on his back to a battalion aid station two hundred fifty yards to the rear. The burden of the man plus the difficult terrain over which he had to travel completely exhausted him, but through his unselfishness and courage he saved another man's life. Such initiative and bravery reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

10 October 1945

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7417, 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 Circular No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 90th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Corporal Jefferson W. Graves, 30272277, 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 in the vicinity of Hill 76 four hundred yards southwest of Kochi. In support was an anti-tank squad of which Corporal (then Private First Class) Graves was first gunner. Continually moving forward in support of the advancing elements, Corporal Graves remained at his post throughout intense Japanese machine gun and rifle fire, and placed effective fire on enemy positions, knocking out approximately four machine gun nests. When once again ordered forward the squad leader told his men to take concealment. Corporal Graves asked permission to remain at his post, unmindful of withering machine gun fire from Hill 76. He stayed with his 37mm anti-tank gun, and continued to pour a steady stream of rounds into an enemy gun emplacement. Alternating in the firing of the weapon with his squad leader, Corporal Graves was directly instrumental in flushing out 65 Japanese soldiers from cave fortifications, who were promptly killed by riflemen, and in sealing numerous cave entrances from which machine gun fire had emanated. His coolness under fire, and devotion to duty reflect the greatest credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Roy L. Griffin, 19113075, 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 Griffin went with a squad of six men to the town of Yuza to assist in the removal of 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, exposed itself to enemy fire. When the telephone operator was hit by a sniper's bullet, the tank attempted to withdraw, but had its track blown by an enemy mine, and laid helpless in the open field. With disregard to his own personal safety, Private First Class Griffin and one other member of the mine squad volunteered their 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 was completed, Private First Class Griffin and his one comrade retraced their steps across the open terrain, exposing themselves again to enemy sniper fire, and rejoined their squad. His courage and devotion to duty reflects credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph C. Hart, 37233466, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Private First Class Hart, an ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad, was dug in on the forward slope of Charlie Hill in front of the battalion zone. At this time the enemy staged a counterattack on our positions and in the ensuing action two men were wounded in Private First Class Hart's immediate area. He went out alone under intense enemy small arms fire and administered first aid to the men, then called for help to evacuate the wounded men. Private First Class Hart then returned to his gun position, still under the intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire and helped in repulsing the enemy counterattack.

Sergeant Raymond C. Hill, 39475787, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. On the afternoon of 16 May 1945, one of the men of Sergeant Hill's squad had gone forward some twenty five yards in order to observe enemy movements. Suddenly, he fell, struck in the chest by a machine gun bullet. Sergeant Hill, courageously and without regard for his personal safety, crawled up to the man, under fire, and rescued him. He brought him to the comparative safety of the company perimeter, administered first aid and was directly responsible for the man's subsequent recovery. It was ascertained that any less prompt action would have resulted in the man's death. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

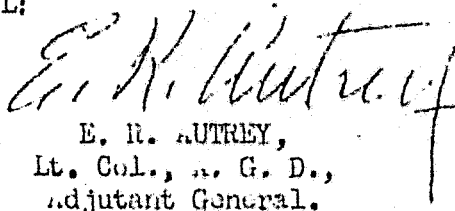
Technician Fifth Grade Raymond F. Hoffmann, 38254848, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Raymond F. Hoffmann volunteered to take his M-29 to an exposed anti-tank gun position from which the guns could not be moved because of the intense artillery fire. Although the platoon leader had ordered the anti-tank platoon away from the position, Technician Fifth Grade Hoffmann and three other volunteers moved the guns from this position to a better concealed position where they could be used more advantageously for the battalion. His superior courage and coolness under fire reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Elden A. Johnson, 37672128, 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 Johnson was with a wire team whose mission was to lay a vital wire to an Infantry front line company after the hours of darkness. Communications by wire were extremely necessary because radio communications were out and the company was attacking at dawn. Realizing the importance of a successful wire laying mission, Private First Class Johnson volunteered to accompany another man to lay the vital wire. During the mission and in the hours of darkness they were fired upon by the enemy as they progressed in territory not yet entirely cleared of the enemy. The heroic and fearless actions displayed by Private First Class Johnson and his measures to install a vital communications was successful and thereby contributed highly to the success of the company's assault at dawn the following morning.

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AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS I  
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SECTION I  
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of General Orders 963, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 October 1945, as pertains to private first class Axel P. Rasmussen, 36730345, is amended to award the enlisted man the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders 567, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 7 August 1945.

2. So much of General Orders 1020, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 22 October 1945, as pertains to Staff Sergeant James E. Dowdy, 38292039, is amended to award the enlisted man a 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders 315, this Headquarters, 12 June 1945, and the first Oak Leaf Cluster having been awarded per General Orders 934, this Headquarters, 3 October 1945.

3. So much of General Orders 1020, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 October 1945, as pertains to First Sergeant Milton Shepsky, 36363496, is amended to award the enlisted man the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders 321, this Headquarters, 13 June 1945.

4. So much of General Orders 1020, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 20 October 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Robert T. Snodgrass, 13136270, is amended to award the enlisted man the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders 411, this Headquarters, 29 June 1945.

5. So much of General Orders 982, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 October 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Robert C. Flowers, 38532004, is amended to award the enlisted man the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders 45, this Headquarters, 13 February 1945.

6. So much of General Orders 986, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 6 October 1945, as pertains to Sergeant Clarence F. Bolton, 39909848, is amended to award the enlisted man the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders 71, this Headquarters, 3 March 1945.

7. So much of General Orders 943, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 4 October 1945, as pertains to Private First Class George C. Quasada, 39597400, (award of the Purple Heart) is rescinded.

8. So much of General Orders 1023, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 23 October 1945, as pertains to Private First Class Saul Karasyk, 32906501, is rescinded.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

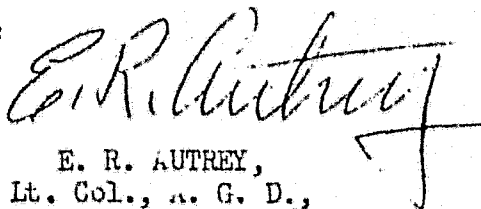
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded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

Private First Class Saul Karasyk, 32906501, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 4 November 1944. Private First Class Karasyk's company was advancing when suddenly the enemy opened fire with mortars and machine guns. Almost immediately, one of the men near Private First Class Karasyk was wounded. Without hesitation, Private First Class Karasyk crawled to the wounded man through the deadly fire and administered first aid. The casualty, however, was in need of further medical attention quickly, so again Private First Class Karasyk braved the enemy fire. By creeping and crawling for nearly two hundred yards, he succeeded in bringing the wounded man to the aid station. That same evening, during an enemy "Banzai" attack, one of the men in Private First Class Karasyk's hole was wounded. Leaving his fox hole in the darkness Private First Class Karasyk went to the aid station and returned with the blood plasma which was necessary for the wounded man's survival. Private First Class Karasyk's determined and fearless actions during the day's fighting were instrumental in saving the lives of two men.

Captain John T. Bryan, 0419779, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945 and on 22 June 1945. On the night of 10 May 1945, Captain Bryan's assigned Field Artillery Battalion was suddenly subjected to a severe shelling from three 150mm enemy guns which inflicted casualties in one firing battery. Captain Bryan proceeded immediately three hundred yards through total darkness to the firing battery which was under heavy enemy artillery fire and while the barrage was still in progress, he administered first aid to the wounded and directed the evacuation of the casualties. On the night of 22 June 1945 when several enemy troops penetrated the battalion perimeter inflicting casualties with grenades, Captain Bryan with total disregard for his own safety proceeded to evacuate these casualties within the perimeter to the aid station and performed surgical aid throughout the night disregarding the constant danger of the ever present enemy personnel. Captain Bryan's courage under fire and willingness to place the welfare and safety of the wounded above his own, was directly responsible for the saving of the wounded men's lives and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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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, a Security Issue (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the commanding general, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Willis Vernon Klason, 3777207, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When his company was advancing up the coral escarpment near Yuzo, murderous machine gun fire from the exposed left flank pinned down the advancing troops. Quickly appraising the situation and locating the enemy weapon, Private First Class Klason unhesitatingly moved his light machine gun to a completely exposed position. Though he was subjected to raking machine gun and sniper fire, he laid down such deadly fire that he knocked out the enemy weapon and killed the four man crew. The heroism displayed by Private First Class Klason contributed materially to the success of his company in reaching their objective and reflects highly upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Harold D. Light, 36302107, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. The second platoon of his company had moved up on the left flank of Charlie Hill when they received heavy enemy machine gun fire from the mouth of a cave pinning down Sergeant Light's platoon. Sergeant Light disregarded his own personal safety and moved forward through a ditch when a mortar shell struck his helmet, splitting both the helmet and the liner and filling his scalp with small fragments. He continued moving forward through grenades into the cave killing five Japs. Sergeant Light's courage and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Joseph V. Maloney, 48051247, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. During the attack on the high ground outside of Iwa, the machine gun section's mission was to protect the location where engineers would dig the best possible cover for the assault platoons. However, the section was forced to give up the crest of the hill exposed to enemy machine gun and sniper fire, with the result that one of the men in the section was wounded. Sergeant Maloney, upon seeing one of his comrades wounded, and in an exposed position, unhesitatingly and at the risk of his own life proceeded to go to the aid of the wounded man. After climbing the crest of the hill, he became completely exposed to the incessant enemy machine gun fire. However, he unflinchingly crossed it where the wounded man lay, and carefully carried him back to a position of comparative safety where he attended over him and rendered aid until the arrival of a company aid man. Sergeant Maloney's daring courage was directly responsible for the prevention of a seriously wounded man's injury from becoming fatal. Sergeant Maloney's complete disregard for his own personal safety and his devotion to his fellow soldiers reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Captain Vincenzo M. Mazzanti, 0471192, MC, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island on 30 and 31 October 1945. Captain Mazzanti brought his aid station ashore in a truck in the fourth wave of the assault in good order, although two mortar shells had fallen close enough to splash water over the sides of the craft before hitting the beach. Heavy machine gun fire was cutting the foliage from the trees and the "duck" driver hesitated to try to cross the beach. Captain Mazzanti came forward to the driver of the truck and assured him that it was best, an act later proved true, for the enemy machine gun fire could not lower enough to hit the men, and the trees offered concealment from the enemy mortar observers located on Mount Hill. Captain Mazzanti organized the aid station group and moved them to a safer position. Later the same evening as the Battalion was assaulting the first ridge on the advance to Mount Hill, the Battalion was fired upon by an intense fire from our entrenches on the other side of the Leyte River, believing they were Japanese soldiers. Captain Mazzanti moved around through the men ordering them not to stand up and run but to lie as close to the ground as possible for the fire was moving its pattern up the hill and away from the men. By this heroic action of Captain Mazzanti, moving around himself while ordering the men to remain prone, undoubtedly saved the lives of many men. As the Battalion set up its night perimeter, he moved head of the aid station group in order to be nearer the front companies where a Japanese counter attack was expected which would produce casualties.

Private First Class Patrick J. McDermott, 37750360, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 28 May 1945. When the platoon that had assaulted Lave Hill was ordered to withdraw, Private First Class McDermott acting as squad leader, laid down covering fire until his squad had left the position. While withdrawing Private First Class McDermott located a Japanese position that was lying down a bunker, and crawled to within a few yards of the position while the members of his squad laid down covering fire. He then threw in two fragmentation grenades and two white phosphorus grenades, flushing out the Japanese mortar squad and killing four men. Private First Class McDermott continued the withdrawal until he came upon three wounded men that were under heavy machine gun fire. He crawled to their positions and administered first aid and had started two of the men toward their own lines when the machine gun opened up and killed the third man and Private First Class McDermott had to seek a covered position. He threw out smoke grenades and ordered the other men to a covered position. Private First Class McDermott's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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HEADQUARTERS 96TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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30 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 AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Chester C. Kielusiak, 36381756, 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 Kielusiak, a cook in a regimental headquarters company, volunteered his services as a rifleman with a Third Battalion rifle company in the action on Kakazu Ridge. During the attack on the morning of 10 April one of the forward scouts of the platoon to which he was attached was critically wounded by enemy machine gun fire. He left his position to go forward and remove the wounded man from the enemy fire-swept area and succeeded in bringing him back to a position of safety where he administered first aid. Later, when his company resumed the attack, he located and destroyed by grenades an enemy observation post which had been directing mortar fire on our position. Technician Fifth Grade Kielusiak's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Harold J. Weidel, 36615680, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. On 2 June 1945 Technical Sergeant Weidel's company was attacking the enemy near the town of Chan. Enemy machine gun and sniper fire was intense, 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. Unhesitatingly and with complete disregard for his personal safety, Technical Sergeant Weidel rushed toward the wounded man. The terrain was open and the enemy concentrated heavy fire upon it, making the crossing very difficult. He reached the wounded man, dragged him to cover and administered first aid. Continuous heavy machine gun fire made it impossible for anybody else to reach the wounded man. Technical Sergeant Weidel remained with the wounded man until dark, at which time a litter team finally reached his position and completed the evacuation of the wounded man. Technical Sergeant Weidel's courageous actions were instrumental in the saving of the man's life. His heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Private First Class Francisco R. Ortiz, 38242823, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. In the vicinity of Cactus Ridge, Private First Class Ortiz, a company wireman, continued to string wire to all elements of the company even though heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire was falling in the area. At one time it was necessary for him to cross fifty yards of open ground covered by enemy sniper and machine gun fire from Cactus Ridge. An enemy artillery concussion knocked Private First Class Ortiz unconscious when the shell exploded within twenty five yards of him, but upon his recovery he went on with his mission. Through his efforts the heavy weapons company was able to coordinate their supporting fire during the attack. The courage displayed by Private First Class Ortiz was an inspiration to all and was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.



Private First Class Dolmer L. Parrish, 35739512, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. After a strongly fortified ridge had been partially taken by assault, one of the heaviest counterattacks of the Okinawa campaign was launched by the desperate enemy, using violent machine gun, rifle, mortar, and artillery fire followed by a wave of enemy troops. The enemy fire was so severe that the remainder of his platoon was forced to withdraw to a new line of defense. It was then that Private First Class Parrish did, with utter and complete disregard for his own life, voluntarily take an exposed position and delivered a hail of withering fire with his Browning automatic rifle at the attacking enemy. His fire was so devastating to the enemy that the whole attack itself was halted. The credited enemy dead to Private First Class Parrish for this action is fifteen, but it is known that many wounded were evacuated under cover of darkness. He then reorganized the men who were forced to withdraw and held the position against all attacks until reinforcements arrived. His gallantry coupled with unswerving determination to hold the enemy from their position, regardless of consequences to his life, was a lasting inspiration to the men about him and reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank T. Paruch, 36536082, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands from 20 November 1944 to 22 June 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Paruch, driver of the Maintenance Truck, performed his duties in a most courageous and exemplary manner. Due to the size of the vehicle it invariably was under the constant observation of the enemy and they constantly placed fire upon the vehicle. He voluntarily and without hesitation went forward whenever a call was relayed for the Maintenance Truck. His efficiency and fortitude in being capable to face and overcome all obstacles obstructing his work has served as an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. On 10 May 1945 during the devastating and ferocious attack on Conical Peak, Technician Fifth Grade Paruch went forward with his vehicle under a deluge of enemy artillery to retrieve a vehicle which had been caught in the heavy enemy artillery fire. He fully realized that his life was endangered in the operation and knew that he would have no cover, but upon his own volition and with confidence and grave determination successfully worked under a fierce barrage of enemy mortar and artillery. On 9 June 1945 in the vicinity of Iwa, Okinawa Island, while enroute to repair a vehicle he was under the direct fire of an enemy 47mm weapon, and upon diverting his course he encountered several of the enemy concealed in a cane patch, fully armed with grenades and satchel charges. He dismounted, put the vehicle under ample cover and pursued the enemy. He immediately mounted his truck and proceeded to accomplish his task. His untiring efforts and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9835, 4 February 1946 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in the 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, as amended by Change No. 3, 25 April 1946, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technician Fifth Grade Frank H. McKelvy, 3529252, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 4 November 1944 in the vicinity of Petao, Leyte Island. When two patrols from infantry rifle companies were forced to withdraw due to concentrated enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, they were forced to leave behind them a wounded soldier who had been hit by an enemy sniper. Technician Fifth Grade McKelvy, realizing that the life of this soldier depended on immediate treatment and evacuation to safety, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, unhesitatingly made his way over the hundred yards of exposed terrain which was under constant fire by both machine gun and rifle fire, to the casualty and administered emergency medical treatment. Unable to find a way over either the wounded man or himself, Technician Fifth Grade McKelvy remained exposed to the enemy fire for about thirty minutes as he attempted to find a possible route of evacuation. After locating a route of partial concealment, he made his way back to the patrol and requested their protective fire to cover the evacuation. With the assistance of the other members of his latter team, Technician Fifth Grade McKelvy returned to the casualty and successfully evacuated him under cover of the protective fire of the patrol. Through Technician Fifth Grade McKelvy's coolness, devotion to duty, initiative, and resourcefulness, the life of the casualty was saved, and his actions aided materially the success of the operation.

Sergeant Fred H. Simpson 3529116, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 7 April 1945. Sergeant, then Private First Class, Simpson, gunner in a heavy machine gun section, was attached to a platoon of a company which was attacking a ridge immediately north of Kakazu ridge. Upon gaining the crest of the ridge, the troops were flattened by terrifically intense mortar barrage. At the same time, about half of the enemy started yelling and counter-attacking the hill. Immediately, Sergeant Simpson and his other gunner, despite the falling mortar shells which kept everyone else down, picked up their machine gun and rushed to the forward slope of the ridge. Getting the gun up in a completely exposed position and subject to enemy small arms fire Sergeant Simpson, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, manned his gun with his assistant gunner, and killed thirty four of the enemy, materially aiding in repulsing the counter-attack. Sergeant Simpson's devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Edward Elmer Bear, 37461650, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Private First Class Elmer Bear, a member of a 37mm gun squad displayed outstanding courage and fearlessness in the performance of his duties through out the entire operation. He showed utter disregard for his own safety and when, at his post on the gun, he would not leave it until ordered to when extremely heavy fire made it impossible to man the gun. He spent long hours observing targets and pointing them out.

He carried a Browning automatic rifle in addition to his M1 Garand, which was used a great deal at night as protection for the 87mm gun. One occasion, the night of 21 June 1945 in the vicinity of Araguchi, four Japs were in the vicinity of the Company Post. They threw a grenade wounding one man in the squad, where upon Private First Class Snow Bear left his fox hole and ran toward them with his M1 killing all four of them. His courage was an inspiration to the other men and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Walter L. Snow, 3730695, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Sergeant, then Private First Class Snow, a heavy machine gunner was attached to a platoon of a company which was attacking a small ridge immediately north of Kakazu Ridge. Upon gaining the crest of the ridge they were pinned down by an intense mortar barrage. At the same time about fifty Japs started counter attacking. Immediately Sergeant Snow and his other gunners, despite the falling mortar shells which kept everyone else down, picked up their machine gun and rushed forward to the top of the slope of the ridge. Getting the gun up in a completely exposed position and subject to enemy shell and mortar fire, Sergeant Snow, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, faithfully manned his gun until, with the assistance of the assistant gunner, he had shot a total of thirty-three rounds killing thirty-four of the enemy troops. Sergeant Snow's actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William Sosnow, 3800080, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tomstone Ridge, Okinawa Island, 13 April 1945. As Private First Class Sosnow's company was advancing, the enemy suddenly erupted with an intense mortar barrage. One man was very seriously wounded and Private First Class Sosnow was also struck in several places by the flying shrapnel. Despite his own wounds and possible further injury, Private First Class Sosnow crawled to the more seriously wounded man, quickly administered a first aid, and then dragged him for a distance of twenty five yards to a more sheltered position. Although weakened considerably by the loss of blood, Private First Class Sosnow took his duty to the rear and organized a litter team, which he guided back to the wounded man. He then refused first aid until his wound had been safely evacuated and was no longer in danger of being hit again. Private First Class Sosnow's courage, unselfishness, and devotion to duty earned him an outstanding and his actions are worthy of emulation.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Executive Order No. 9, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in Act (66-45) (Decorations), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 2, 25 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class Jack M. Dunno, 37911771, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. While covering machine guns to his company when they were assaulting Charlie Hill, the patrol party was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Dunno, a wounded man lying in the direct fire of the machine gun, voluntarily and with complete disregard for his own personal safety crawled through the enemy fire to administer first aid. He then effected the evacuation of the wounded man thirty yards over rough terrain to a position of cover. Private First Class Dunno's coolness under fire, selflessness and devotion to duty were instrumental in saving the life of one of his comrades and his action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Clinton J. Benton, 36436154, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of General Park, Okinawa Island on 14 May 1945. Private First Class Benton was near the extreme left flank of the company with a 60mm mortar squad, when machine gun and mortar fire pinned them down, and wounded two men. After rendering first aid, Private First Class Benton volunteered to go out ahead of the line and spot the machine gun. He crawled forward about sixty yards, with complete disregard for his own safety under a heavy Jap mortar barrage and occasional machine gun fire, to a place where he could observe and then threw two grenades which silenced the machine gun. This allowed his squad to move out and continue their mission. Private First Class Benton's heroic and courageous action in the face of such great danger reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

First Lieutenant Leo W. Ford, 0527793, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 23 May 1945. In the vicinity of Charlie Hill, enemy machine gun and sniper positions were causing considerable numerous casualties in the battalion. All efforts to locate these positions only resulted in further casualties. First Lieutenant Ford, with the same display of courage and fearlessness exhibited on so many occasions, crawled forward down the face of the hill under direct observation of the enemy's machine gun and sniper positions. During this time First Lieutenant Ford was constantly exposed to machine gun and sniper fire from the enemy emplacements around Love Hill. He, being unable to locate the positions, returned with field glasses and telescope. He remained at his post until he was successful in his efforts to locate the position. He then crawled back to our lines, and ordered an Anti-Tank gun moved into position, and then proceeded to direct the fire until the emplacements were knocked out. First Lieutenant Ford's personal courage, determination, and valor in locating the positions, and the successful efforts he made in neutralizing them is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Private First Class James M. Gower, 36615681, 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 Gower was leading his squad in the attack on Aragachi and after advancing some forty to fifty yards over the escarpment, the entire Battalion was halted due to intense enemy machine gun fire from the front and flanks. During the halt, he aided the platoon leader in locating and bringing fire on positions within the town directly to the front. When the attack resumed, it was necessary to advance across an open field to the very center of the town. Due to his leadership and aggressive action Private First Class Gower advanced his squad to the town. At the north end, the squad was halted by sniper fire. Private First Class Gower exposed himself to locate the enemy position and advance alone to attack the position, a cave, with grenades and rifle fire. He succeeded in destroying the position single-handedly, and enabled his squad to continue the advance. The aggressive and daring action displayed by Private First Class Gower set a high example for the men in his company and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Charles S. Gilpin, 39595987, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on 1 June 1945 at Chan, Okinawa Island. Private First Class Gilpin's company was attacking a heavily fortified ridge in the vicinity of Chan, when leading element came under intense machine gun and rifle fire. Private First Class Gilpin, an automatic rifleman; without regard for his personal safety, worked his way forward thru the enemy fire, up the slope of the hill toward the enemy gun position. Using grenades and his automatic weapon, he destroyed five of the enemy and silenced the position. He continued to move forward and was finally halted by a sniper's bullet which pierced his jaw. Private First Class Gilpin's heroic actions were an inspiration to his comrades and are in keeping with the highest of military traditions.

Master Sergeant Orville Ayers, 16075648, 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.

First Lieutenant Robert J. Barrett, 01286420, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 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 Antonio Rivas, 39728397, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 27 May 1945. Private First Class Rivas, a machine gunner was giving covering fire for an advancing platoon when he spotted an enemy machine gun nest out of his sector, which had a flank of our company pinned down. Without regard to his own personal safety, he moved his gun to an unprotected spot and proceeded to neutralize the enemy position, thus enabling the flank elements of his company to move forward. Although wounded Private First Class Rivas continued to man his machine gun until the hill had been taken, this heroic action aided greatly in taking the Company objective by keeping the enemy pinned down and the enemy fire inaccurate.

Technician Fourth Grade Sidney J. Rowan, 37317788, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February, 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 30 June 1945. During the Regimental attack on San Vicente Hill the Fillet Train found it necessary to revert to the use of weasels for transporting supplies and ammunition, due to the numerous rice paddies and swamps. The weasels, thus over taxed, required a large number of repairs. Without hesitation, and upon his own volition, Technician Fourth Grade Rowan, went forward at all times to make the repairs so vital to the smooth functioning of vehicles. On one occasion the supply route was under the direct attack of the enemy. In spite of the enemy activity, Technician Fourth Grade Rowan, remained at his post until all vehicles had been repaired and in operation, delivering supplies to the troops. On 7 June 1945, in the vicinity of Iwa, Okinawa, while delivering supplies, he came under the direct fire of an enemy 47 millimeter gun. He changed his course, and was attacked by enemy soldiers in a combat position. He placed his vehicle under cover, and killed two of the enemy who were delaying and endangering the delivery of supplies; thereby enabling himself to successfully complete his mission. The determination and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Rowan are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Private First Class Américo Sanchez, 38584575, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 22 May 1945. When his platoon was ambushed near Charlie Hill, and seven wounded men were in a trap, Private First Class Sanchez, volunteered to help evacuate the wounded. Under constant artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire, he went in twice to bring out wounded. He himself was wounded when going in the first time, but he refused medical aid until all the wounded men were brought back to safety. Private First Class Sanchez's heroic action and unselfish devotion to his comrades, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Francis W. Sayre, 39014078, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 22 May, 1945. When one of the rifle companies received heavy casualties on 22 May, 1945, Technician Fourth Grade Sayre, with complete disregard for his own safety, volunteered along with another cook to evacuate a casualty lying in an exposed position on the forward slope of King Hill. They crawled over the exposed ground in the face of heavy enemy machine gun fire, rendering the casualty emergency treatment, and evacuated him over the same hazardous terrain. Technician Fourth Grade Sayre's exemplary courage and coolness under fire reflects great credit upon himself and in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

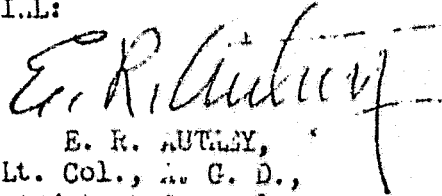
Staff Sergeant George H. Schmidlin, 15317201, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 24 May 1945. On 24 May 1945 near Conical Peak, Staff Sergeant Schmidlin, was called upon to bring 60mm mortar fire on close enemy positions. He had to work his way to the top of Obo Hill where enemy sniper fire was intense. His position was so precarious and the enemy fire so deadly that he was creased across the right shoulder. However, through wounded, he still stayed in his position and directed the fire of his section until dark when he was forced to return from his position to have his wound dressed. He refused evacuation, however, and went on to direct the fire of 500 to 1000 rounds of 60mm ammunition and inflicted heavy casualties on enemy positions. Staff Sergeant Schmidlin's coolness, and courage under fire even though wounded, is deserving of high praise and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

First Lieutenant George F. Peters, 01052119, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 June 1945. First Lieutenant Peters, who is weapons platoon leader of his company, was covering the advance of the company which was attacking the Yuza-Dake escarpment, lost radio contact with the Company Commander. Tanks had moved in between Lieutenant Peters' platoon and the advancing company making visibility poor due to smoke and dust. Lieutenant Peters, with his runner, set out to find a route around the right extremity of the village of Yuza. With utter disregard of his own personal safety, First Lieutenant Peters forced a route through a portion of the village, which had not been searched, destroying, with grenades, four enemy snipers hidden in houses. Because of this action, Lieutenant Peters was able to return to his platoon and lead them thru the village to rejoin and give badly needed support to his company. By his quick, decisive action and excellent display of courageous initiative, he brought great credit upon himself and the military service.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, of February 1944 (Section II, Subsection B, of Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 38 CFR-5 (Decorations), 22 September 1940, as amended by Change No. 3, 23 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Private first class Henry Carlson, 3670905, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private first class Carlson, a first scout, was in the attack on Charlie Hill and his men were pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire which wounded many members of his platoon. Private first class Carlson crawled from his concealment position and administered first aid to a wounded comrade who had been wounded. Disregarding his own wounds, he crawled forward to within twenty yards of the enemy machine gun emplacement, throwing both gas grenades and fragmentation grenades and killing three of the enemy. His platoon was then able to continue and see off their mission. Private first class Carlson's heroic actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician fourth grade Thomas G. Caschura, 36810894, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. When his platoon held up on their advance near Charlie Hill and the enemy grenades needed ammunition and flares at daylight to help with a counter attack, Technician fourth grade Caschura volunteered to take a carrying party consisting of nine men to the front lines. As the carrying party returned bringing ammunition from the front lines they were fired upon. Technician fourth grade Caschura spotted the machine gun and threw a hand grenade killing two of the enemy. After the carrying party returned to the Battalion supply dump, Technician fourth grade Caschura was notified that five men were needed to guard a cut in the road. He then volunteered to take four men to guard the cut in the road. In doing this he prevented the Japs from infiltrating to our supply lines and preventing our advance. His performance of this heroic service is a credit to himself and to the military service.

Private first class John M. Schritz, 3777-867, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May to 16 May 1945. When his platoon made an assault on a small spur to the right of Conical Peak, Private first class Schritz was the first man to reach the peak of the spur, and here he quickly dug an emplacement. This position turned out to be of vital importance, for it commanded a large area to the front, area which the enemy could launch counter thrusts. For four days and nights, Private first class Schritz remained at this post, maintaining a persistent ban of fire, and although his position was the object of such mortar machine gun and rifle fire, he held on unflinchingly. For three straight nights he was materially responsible for the turning back of attempted enemy infiltrations in force. The enemy was particularly desirous of eliminating Private First Class Schritz' position and so, on the night of 15 May, they sent the men armed with satchel charges and grenades with the specific mission of destroying the emplacement, and thereafter to breach our defenses. Private first class Schritz, alert and wary, discovered the approaching enemy and promptly destroyed them with a hand grenade. It was necessary for him to crawl out of his hole to perform this action and he was severely wounded in the process.



hurled several grenades in his direction, he continued forward and killed them all. In the ensuing period, Private First Class Schritz accounts for an estimated twelve enemy. His heroic action and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

**Private First Class Bernice E. Stalvey** 1612550, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. Private First Class Stalvey was with a wire team whose mission was to lay a vital wire to an infantry front line company after the hours of darkness. Communications by wire are extremely necessary because radio communications were out of the company's attacking position. Realizing the importance of a successful wire laying mission, Private First Class Stalvey volunteered to accompany another man to lay the vital wire. During the mission in the hours of darkness, they were fired upon by the enemy as they progressed in territory not yet entirely cleared by the company. The heroic and fearless actions of Private First Class Stalvey and his measures to install a vital communication wire successfully and thereby contributed mightily to the success of the company's assault on the hill in the main.

**Private First Class Thomas J. Thomas**, 1001304, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. The first platoon of a company encountered three enemy machine gun positions. The platoon was ordered to withdraw to their former positions. Private First Class Thomas took up an exposed position and returned the enemy fire, greatly reducing their fire, and thus enabling the platoon to withdraw and even to the ground with reasonable safety. Private First Class Thomas remained in this position until the platoon had withdrawn and all the wounded had been evacuated. The courage and utter disregard for his own personal safety displayed by Private First Class Thomas reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

**Technician Fifth Grade Bernard W. Walker**, 1670498, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island 8 April 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Walker volunteered to go on a litter party to evacuate seriously wounded men who were left behind in enemy held territory during withdrawal. During the trip the entire party was under constant enemy fire, but this did not deter Technician Fifth Grade Walker from his job. When they approached the location of the wounded, an air strike was laying a smoke cover for the withdrawal, but the bombing was inaccurate and placed the party in further danger. This failed to prevent Technician Fifth Grade Walker, and he along with his party successfully effected the evacuation of the wounded to our lines.

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POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Rudolph Cerda, 1592713, 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 Cerda's platoon was dug in on the crest of Charley Hill where they were pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Cerda crawled from his position to return fire with his Browning automatic rifle and cover the withdrawal of the members of his platoon. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Cerda stood up and continued firing his Browning automatic rifle, killing a Japanese sniper, at which time he was instantly killed by enemy machine gun fire. His courage and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Alice Cerda (Mother), 1845 Sichel Street, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Hilmer G. Cote, 36643804, 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 attacking the heavily fortified positions in the vicinity of Tobaru, Private First Class Cote, a rifleman, was moving forward with his platoon when they received a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire. Private First Class Cote heard a cry for help, and disregarding his own personal safety, he crawled from his concealed position to administer first aid to a comrade. While evacuating his wounded comrade he was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, but he continued until, due to the loss of blood, he called for help. Private First Class Cote was evacuated and later died of his wounds. Private First Class Cote's courage and bravery reflects great credit to himself and the military service. Next of Kin: Beatrice B. Cote, Route 1, Box 172, Flover, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant Kenneth E. Hummel, 36431840, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Hummel's heavy machine gun platoon moved into position near the village of Chan, protecting an exposed right flank of the First Battalion. This same right flank of the Battalion was pinned down by heavy machine gun and mortar fire. It was impossible to discover targets in his present position, so Staff Sergeant Hummel, regardless of the risk and acting beyond the call of duty, crawled over the crest of the hill searching for a better position for his guns. He crawled out thirty five yards, constantly exposed to the heavy enemy fire, being forced to take cover three times, but always to a place where he still had good observation. He was mortally wounded while returning. When one of his squad leaders came up, Sergeant Hummel pointed out the new positions for the guns, although losing blood rapidly. Sergeant Hummel then lost consciousness and died on the way to the aid station, but his guns, placed in positions he had picked, successfully searched out and neutralized the enemy machine guns, allowing the Battalion to advance the next day. Sergeant Hummel's courageous leadership,

his fine example of action above and beyond the call to duty is in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service.

Next of Kin: Mrs. Ina Hummel, (Mother), RFD #1, Cary, Illinois.

Private First Class Bert L. Mitchell Jr., 37266473, 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, the battalion to which Private First Class Mitchell was attached had been almost cut off from vital supplies necessary for the complete assault of the ridge. The only available supply route lay through a village which had just recently been taken and was still being covered by heavy enemy artillery fire. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and life, Private First Class Mitchell volunteered to make many trips through this village, carrying rations and ammunition. In the course of his many trips several members of the carrying party had been wounded and one man killed, but with courage and determination he continued on his missions in spite of the hazards encountered. His efforts were of great assistance to the success of the battalion. Many times throughout the campaign he worked late into the night under heavy enemy artillery and sniper fire. He continued this outstanding work up to the time he was mortally wounded by a direct barrage of artillery. His devotion to duty is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Edith M. Mitchell, (Wife), 2324 Greenwood, Pueblo, Colorado.

Private First Class Floyd P. Porter, 36635046, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 10 June to 19 June 1945. During the period 10 June to 19 June 1945, Private First Class Porter, a superior scout, performed his duties diligently and with great courage. His keen sense of perception and his wary alertness saved the men of his platoon from certain ambush on two different occasions, when they were on the brink of walking into the enemy traps. On June 15 when the advance of his company was temporarily checked, due in part to a scarcity of ammunition, Private First Class Porter of his own volition elected to go to the supply dump to secure the needed cartridges and mortar rounds. He chose to go, knowing full well that the road he must take was under heavy and accurate enemy artillery fire. Private First Class Porter was within ten yards of completing his mission when fragments from an enemy shell ripped into his head. Notwithstanding the fact that he was mortally wounded, he crawled the remaining distance to his company perimeter, deposited the ammunition, and shortly afterwards he succumbed. His splendid courage, his unflinching fortitude, and his deep regard for his fellow soldiers are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Viola M. Porter (Mother), Route 2, Corran, Texas.

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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 military personnel:

Private First Class Desmond E. Spooner, 39426362, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 21 May 1945. As acting squad leader, Private First Class Spooner led his carrying party over a route covered by enemy small arms, machine gun and mortar fire and rendered further dangerous by the presence of a sizeable mine field. Private First Class Spooner's squad carried more than twenty cases of grenades and several hundred pounds of explosives to the assault squads enabling them to reduce the enemy position. Private First Class Spooner refusing rest, continued to carry supplies long after other men of his squad were forced to rest. On the afternoon of 21 May 1945 after the platoon had advanced to Doctor Hill, Private First Class Spooner led a demolitions patrol in reducing by-passed enemy positions. Once more on the same day Private First Class Spooner distinguished himself, volunteering to accompany his platoon leader on a reconnaissance to determine the location of the left flank unit. Mortar and sniper fire covering the route made the mission a dangerous one. The information thus secured enabled another battalion to fill a dangerous gap and remove a serious threat of enemy breakthrough. The action of Private First Class Spooner in this and in subsequent engagements reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.  
Next of Kin: Mrs. Christine Spooner (Mother), 221 Marchant Street, Watsonville, California.

Private First Class Henry Valles, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When members of Private First Class Henry Valles' platoon were wounded and exposed to withering enemy machine gun fire during the attack on Yagaji-Dake Escarpment, he rushed to the casualties, unmindful of his own safety, and rendered first aid to each. While treating the wounded men Private First Class Henry Valles was himself mortally wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire, but continued taking care of the wounds of others until he finally succumbed. This utter devotion to duty and sheer heroism displayed by Private First Class Valles is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service.  
Next of Kin: Mrs. Casta Valles (Wife), 574 W. 192nd St., Apt. #55, New York, N.Y.

Private First Class Robert Volpe, 38679935, 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 Volpe's platoon was pinned down and suffering casualties. With complete disregard of his own safety, he charged the machine gun, which no one had located, with his automatic rifle blazing, and although mortally wounded, succeeded in knocking out the position, thus allowing his unit to go on with its task. This action is exemplary of the highest traditions of the military service.  
Next of Kin: Mrs. Antonia Volpe (Mother), 1219 Market Street, Laredo, Texas.

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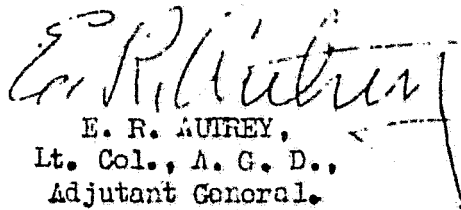
Staff Sergeant Felix Zalesky, 38243088, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Zalesky, a company mess sergeant, knowing the shortage of men in the assault platoons, volunteered to assist them while defending a position which was being counterattacked by the Japanese. When the attack was over, three dead Japanese were lying within five feet of Staff Sergeant Zalesky's fox hole. A few minutes later Staff Sergeant Zalesky was killed by an artillery shell. 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: Mrs. Pauline Zalesky (wife), PO Box 6032, Houston, Texas.

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Second Lieutenant Charles F. Jones, 01331740, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 June 1945. During the joint attack of two battalions on the ridge eight hundred yards south of Goose Neck Hill and four hundred yards south east of Rose Hill they were subjected to a murderous concentration of grazing machine gun fire coming down the slope. The troops had advanced too close for the continued support of the machine guns supporting companies to continue their fire. This allowed the Japs to reoccupy their pillbox firing positions and deliver a withering band of fire on our troops in the open field at very close range. Second Lieutenant Jones, instantly grasping their perilous situation, jumped up with two grenades and made for the nearest pillbox stooping once to grab an automatic rifle from a wounded man. He charged the pillbox firing short bursts to keep the occupants out of the firing slit and placed a grenade in the opening. The Japs ran out the back way into a communication trench and started throwing hand grenades from the defilade position of the trench. Second Lieutenant Jones stood there holding his ground ignoring the hail of grenades the Japs were throwing. Three grenades landed at his feet and he picked them up and hurled them back into the trench with unerring accuracy. He continued to pick off each jap that stuck up a weapon or exposed himself too much when throwing a grenade. When his automatic rifle was empty he drew his pistol and continued his deadly fire. His actions so inspired his men that they started to advance and helped clean out the strong points. Second Lieutenant Jones killed fourteen of the enemy in the communication trench. He then skillfully maneuvered his platoon to the partially blind spots of the three remaining pillboxes. Completely disregarding the constant fire and showers of grenades falling about him he recovered an M-1 rifle and continued delivering effective fire on the unwary enemy who exposed themselves as he directed his platoon with cool and decisive orders. His gallantry in action and personal disregard for his safety in the face of overwhelming odds enabled the elimination of sixty seven of the enemy, three light machine guns and a heavy machine gun position. His gallant actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

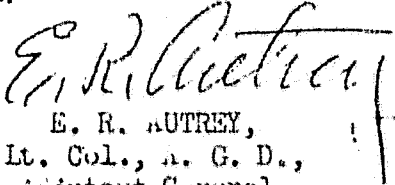
Private First Class Harold G. Merrill, 39480561, Infantry, United States Army.

For heroism in saving a comrade from drowning on Okinawa Island on 4 June 1945. While acting as an ammunition bearer for an 81mm mortar platoon in the late afternoon of this day, after slogging all day through the heavy rain and thick mud, Private First Class Merrill had just dropped his packboard load for the afternoon when he observed a heavily laden Marine floundering in the rain swollen stream which crossed the valley two hundred yards away from him at a point five hundred yards south of Kamizato. Owing to a steady downpour for the week past, a small stream usually easily fordable had grown to a rapid torrent over 15 yards wide, and was flowing with at least a ten mile per hour velocity. In attempting to locate a way across this natural obstacle to the forward movement of a battalion of Marines, one of the latter waded out into the racing waters, only to be caught up by the current and washed rapidly downstream with his heavy load. Private First Class Merrill, seeing his plight, using great personal initiative, tore the rope from his packboard and ran the two hundred yards to the stream through knee-deep mud over an open field in which enemy fire had been intermittently falling. He attempted to toss the rope to the floundering Marine, but the man was so weak that he could not hold to it. Then, with utter disregard for his own safety, Private First Class Merrill dove into the roaring stream, managed, by superlative swimming, to reach the sinking Marine, and towed him at tremendous personal risk through the foaming current to the near bank, where alone and unaided, though virtually exhausted by his efforts, he hauled the unconscious Marine on the bank, loosened his equipment, and began to give him artificial respiration until further help arrived. The Marine recovered in a few moments.

Technical Sergeant Tony Zerites, 36617340, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed in saving a man from drowning on 8 August 1944 at the Unit Jungle Training Course on Ohau, Territory of Hawaii. While learning about and practicing the buddy float method of crossing a body of water a man was proceeding through the water with his buddy float when the float slipped from his grasp. The stricken man was a non-swimmer, and upon discovering that he could not touch solid ground he became panicky. The life guard on duty, observing the situation, dove to help the drowning man but was unable to handle him. Technical Sergeant Zerites also observed what was taking place and quickly entered the water and proceeded toward the man. When he reached the spot that the drowning man had been, he discovered that the man had gone under and without a thought for his own safety he quickly dove under the surface and grasping the drowning man by the hair, pulled him to the surface. He then calmed the man and brought him safely to shore. His courage and rapid action undoubtedly saved the man's life.

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SECTION I  
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.

Staff Sergeant Phil W. Wimberly, 30419275, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. His company was ordered to take an objective early in the morning, and in order to get to the objective it was necessary to cross an open field of some two hundred yards in length which was covered by machine gun fire. Staff Sergeant Wimberly ordered his squad to wait and watch him as he would find a way across the field. Then knowing that at any time he could be killed he started forward and found a route by which he could get his men across the field without suffering casualties. His work under such hazardous conditions materially aided the speedy taking of the objective with very few casualties. His heroic action and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 983, this Headquarters, 6 Oct. 45.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Travis A. Bullington, 37751956, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. While his company was moving forward into the attack against enemy positions under intense enemy sniper, mortar and artillery fire, Private First Class Bullington received a severe wound in his left leg from shrapnel. His squad was temporarily stopped by the enemy sniper and mortar fire. When he was wounded, he received aid from the aid man and voluntarily returned to his squad, where he continued the harassing fire upon enemy positions which were strongly entrenched in caves in the hillsides. The weather being fair and clear, the enemy had excellent observation, with excellent fields of fire from their hillside position on the right flank. Nevertheless he continued to move forward because he knew that taking the objective quickly would reduce the casualties in his squad and would enable his squad to close the gap which existed between adjacent squads. The objective was taken with only one casualty, then Private First Class Bullington was evacuated. This heroic and courageous action on the part of Private First Class Bullington was an inspiration to his squad and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 873, this Headquarters, 26 September 1945.



Private First Class Lee R. Johannsen, 39130332, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. When counterattacks inflicted heavy casualties among two Infantry rifle companies who were attempting to gain a foothold on the stony ridge in the vicinity of Yuza, Private First Class Johannsen volunteered to lead a litter team forward even though enemy mortar and machine gun fire made the mission extremely hazardous. With foresight for the safety of the other members of his litter squad, he directed them to a point of safety, and with complete disregard for his own personal safety, traversed the exposed area to the casualties under cover of protective fire from automatic rifles, and one by one dragged all the casualties to the point of evacuation where the remaining litter bearers were located. He then supervised the evacuation of all casualties to the aid station where medical treatment could be administered. On numerous other occasions Private First Class Johannsen displayed similar courage, initiative, resourcefulness, and devotion to duty, and was at all times an inspiration to those who worked with him. Previous award per General Orders No. 48, this Headquarters, 14 February, 1945.

Sergeant Ruben Leal, 38283034, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 14 to 21 May 1945. When his company's position around Conical Peak was extremely perilous, and all movements by the troops had to be made under cover of darkness due to the exceptionally good observation the enemy had, Sergeant Leal kept his squad in position during these days, maintaining their morale and fighting spirit. Due to his judgment in the placing of his men, they were able to stave off three enemy night attacks. On May 21 when his company moved into an assault, Sergeant Leal was in charge of the advance squad. After moving some two hundred yards, the squad received heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the enemy entrenched on an adjacent hill, and further movement was impossible. As the squad halted, Sergeant Leal noticed that his lead scout was injured and lay dangerously close to the enemy's lines. Despite the great danger involved, Sergeant Leal crawled from his safe position into the enemy fire, to rescue the wounded man. He successfully evacuated the man, and with bullets kicking up dirt inches from him, Sergeant Leal dragged him some fifty yards to safety. There he rendered prompt and efficient first aid and unquestionably was responsible for the man's subsequent recovery. The leadership, courage and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Leal was an inspiration to all who witnessed it and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 446, this Headquarters, 3 July 1945.

Staff Sergeant Donald B. Williams, 30310651, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Seeing one wounded man approximately seventy yards away in his company's attack upon Love Hill lying in a position exposed to enemy machine gun fire Staff Sergeant Williams voluntarily and with complete disregard of his own personal safety, moved from his position of cover, making his way across open terrain in the face of heavy enemy fire to the wounded man. After administering first aid Staff Sergeant Williams aided the wounded man's evacuation to friendly lines approximately two hundred yards away. His spontaneous reaction to a difficult situation, courage and unselfishness served as an inspiration to his entire company. His devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and the military service. Previous award per GO No. 462, this Headquarters, 6 July 45.

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SECTION

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

1st Lt	Frank, E. Buel	0-1299193	Inf	18 June 1945	✓
Sgt	Maria V Christopherson	37597116	Inf	17 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Edwin J Berarup	39856379	Inf	17 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Lawrence E Collingwood	37712450	Inf	10 June 1945	✓
S/Sgt	John W Crawley	44020381	Inf	18 June 1945	✓
Pfc	William G Ferguson	39475850	Inf	18 May 1945	✓
Pfc	John W Fox	38680976	Inf	17 May 1945	✓
Sgt	Alfred J Fritts	38608367	Inf	18 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Leo Giacchina	36981572	Inf	17 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Herbert H Hinze Jr.	38465890	Inf	23 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Kenneth B Keown	35841743	Inf	18 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Joseph L Kollinger	36914423	Inf	17 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Tony A Medziak	36716346	Inf	16 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Cornaz A Nation	38712175	Inf	10 April 1945	✓
Pfc	Thanos Panagoulas	39426316	Inf	21 May 1945	✓
2nd Lt	Gordon W Farr	01331656	Inf	12 June 1945	✓
Cpl	Stanley A Rogucki	33298058	Inf	18 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Adell E Sarmon	38271513	Inf	22 April 1945	✓
1st Lt	Carl O. Sandberg Jr.	01060274	Inf	16 April 1945	✓
Sgt	Henry E Snow	39622594	Inf	15 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Karl W Swana	38470394	Inf	23 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Edgar R Williams	34807504	Inf	11 May 1945	✓
Pfc	Fred Witteveen	36474896	Inf	23 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Morris Yick	33950198	Inf	20 June 1945	✓
Pfc	Walter T Berlin	39422246	Inf	23 June 1945	✓

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

Pfc	Harsel N Stebens	38274106	Inf	11 November 1944	✓
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SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Frank Alberts, 36914841, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 May 1945 near Vic Toburu, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 324, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class John R. Curns, 26680079, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 April 1945 near Uchitomari, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 204, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 13 May 1945.

Private First Class William S. Pierce, 37709748, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 near Kaniku, Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 505, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 12 July 1945.

2nd Lt. Mathias F. Sand, O-1331775, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 near Ozato Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 785 Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 10 July 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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Chief of Staff.

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AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE I  
AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS II

SECTION

SECTION I

AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 403, 17 October 1944 the following Enlisted Men are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, effective 20 October 1945:

Tec 4	Fred Fukushima	3704412	Inf	(314th Hq Intelligence Detachment)
Tec 5	Rudy Kawahara	30106609	Inf	(314th Hq Intelligence Detachment)

SECTION II

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS

1. So much of Par 3 General Orders No. 669, this Headquarters, 6 September 1945 as pertains to:

S Sgt	John Novitsky	6886558
Sgt	Evan A. Olson	37097564
Cpl	Elmer E. Bennett	37423968

is amended as follows:

S Sgt	John Navitsky	6886558
Sgt	Evan A. Olson	37097564
Cpl	Delmer E. Bennett	37423968

2. So much of General Orders No. 944, this Headquarters, 4 October 1945, as awards Private First Class Jack A. Solomon, 36760247, the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to award him the Bronze Star Medal Posthumously.  
NEXT OF KIN: Esther Solomon (Mother), 1109 East 52nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

3. So much of General Orders No. 918, this Headquarters, 2 October 1945, as awards Private First Class Chello O. Ortega, 39724744, the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to award him the Bronze Star Medal Posthumously.  
NEXT OF KIN: Lorenzo Ortega (Father), General Delivery, Saticoy, California.

4. So much of General Orders No. 908, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945, as awards Private First Class Thomas C. Johnson, 36540411, the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to award him the Bronze Star Medal Posthumously.  
NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Edna Johnson (Mother), 19316 Brandt, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

5. So much of General Orders No. 992, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945, as awards Private First Class Charles F. Snitily, 37266393, the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to award him the Bronze Star Medal Posthumously.  
NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Marie Snitily (Mother), RFD #2, Prague, Nebraska.

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OK } 6. So much of General Orders No. 982, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945, as awards Staff Sergeant Phil W. Wimberly, 38149273, the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to award him the Bronze Star Medal Posthumously.  
NEXT OF KIN: Mrs. Eunice Wimberly (Mother), Lake of the Forest, Edwardsville, Kan.

OK } 7. So much of the citation, General Orders No. 202, this Headquarters, 12 May 1945, awarding Private Garnett W. Ingram, 33841699 the Bronze Star Medal posthumously, as reads "For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to January 13, 1945" is amended to read "For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte from January 5 to January 10, 1945."

OK } 8. So much of General Orders No. 208, this Headquarters, 13 May 1945, as awards Staff Sergeant Oakley W. Myers, 36534249, the Purple Heart, is amended to award him the Oak Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart having been previously awarded per General Orders No. 11, Hq 27th General Hospital, 10 November 1944.

OK } 9. So much of General Orders No. 593, this Headquarters, 11 August 1945, as awards Private First Class Walter S. Acklin, 38230458, the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to award him the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders No. 71, this Headquarters, 3 March 1945, and so much of General Orders No. 771, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945, as awards Private First Class Walter S. Acklin, 38230458, the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal as reads "a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded" is amended to read "a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded" and so much as reads "Previous award per General Order No. 593, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 11 August 1945." is amended to read "Previous award per General Order No. 71, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 3 March 1945."

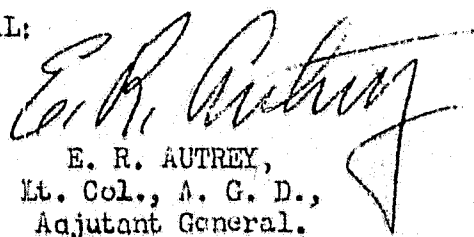
OK } 10. So much of General Orders No. 907, this Headquarters, 2 October 1945, as awards First Lieutenant Elwin S. Johnson, 01307975, Inf, the Bronze Star Medal, is amended to award him the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded per General Orders No. 772, this Headquarters, 20 September 1945.

OK } 11. So much of General Orders No. 1023, this Headquarters, 23 October 1945 as reads "Captain George Harris II" is amended to read "Captain Charles H. Harris II".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

First Lieutenant Julius B. Anderson, 01307787, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 21 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

First Sergeant Vernon L. Archer, 36536142, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte and Okinawa Islands during the respective periods of 18 November 1944 to 30 December 1944, and 1 April 1945 to 23 June 1945.

Technical Sergeant Gino Baldacci, 36609889, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April to 23 June 1945.

Staff Sergeant Sylvester A. Bartkowiak, 36543758, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 18 December 1944, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 21 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade David E. Davis, 36535996, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 11 April 1945 to 22 June 1945.

Technician Fourth Grade Kenneth F. Jarvis, 37267602, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 10 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 10 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Herman H. Kurowski, 36616838, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 23 October 1944 to 1 February 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 28 June 1945.

Captain Milton J. Pearl, 0419010, 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 22 June 1945.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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 Star Medal is awarded to them in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 9th Infantry Division.

Private First Class Paul A. Teschner, 3563966, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 3 April 1945. On 3 April 1945 Private First Class Teschner's company made an assault upon enemy positions around Haraa Ridge. When half way across the wide ditch just north of the ridge, the entire company was confronted with intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. The other aid men in the company were immediately cut off from the unit, leaving Private First Class Teschner with complete responsibility for the entire company. At the first opportunity the rest of the company moved on, leaving fourteen seriously wounded men behind. Private First Class Teschner, with complete disregard for his own safety, and under withering enemy mortar and small arms fire, crawled in turn to each of the men. After administering first aid, he reconnoitered for a draw of relative safety to which he could remove the wounded men. Finding a wide ditch, he crawled back to the wounded men and dragged each in turn to safety. He made fourteen complete trips each one under the intense fire of a fanatical enemy determined not to let the wounded men escape. Then, by his own volition, he stood guard over the helpless men with a Browning Automatic Rifle. When an enemy squad of three soldiers attempted to set up a machine gun in a position dominating the ditch, Private First Class Teschner stalked the enemy troops and killed them all, after he had been shot through the helmet. A short while later, under cover of smoke, Private First Class Teschner sought out some litter squads and led them back to the wounded men. He then personally supervised the removal of the men, refusing to return to safety until the last man had been evacuated. Private First Class Teschner's constant courageous actions throughout the Okinawa operation and his immediate assumption of responsibilities above the call of duty were a source of great inspiration and pride among his fellow soldiers. His actions are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 62, this Headquarters, 8 December 1944.

First Lieutenant Jack R. Vere, OI 77987, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. When two battalions of Infantry were preparing their night positions on 1 April 1945, coordination between the right flank of the one battalion and the left flank of the other battalion was vital since a three hundred yard gap existed and no visual contact was possible because of the rough terrain and dense vegetation. First Lieutenant Vere, battalion S-2, made his way alone across the gap between battalions, risking both friendly and enemy fire, and successfully established a coordinated pattern of fire as well as positively locating for each flank unit the position of the other. His unhesitating willingness to risk his life in the performance of a vital mission is highly commendable and in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service. Previous award per General Orders No. 339, this Headquarters, 17 June 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

OFFICIAL:

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SECTION

RESCISSION OF GENERAL ORDERS I  
AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL III

SECTION I

RESCISSION OF GENERAL ORDERS

1. Section I (Award of the Combat Infantryman Badge) of General Orders No. 1056, this Headquarters, 6 November 1945, is hereby rescinded.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular 407, 17 October 1944 the following Enlisted Men are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, effective 20 October 1944:

Tec 3 Fred Fukushima	37704412	Inf	(314th Hq Intelligence Detachment)
Tec 4 Rudy Kawahara	30106609	Inf	(314th Hq Intelligence Detachment)

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class William N. Bartholomew, 19135830, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Private First Class Bartholomew, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, advanced through a concentration of enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire to secure a position on the escarpment. His action made it possible to lay down a base of supporting fire for the assault platoon. Encountering an enemy machine gun, he succeeded in wiping it out along with its crew members. During the night counterattack, Private First Class Bartholomew's accurate machine gun fire accounted for an additional seventeen enemy soldiers. Such sheer courageousness and utter intrepidity reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Morton J. Hull, 38631060, 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 (then Private) Hull fearlessly exposed himself to deadly enemy machine gun cross-fire to dash fifty yards in front of the lines to rescue a wounded comrade. Picking up the seriously wounded man in his arms, he carried him back through the lanes of fire to the safety of his own lines. The courage shown by Private First Class Hull saved the man's life and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.



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Technician Fourth Grade Raymond C. Lorenzen, 38272672, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 8 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Lorenzen, at the risk of his own life, crawled through heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire to help evacuate a wounded comrade. He exposed himself to this deadly fire, but managed to bring the man to a position of safety. He then returned with another comrade and crawled into a hidden enemy machine gun position to fire. Although wounded himself by fragments of an artillery shell, he stayed at his position until the terrain was free from the deadly fire from the enemy position. His own shooting accounted for three of the enemy. The courage and bravery displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Lorenzen reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

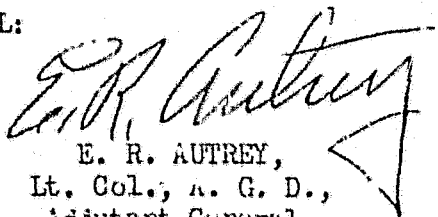
Technician Fifth Grade Ernest R. Ming, 36587969, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 1 April 1945. The machine gun platoon to which Technician Fifth Grade Ming, an aid man, was attached was subjected to a heavy knee-mortar barrage. One of the squads suffered a direct hit on its gun, seriously wounding six men. Hearing the call for "medic," Technician Fifth Grade Ming left his foxhole in the midst of the barrage and traveled fifty yards to reach the wounded men. Fragments of a shell that exploded within ten yards of him dented his helmet and ripped his pack. Acting coolly and with dispatch he rendered first aid to the wounded and personally directed and aided in their evacuation. His heroic action and devotion to duty 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.

Staff Sergeant Leon M. Poe, 38328612, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 7 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Poe was with his squad when it was pinned down by intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Although slightly wounded himself, he refused evacuation and then crawled through deadly machine gun fire to administer first aid to two wounded comrades and helped evacuate one other seriously wounded man. He then crawled back to within fifty yards of the enemy machine gun position and fired into the position and killed two Japs. This heroic act under heavy and constant machine gun fire was instrumental in saving many lives. His unselfishness and unwavering courage was responsible for the saving of the life of his comrade. His bravery, devotion to duty, and disregard for his own personal safety was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Jesse C. Kirby, 35243266, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy near Tanabaru, Okinawa Island, on 21 May 1945. When the leading platoon of his company was momentarily held up because of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire during the assault of Oboe Hill, Private First Class Kirby, a radio man, realizing the risk of delay, seized the initiative and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, led the advance of his platoon up the hill. As the advance progressed, enemy mortar shells began falling causing several casualties but Private First Class Kirby continued to lead the advance. Upon reaching the crest of Oboe Hill, Private First Class Kirby observed a group of the enemy organizing for a counterattack. Without hesitation he commenced firing into the Japs, killing four and forcing the remainder to disperse. After pointing out strategic position for his platoons he contacted a mortar squad and immediately directed accurate mortar fire on the entrenched Japs with devastating effect. After the mortar barrage, Private First Class Kirby secured several grenades and charged the enemy entrenchments causing many casualties and forced the remaining Japs to run for caves. During this action, he received shrapnel wounds in the face. Ignoring his wounds, he continued to lead his platoon toward the objective. Upon reaching an advantageous position he requested several stachel charges and proceeded to close two of the more prominent caves which contained several of the enemy. This action resulted in approximately twelve Japs being sealed within the caves, and caused an undetermined number to commit hari-kari. The courage, leadership, and initiative displayed by Private First Class Kirby reflects 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 Leonard A. Bergset, 39478798, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 26 April 1945. During a stiff, close and stubborn fire fight atop Sawtooth Ridge, Private First Class Bergset courageously moved into position to give all possible aid in repelling an enemy counterattack and remained there until driven out by heavy flanking fire. He helped a wounded man to a more sheltered position and remained with the wounded man when the rest of

the platoon withdrew until an evacuating party, covered by smoke, could reach them. The heroic actions of Private First Class Bergset reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Next of Kin: Thelma L. Bergset (Wife), 11174 Kirk Court, Kirkland, Washington.

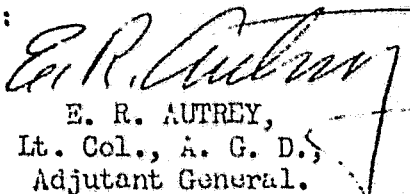
✓ Private First Class Edwin H. Bullock, 35817750, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. Private First Class Bullock deliberately exposed himself to murderous fire from enemy machine guns and snipers to neutralize the machine gun and crew that were holding up the advance of an adjacent platoon. Though raked by deadly and accurate fire, he worked ahead of the front lines until he was able to knock out the position with several bursts from his automatic rifle. Returning to his front lines, he voluntarily exposed himself to the same murderous fire to lay down covering fire for an artillery observer. He continued his deadly volley of fire until he fell mortally wounded. The gallant actions of Private First Class Bullock are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. John Bullock (Father), Dahl, Kentucky.

✓ Private First Class Royce M. C. Hegg, 39479723, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. As his platoon was assaulting strategic Dick Hill, near Kochi, heavy opposition was received from both flanks and the front. Private First Class Hegg, platoon runner, fearlessly worked his way out ahead of his platoon and though exposed to murderous machine gun, grenade and sniper fire, he continued ahead until he spotted one of the mortars that had been shelling his platoon. Several well placed shots killed the mortar crew and relieved the pressure put on his comrades by the deadly enemy fire. The initiative, fortitude, and determination of Private First Class Hegg are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Next of Kin: Mr. Jacob Hegg (Father), 1516 N. 5th St., Aberdeen, Washington.

✓ Private First Class Fred W. McBrayer Jr., 17126880, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. Braving the fire of two mutually supporting pillboxes, Private First Class McBrayer stood upright to fire his bazooka, to insure accuracy, at one of these positions. His first round was low and served only to draw intense fire upon himself. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class McBrayer remained in his perilous position, and with calm deliberation again fired his bazooka. This round closed one of the apertures, effectively neutralizing fire from that source. As he was returning to his position he was hit in the lungs by a burst of machine gun fire which killed him instantly. The heroic service rendered by Private First Class McBrayer in laying down his life to insure the continued advance of his own troops is exemplary of the highest military traditions. Next of Kin: Harriet E. McBrayer (Wife), 501 N. Rosemead, Pico, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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SECTION I

POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class Walter H. Smith, 325 569, 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 11 April 1945. Private First Class Smith as a rifleman on Leyte Island always performed his tasks in a superior manner. During the attack on Catmon Hill on 28 and 29 October 1944, he advanced at the head of his squad against heavy enemy opposition and extremely difficult terrain, yet in the face of heavy enemy fire he always displayed unusual aggressiveness and a determination to rout the enemy which inspired all the men of his platoon. On 10 April 1945 on Okinawa Island during the attack on Kakazu Ridge, he again moved aggressively up the ridge, completely disregarding his personal safety in crossing through an enemy mortar barrage and through concentrated enemy machine gun and sniper fire. He never faltered, held his position and took every opportunity to advance and consolidate his position. On the next day it was necessary for men of the company to aid in the evacuation of wounded. Although Private First Class Smith had acted as a litter bearer all day he volunteered to carry a serious case to the aid station after dark at that time the route to the aid station was under enemy fire yet he carried out his self-assigned task with courage. He remained at the aid station for the night and was killed by enemy artillery the next morning. Private First Class Smith's courage and determination, his initiative and aggressiveness earned the admiration of his comrades and are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service. Next of Kin: Florence Smith (Mother), Route #2, Lyons, New York.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Frank J. Gruss, 35919591, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 May 1945. During an advance across open terrain in the vicinity of Tanabaru the rifle company of which Staff Sergeant Frank J. Gruss was a squad leader suddenly became subjected to intense enemy, mortar and artillery fire, inflicting numerous casualties and pinning down the front line platoons. Staff Sergeant Gruss and his squad being on the left flank of the company were in posi-

tion to observe two enemy machine guns which were detaining our troops with demoralizing effect. Securing several grenades from his men and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he rushed across approximately twenty five yards of open terrain, covered by enemy rifle fire, to a position directly in the rear of the Jap gun emplacements. By exposing himself further, he began throwing grenades at the machine gun. This action resulted in two Japs killed and forced the remainder to disperse. He then signaled for his squad to move forward to where he was located and ordered them to fire on the enemy entrenchments which were still detaining our forces and preventing them from advancing. Realizing that the enemy were secured within their position, he personally directed his bazooka team to fire on the remaining Japs. This action completely neutralized the enemy entrenchments and allowed his entire company to advance toward their objective. The exceptional courage, leadership, and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Gruss reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Francis D. Henson, 397225049, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. Private First Class Henson volunteered to act as scout for a supply party carrying badly needed supplies to elements of two companies marooned on Yaeju-Dake escarpment. Subsequently, when the detachment was forced to halt due to heavy machine gun fire from a cave, he dashed across the open terrain to the foot of the cliff and, with utter disregard for his personal safety, moved into a position above the cave and sealed the entrance with a demolition charge. The detachment was thus enabled to complete their mission without further trouble. Private First Class Henson in spite of a knee injury sustained in the explosion continued with his detachment. Private First Class Henson, on his own initiative, organized litter squads for badly wounded men of the marooned elements and led them safely to the battalion aid station without suffering a single casualty. Private First Class Henson's bravery, leadership and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Leonard Salie, 39730271, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kochi, Okinawa Island on 27 May 1945. When Private First Class Salie's company moved out to reconnoiter the forward slope of Hen Hill, fierce sniper and machine gun fire were encountered. Pushing ahead, his platoon completed its reconnaissance and returned to previously prepared positions. All returned safely with the exception of one man. When another member of his squad was fatally wounded in the attempt to locate the missing man, Private First Class Salie dashed down the hill, searched for the missing man and finally found him wounded, in a shell hole. Dropping into the shell hole where he found partial cover Private First Class Salie immediately administered first aid to the severely wounded man. With sniper fire falling all around him, Private First Class Salie carried the wounded man back over the hill to safety and medical attention. Private First Class Salie's action, at great risk to his own personal safety, saved the life of his wounded comrade. His outstanding courage reflects highly upon himself and the military service.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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Private First Class Lawrence W. Arnold, 18190038, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. The company of which Private First Class Arnold, a Browning automatic Rifleman, was a member was dug in on the Yaeju-Dake escarpment. The company was ordered to advance, and while pushing forward they were suddenly fired upon by an enemy machine gun, and two men were seriously wounded. Disregarding his own personal safety, Private First Class Arnold attacked the enemy strongpoint with his Browning Automatic Rifle and grenades and destroyed it although he was wounded during this encounter. His action resulted in an enemy strongpoint being eliminated and five Japs killed. Private First Class Arnold's heroic and courageous actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Claudius Bonsall, 38360490, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. When his rifle company was in desperate need of supplies and ammunition, Technician Fourth Grade Bonsall volunteered to form a carrying party which had to cross the open terrain of more than one thousand yards that was covered with infiltrating Japs and was constantly being shelled by enemy forces. During the trip across open terrain, Technician Fourth Grade Bonsall, at the risk of his own life, crawled through heavy enemy sniper fire and machine gun fire to help evacuate a wounded comrade from his precarious position and thus saved his comrade's life. Then he returned toward the enemy gun position and with another comrade, crawled to an open position and threw several grenades and killed two Japs in the gun position. At all times he openly exposed himself and was fired upon from enemy gun positions. His actions displayed great courage and reflect highly upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Charles F. Bourdon, 39598705, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 June 1945. After taking Hill 49 the company was subjected to a fanatical enemy counterattack and during this action the company's mortars concentrated a heavy barrage on the attacking enemy. Private First Class Bourdon, seeing that the ammunition supply was becoming drastically low, unhesitatingly volunteered to lead a party of ammunition bearers back to the supply point after the much needed ammunition. While passing along the long sniper infested route to the supply point, the party became pinned down by an enemy machine gun which had been bypassed. Private First Class Bourdon, realizing that the party must get through at all cost, crawled to a position where he could better observe the enemy entrenchment. Disregarding his own personal safety, he exposed himself to this withering machine gun fire while moving to a selected point from where he could hurl grenades into the enemy position. Reaching his designated spot, he hurled two grenades, making direct hits and eliminated the enemy position. Dur-

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ing this action he accounted for one enemy light machine gun and four dead Japs. Private First Class Bourdon's courage and tenacious devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Carl E. Clark, 38300199, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Clark steadfastly continued to carry out his duties as leader of a supply party. When his men were pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Technician Fourth Grade Clark, utterly disregarding his own safety, proceeded to neutralize the enemy position with grenades and rifle fire thus accounting for five enemy dead and two light machine guns destroyed and eliminating an enemy stronghold which enabled the supply party to reach the front lines at a very crucial moment. Technician Fourth Grade Clark's courageous actions and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Arthur J. Gauthier, 38312565, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. When his rifle company was attacking Love Hill, Private First Class Gauthier, a radio man, stayed with his 536 radio under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, and enabled his platoon leader and twenty men to escape under cover of smoke for which he radioed. After accomplishing this, he crawled to the aid of a seriously wounded comrade, exposing himself to the deadly fire. He then returned forward with a rifle and crawling into a position in the open he fired into the machine gun position and silenced the gun. This display of bravery and unselfishness is a tribute to himself and to the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph L. Henry, 39588061, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Henry, a gunner in a 60mm mortar squad, was manning his weapon when an enemy counterattack developed. The company's riflemen, who were providing protection for the mortars, then opened fire on the fanatical enemy. During this action a Browning Automatic Rifleman was wounded. Technician Fourth Grade Henry then acted upon his own initiative and with undaunted courage, procured the Browning Automatic Rifle and fired three magazines into the attacking enemy until the weapon jammed. He then seized a carbine and continued firing until the riflemen could place effective fire upon the Japs. This forced the remaining Japs to take cover. At this time the enemy coordinated a frontal attack with their infiltrations to the rear. Technician Fourth Grade Henry unhesitatingly returned to man his mortar and received a firing mission from the forward observer. He laid down a devastating barrage that lasted for an hour and a half. During this barrage Technician Fourth Grade Henry's mortar tube became overheated and his hands were burned, but utterly disregarding this and with great perseverance he continued firing. In doing so he broke up the counterattack. When the action had ceased, fifteen enemy dead were accounted for to the company's flanks and sixty to their front. By his coolness, courage and determination at all times, Technician Fourth Grade Henry was an inspiration to the men of his company and his activities reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

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Private First Class Varden J. Loganbill, 37734104, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 14 June 1945. Private First Class Loganbill, who was acting as a litter bearer, was called upon to evacuate casualties approximately one thousand yards forward of the Battalion Aid Station, which was at that time set up behind the escarpment south of Yeaju Dake. Evacuation at this time was extremely difficult and dangerous due to the rugged terrain and numerous snipers between the front lines and the aid station. The area through which he had to move was known to be mined. Upon arriving at the front lines, he discovered that the wounded man was well forward of the front lines and pinned down by an enemy machine gun. He volunteered to try and reach this man and drag him back to where his litter squad was waiting. As he crawled forward he was pinned down by the same machine gun for a short time, but in spite of dangerously close fire he ran the remaining distance to the casualty and successfully dragged the wounded man back to the waiting litter squad. He then proceeded to the aid station going through the same mined area again. The courage of Private First Class Loganbill was responsible for saving the life of the wounded man and his devotion to duty reflects highly upon himself and upon the military service.

Technician Fourth Grade Joseph Marlunga, 36271721, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 29 May 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Marlunga, a member of his Company's ration and supply train was in the lead vehicle which was moving toward the town of Ima. He saw that a Jap 47mm anti-tank gun had hit a bull dozer that was working on the road. He ran back to warn the other vehicles and then went forward to find the bull dozer's driver wounded and laying in a water filled ditch. He then called to a comrade and with his help, pulled the wounded man to safety and administered first aid. Then Technician Fourth Grade Marlunga comrade ran down the road to warn the drivers of an M-5 tank which was approaching. At that time, the Jap gun opened fire at the tank, and a short round exploded on the ground near him, seriously wounding and knocking him into a swamp that was near the road. Then Technician Fourth Grade Marlunga, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, ran to his comrade pulling him from the swamp and administered morphine to relieve his suffering. Then he helped evacuate the two wounded men to the battalion aid station. The courage and disregard for his own personal safety displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Marlunga, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Ieland K. Montabon, 36829254, 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 Montabon, a radio operator in Regimental Headquarters Company, operated his radio while with the front line battalion, during this period and displayed great courage and faithful attention to duty.



under extremely hazardous conditions. Many times he exhibited his ability to think quickly and clearly in transmitting radio messages while under enemy artillery and small arms fire. On 27 April, 1945, Private First Class Montabon volunteered to carry a radio from the Battalion Command Post to a front line rifle company which was about four hundred yards forward. The radio was to replace one which had just been completely destroyed and the operator killed. Private First Class Montabon successfully made the trip, delivering the radio to the Company Command Post. It was over this radio that the messages were sent which contributed greatly to the repulsing of an enemy counterattack that evening.

Staff Sergeant Louis J. Munster, 38912703, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 19 April 1945. When Staff Sergeant Munster's company was pinned down by intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire, he worked himself, at great personal risk, forward and eliminated two machine gun positions. While he was destroying the two machine gun positions he was injured by enemy mortar fire and lost the sight of his right eye. Staff Sergeant Munster's nerve and complete disregard for his own personal safety reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Delmer E. Schriever, 37775295, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, on 21 May 1945. At the height of an enemy artillery and mortar barrage directed at the Company's position on Oboe Hill, a shell landed squarely in Technician Fifth Grade Schriever's hole, killing his two companions and wounding him. Shortly thereafter, mortar rounds fell in the two adjacent holes rendering them ineffective. Seeing the men in the other holes were unable to help themselves Technician Fifth Grade Schriever crawled out of his own hole with complete disregard for his own personal safety and summoned medical aid for them. Even though he was wounded himself, he crept back to his own hole in the face of withering enemy machine gun fire and held that sector of the perimeter until replacements arrived. The intrepidity and devotion to duty displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Schriever reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Sergeant Donald J. Shearer, 39622093, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 April 1945. Sergeant (then Private First Class) Shearer was an ammunition bearer in a heavy machine gun squad. His squad leader and gunner and assistant gunner were seriously wounded when an artillery shell landed directly in the gun position. Sergeant Shearer was dug in ten yards to the side. Although badly shaken up and suffering from the effects of concussion, he immediately left his hole to go to their aid. Risking the continuing barrage, he applied tourniquets to his squad leaders legs, both of which were broken. He bandaged one other man who suffered a severe back wound, and then went to the Battalion Aid Station and with the aid man made two trips with stretchers successfully evacuating all three men. Sergeant Shearer's gallant disregard for his own safety, his coolness under heavy artillery fire, and his dogged perseverance were instrumental in saving the lives of two men. His action reflects the greatest credit upon himself and on the military service.

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SECTION I  
POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Bronze Star Medal having been previously awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 479, this Headquarters, 8 July 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded him posthumously in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division:

Private First Class Harry L. Waldman, 37392713, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 19 May 1945. ✓

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Staff Sergeant Dale F. Short, 37229182, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 June 1945. Staff Sergeant Short was given the orders to move his light machine gun section with the assaulting rifle platoon when his right flank became pinned down by accurate and heavy enemy fire coming from high ground to the unit's front. Observing this, Staff Sergeant Short immediately led his first squad to alleviate the pressure on his second squad. After flanking the enemy position and destroying it, another enemy strongpoint brought fire to bear on the unit. After instructing his men to maintain their covered positions, Staff Sergeant Short raced across the bullet-swept terrain, being a prime target for all enemy fire, and brought aid to his section and the rifle platoon. Taking the lead position, he led his section to a vantage point where he could place overhead fire on the enemy while he crept to within twenty yards of the position and placed two well aimed grenades into the aperture from which the enemy fire was emanating. The grenades eliminated the enemy opposition. The aggressive leadership and series of heroic actions on the part of Staff Sergeant Short were responsible for the continuous advance of his company. His every action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

Staff Sergeant Earl G. Smith, 39595157, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 6 June 1945. When a squad had been pinned down by enemy fire for several hours and one member of the squad was seriously wounded while attempting to return to the company position, Staff Sergeant Smith, seeing the plight of the injured man and realizing the danger involved, made his way to where the man lay and administered first aid until help arrived. Staff Sergeant Smith's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. ✓

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Private First Class Paul E. Ward, 37646698, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 10 June 1945. Private First Class Ward's ability and excellent leadership of the squad after his squad leader and assistant squad leader had become casualties inspired his men in beating off a strong enemy counterattack and inflicting a crippling blow against the enemy in their positions. His utter disregard for his own safety inspired the remaining men who followed him in executing his commands by accomplishing the original mission. In the attack, he personally accounted for three Japanese who had charged him and a wounded comrade. Private First Class Ward's exemplary conduct and devotion to his fellow men were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. ✓

Master Sergeant Ben L. Jones, 34035981, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands from 1 April 1945 to 2 September 1945. ✓

Private First Class William J. Riley, 37563663, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. ✓

First Lieutenant Jack S. Brick, 01286600, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. ✓

Captain Oswald J. Quick, 0538845, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 10 February 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 22 June 1945. ✓

Captain Ben C. Cook, 01582101, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Philippine Islands during the period 1 April 1945 to 2 September 1945. ✓

Technician Fifth Grade Gerald A. Sobota, 36405251, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 9 April 1945. With his rifle company in desperate need of supplies and ammunition, Technician Fifth Grade Sobota was with a carrying party which suddenly found itself exposed to heavy enemy artillery and machine gun fire. Two of the other members of the party were seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire, and Technician Fifth Grade Sobota, with utter disregard for his own life, and already being wounded himself, crawled under fire over open terrain and advanced to within twenty yards of the gun position, threw several hand grenades, and silenced the enemy position of two Japs. He then helped evacuate the wounded to a position of safety. All this action was under heavy enemy fire, and was instrumental in saving two lives. This display of courage and bravery and devotion to duty reflects highly upon himself and the military service. ✓

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

✓ Pfc	Samuel Benson	38282718	Inf	20	June 1945
✓ Tec 5	Byron B. Brewer	38712140	Inf	16	June 1945
✓ Pfc	Hiram W. Campbell	39310670	Inf	12	April 1945
✓ Cpl	George B. D. Cox	37423706	Inf	20	May 1945
✓ Sgt	John B. Darbonne	38243089	Inf	27	October 1944
✓ S Sgt	John P. Deaville	38657956	Inf	13	June 1945
✓ Pfc	Virgil Gilbee	38292607	Inf	14	May 1945
✓ Tec 4	Norman A. Hansen	36383024	Inf	17	April 1945
✓ S Sgt	Russell O. Haselhuhn	35536141	Inf	5	April 1945
✓ 2d Lt	Kenneth W. Johnson	01331739	Inf	2	June 1945
✓ Tec 5	Arvin N. Langum	37573246	Inf	28	October 1944
✓ Cpl	David L. Lecureaux	36566775	Inf	19	June 1945
✓ Pfc	Andrew Lindgren	36701593	Inf	24	April 1945
✓ Pfc	Edward T. Nye	19125383	Inf	14	April 1945
✓ Pfc	Olague	39596973	Inf	19	April 1945
✓ Pfc	Ilotto	37701107	Inf	14	April 1945
✓ Pfc	Jo. Luckman	39729525	Inf	29	May 1945
✓ S Sgt	Vernon L. Root	37266382	Inf	17	May 1945
✓ Pfc	Lyle D. Rowley	37775262	Inf	15	May 1945
✓ Pfc	Dan Rudy	37710665	Inf	14	May 1945
✓ S Sgt	Paul T. Shults	39934492	Inf	14	May 1945
✓ Sgt	Jesse S. Tapia	38254920	Inf	14	May 1945
✓ 1st Lt	Peter Tewksbury	01327903	Inf	22	April 1945
✓ Pfc	Clyde C. Thrasher Jr.	37735531	Inf	14	May 1945
✓ S Sgt	William H. Ward Jr.	36914687	Inf	11	June 1945

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

✓ Sergeant Andrew R. Gatewood, 17189995, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 150, this Headquarters, 2 May 1945.

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✓ Private First Class Carlos Gonzalez, 39596979, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 543, this Headquarters, 4 August 1945.

✓ Private First Class Marion I. Jerde, 37593277, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 546, this Headquarters, 5 August 1945.

✓ Private First Class Harold Levenson, 36589885, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 586, this Headquarters, 10 August 1945.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade Wayne W. Nagle, 36903806, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 319, this Headquarters, 13 June 1945.

✓ Sergeant Rocco T. Palagano, 32999663, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 539, this Headquarters, 3 August 1945.

✓ Private First Class Joseph M. Prasek, 35243413, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 439, this Headquarters, 3 July 1945.

✓ Private First Class William W. Sandberg, 135, Medical Department, United States Army, wounded 18 June 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 394, this Headquarters, 27 June 1945.

✓ Staff Sergeant Augustine H. Sierran, 38254464, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 30 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 183, this Headquarters, 19 May 1945.

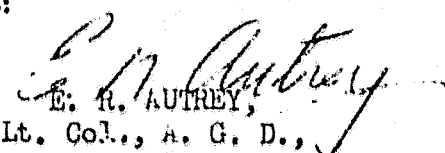
✓ Private First Class Douglas J. Yeager, 34919889, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 485, this Headquarters, 10 July 1945.

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 Carlos Gonzalez, 39596979, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 543, this Headquarters, 4 August 1945.

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-15 (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.

✓ Pfc	Joseph M Boles	42183223	Inf	20	June	1945
✓ S/Sgt	Jack D Bolick	37477558	Inf	11	June	1945
✓ Pfc	Salvatore Boscarello	35351277	Inf	9	May	1945
✓ Pfc	Dwight M Buus	37775439	Inf	15	June	1945
✓ Pfc	Herbert H Cole	37647373	Inf	10	June	1945
✓ Cpl	Donald A Harp	39344120	Inf	28	April	1945
✓ 2d Lt	<del>Thomas E Head</del>	<del>37614751</del>	<del>Inf</del>	<del>12</del>	<del>Nov</del>	<del>1944</del>
✓ Tec 5	John W Jessup	19164200	Inf	21	April	1945
✓ Tec 5	James D Mc Govern	39134720	Inf	20	June	1945
✓ S/Sgt	John F Reller	37586424	Inf	12	June	1945
✓ Tec 5	Leslie L Teller	37438118	Inf	23	Oct	1944
✓ Pfc	Yvonne R Williamson	39595657	Inf	28	April	1945

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Cpl Leonard J Sherry, 36740876, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 194, this Headquarters 10 May 1945.

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SECTION

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS I  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER II  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART III

SECTION I

AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL ORDERS

OK 1. So much of General Orders No. 991, this Headquarters, 6 October 1945 (Award of the Bronze Star Medal) as pertains to Staff Sergeant Joseph E. O'Connor, 36861790, Infantry, is rescinded.

OK 2. So much of General Orders No. 1065, this Headquarters, 20 November 1945 (Award of the Purple Heart) as pertains to 2d Lt Thomas E. Head, 02012431, Infantry, 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 awarded to the following named Enlisted Man per General Orders No. 302, this Headquarters, 7 June 1945, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division

Staff Sergeant Joseph E. O'Connor, 36861790, 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 Maeju-Take 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 jeep 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.

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-15 (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:

Tec 4	Olen W. H. Allen	37752037	Inf	3	June 1945
Tec 5	Walter N. Bench	38319592	CE	1	November 1944
Sgt	Lawrence H. Brown	36677445	Inf	27	April 1945
Tec 5.	Peter G. Bourgeois Jr.	36495381	MD	17	June 1945

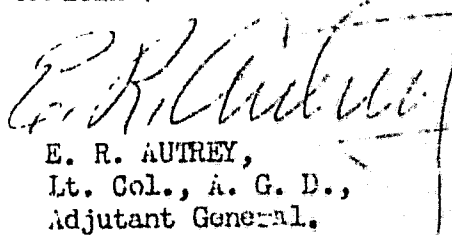
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Pfc	Ronald J. McDonald	16177297	Inf	21	October	1944
Pfc	Alfred R. Meier	33793327	Inf	12	April	1945
Pfc	Newton F. Norman	38548051	Inf	7	June	1945
Cpl	Kerney K. Ratliff	39724695	Inf	21	June	1945
Pfc	Alan G. Schmitt	36865172	Inf	10	April	1945
Pfc	Eldon G. Wilson	36470863	Inf	22	May	1945
Sgt	Jacob W. Zimmerli	37585226	Inf	2	April	1945

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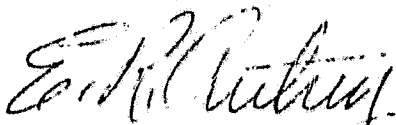
1. So much of General Orders 571, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 8 August 1945, as pertains to 1st Robert D Marshall, 36906431, is rescinded.

2. So much of Section II, General Orders 1069, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, 28 November 1945, as reads "LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARRY A. MAPES, 0299051, Coast Artillery Corps," is amended to read "LIEUTENANT COLONEL HARRY A. MAPES, 0299051, Inspector Generals Department."

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SECTION

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART II

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Corporal William E. Paulk, 38515727, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island, 5 April 1945. When his company was without communications with its forward observers and was enduring the initial phases of a determined enemy counter attack, Corporal Paulk voluntarily traversed three hundred yards of exposed high ground to lay wire for the communications. During the entire hazardous journey, Corporal Paulk was continuously fired upon by enemy small arms and mortars. Never, faltering, even when a bullet knocked the wire from his hands, he reached the forward positions with the wire, enabling the company to set up a counter barrage which stopped the enemy attack. Corporal Paulk's outstanding bravery and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Tec 4	Francis W. Brockway	34863933	Inf	29	April 1945
Pfc	Johnie J. Brown	39118837	Inf	16	May 1945
Pfc	Donald R. Dues	36907167	Inf	23	May 1945
S Sgt	Gilbert E. Harding	37643894	Inf	22	April 1945
Pfc	Galon P. Noll	35243054	Inf	10	April 1945
Pfc	Charlie B. Shuffield	38633241	Inf	21	May 1945
Tec 5	John W. Vanderwal	39333738	Inf	10	May 1945

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- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS I
- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART II
- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL III
- AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER IV

SECTION I

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders No. 177, this Headquarters, 8 May 1945 (award of the Purple Heart), as pertains to Sergeant William F. Broschke, 55243393, is rescinded.

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of DA 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.

Pfc	Frank C. Battagli.	35610306	Inf	21 Aug 44
Pfc	Claude E. Cash	37647248	Inf	12 Jun 45
Pfc	Peter M. Fumasa	30819581	Inf	8 Apr 45
S Sgt	Dennis W. Gullicksen	3716005	Inf	1 Jul 45
Pfc	Allan S. Hill	33413463	Inf	15 May 45
Pfc	Alvin A. Milziker Jr.	39470340	Inf	27 Apr 45
S Sgt	Hugh S. McClelland	37538123	Inf	23 May 45
Pfc	Joseph R. Nocera	32692724	Inf	18 Jun 45
Pfc	Samuel E. Russell	39364884	Inf	27 Jun 45
Pfc	Alex Hylla	35744829	Inf	2 Jan 45

SECTION III

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in DA 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 Virgil L. Hopkins, 38293283, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 15 June 1945. After several attempts had been made to rescue a wounded man who was lying fifty yards ahead of the front lines in the lines of crossfire from enemy machine guns, Private First Class Hopkins volunteered to attempt the hazardous task. Crawling forward over the treacherous terrain, he finally reached the man and pulled him into a position of slight defilade. Upon rendering first aid, he realized that immediate evacuation was necessary. Placing the man across his back, he commenced crawling back to safety. Though forced to seek cover twice from the intense machine gun and sniper fire, he managed to reach safety after twenty minutes of strenuous crawling. The courageous and determined actions of Private First Class Hopkins were instrumental in saving the man's life and are exemplary of the highest military traditions.

Second Lieutenant John M. McCraney, O550827, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Conical Hill, Okinawa Island on 15 May 1945. Second Lieutenant McCraney was acting as forward observer with a front line company which moved up on Conical Hill. He was located on the right flank of the company when he observed four Japs emplacing a heavy machine gun approximately sixty yards to the right front of the right platoon. Armed only with a canteen and two grenades, he charged across the ridge with sniper bullets kicking dirt at his feet. Second Lieutenant McCraney ran from one covered position to another until he was approximately twenty yards from the enemy position. He threw his two grenades which destroyed the enemy position. He withdrew to the rear requesting forty yards of terrain exposed to sniper and machine gun fire. By the heroic action of Second Lieutenant McCraney one heavy machine gun was destroyed and its crew of four killed. This outstanding display of courage, initiative, and quick, decisive action reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Joseph S. Mikul, 36406413, 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 Mikul fearlessly exposed himself to deadly machine gun and sniper fire to neutralize a machine gun emplacement that was harassing his company. As he was advancing toward the emplacement, one of his friends was wounded. Private First Class Mikul quickly moved him to cover and then continued toward the emplacement. Upon reaching the position with others, they rushed it and killed the four-man crew with several rifle shots. The heroic actions displayed by Private First Class Mikul are an example of the highest military traditions.

SECTION IV  
AWARDS OF THE ORDER OF THE INFANTRY CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Act 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart is being posthumously awarded to the following named military personnel per authority hereof, as Bronze Order of the Infantry Cluster is awarded in lieu thereof by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, for wounds received in action against the enemy and the incident(s):

General Robert S. Flinnery, O5200211, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 30, this Headquarters, 26 January 1945.

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Private First Class Leon H. St. Mary, O3430245, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 May 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per General Orders No. 470, this Headquarters, 7 July 1945.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE SIGNED:

OFFICIALS:

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6 December 1945

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

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE SOLDIERS MEDAL

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

Technician Fifth Grade William J Conlon, 22803057, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism displayed on Okinawa Island on 28 July 1945. A group of men were swimming off of the ramp of an LST anchored in Yonabaru harbor, two miles off shore. There was a strong wind which drove large waves past the sides of the ship. A swimmer, exhausted from battling the high waves, attempted to grasp the anchor chain, a large wave struck him and he disappeared beneath the surface. When he did not reappear in approximately ten seconds, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class) Conlon, who was swimming about fifteen yards away from the spot where the man disappeared, with utter disregard for his own safety, swam to the aforementioned spot and dived beneath the surface to locate the endangered swimmer. Approximately twenty seconds later, Technician Fifth Grade Conlon reappeared, clutching the victim by the hair. Struggling against a strong current and directly into the high waves, Technician Fifth Grade Conlon succeeded in towing the stricken swimmer some thirty-five yards to the safety of the LST ramp. Technician Fifth Grade Conlon's exemplary courage and devotion to his comrade was in the highest traditions of the military service.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in 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 George T. Arrington, 35908647, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. When his company attacked Dick Hill, near Kochi, Private First Class Arrington was responsible for the evacuation of numerous casualties. On this day a wounded man was lying on the exposed forward slope of the hill and after several attempts to reach him had been unsuccessful, Private First Class Arrington, though exhausted from previous trips, volunteered to undertake the hazardous task of reaching the man and removing him to safety. Though murderous machine gun and sniper fire raked the slope of the hill, Private First Class Arrington crawled forward to the wounded man, administered first aid, and carried him to safety. The courage, initiative, and determination to succeed in a task where others had failed, demonstrated by Private First Class Arrington are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

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Captain Roy L. Barnes, 0123419, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. Captain Barnes, assuming command of his company in the midst of fierce fighting and after the preceding commanding officer had been seriously wounded, found the company gravely demoralized and without communications or contact of any kind between the platoons. They were widely separated and suffering casualties inflicted by snipers who had infiltrated between the platoons. Captain Barnes made his way to the farthest platoon after being attacked by a sniper and killing him. After reorganizing and briefing his platoon, he started toward the others, directly into the line of the snipers. When fired upon he quickly ascertained their position and charged fiercely, killing two with rifle shots and eliminating the others with well placed hand grenades. After leading the men in clearing out the remainder of the harassing snipers, he continued on to the other platoons, establishing proper communications, reorganized the entire company and was then able to launch an effective, aggressive attack.

Private First Class Vincent D. Baron, 36215992, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 13 May 1945. Private First Class Baron was a member of a platoon which was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun fire. During this time, Private First Class Baron noticed a wounded comrade lying in the open, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, he crawled through the enemy's fire to administer first aid and evacuate the wounded man to safety. Then, he and two other comrades advanced upon the pillbox, from which the enemy fire was coming, and with grenades and stichel charges, knocked out the enemy position. The courage and devotion to duty displayed by Private First Class Baron, reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technical Sergeant Walter Cohen, 38-39511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic services in connection with military operations against the enemy near Kaminon, Okinawa Island on 13 April 1945. Narrowly escaping death when mistakenly fired upon by one of his own troops, and again when struck by a fragment of a shell which burst dangerously near, as he ran to the aid of a large number of casualties sustained during the night when the battalion command post was shelled heavily by enemy artillery, Technical Sergeant Cohen braved the hazards involved in being exposed above the ground at night, as well as the bursting shells, and ran to the aid of the wounded men. Calling for aid, he effected the speedy removal of the seriously wounded men to the aid station. Then, running from trench to trench, still dangerously exposed to the flying shell fragments and to the possibility of again being fired upon by his own men, he distributed needed ammunition, disposed the men to cover weak points occasioned by the casualties, and made sure the perimeter was secure and intact. Technical Sergeant Cohen continued this fearless and inspiring exhibition throughout the heavy shelling.

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6 December 1945

AWARD OF THE BROWNIE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, paragraph No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in an order (Executive Order), 22 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 23 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 95th Infantry Division to the following named military personnel:

Private First Class George L. Coons, 3947035, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 30 April 1945. Private First Class Coons and two of his comrades were far out in front of their company's perimeter, guarding a road which led to a large supply and ammunition dump on the reverse side of Saw Tooth Ridge. During the early hours of the morning, while Private First Class Coons was on guard, the Japs attacked with a force of about one hundred and twenty five men. He waited until the attackers were close enough to see plainly in the darkness, and opened fire killing four of the enemy. He had emptied his rifle, and then he grabbed a Brownie Automatic Rifle lying near. Slung up in his armpits, he sprayed the enemy, killing several more and making the rest run for cover. From covered positions, the Japs began throwing hand grenades which exploded very near his foxhole. Between explosions, Private First Class Coons would rise up and toss hand grenades back at them, until the closest enemy was silenced. Two comrades who had been sleeping, came to Private First Class Coons' aid, but before they could be of assistance, a Jap machine gun opened fire, pinning the three men down. Private First Class Coons threw three more hand grenades in a vain attempt to knock out the gun. As a last resort, and with the last remaining grenade, Private First Class Coons stood up and threw the grenade. It landed squarely on the machine gun knocking out the gun and killing the two Japs who were operating it. The Jap attack was disorganized by this time and Private First Class Coons and his comrades held off the remaining enemy until dawn, when the rest of their company moved forward to reinforce them. The courage and actions against overwhelming odds, displayed by Private First Class Coons, reflect great credit upon himself and the military services.

Sergeant Joe L. Dutte, 3949726, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 16 May 1945. While scouting for his platoon along the forward slope of Dick Hill, Sergeant (then Private First Class) Dutte located a sniper which had been holding up the advance of the platoon. With his second scout, he crawled forward seventy yards until he was able to kill the sniper with a well placed rifle shot. In continuing the advance, the second scout was wounded by a Jap grenade. Sergeant Dutte killed the enemy scouter who threw the grenade, and pinned the wounded man on so his back, started back with him. As he was removing the casualty, Sergeant Dutte, who was severely wounded through the thigh, but continued with his burden in spite of the painful wound, until he had reached his comrades to safety. The initiative, fortitude, and unwavering determination of Sergeant Dutte are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Clifford A. Garner Jr., 38631283, 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 Garner fearlessly exposed himself to intense machine gun and sniper fire to rescue a wounded man from another unit. Dashing his hundred yards through the hail of enemy fire, he reached the wounded man. Kneeling, his back to the enemy, he commenced crawling to safety. Three times he was forced to seek cover from the severe fire, but after a half hour of moving in this manner, he reached his destination. By this time he was in a state of complete exhaustion. The courage and unflinching determination demonstrated by Private First Class Garner were decisive factors in the man's recovery, and are in keeping with the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Clarence A. Garcke, 3682770, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 12 May 1945. Private First Class Garcke, an acting squad leader, volunteered to lead a patrol to locate and destroy an enemy machine gun nest, which was pinning down the left flank of his company. He led his men forward and encountered heavy fire, which pinned them down. He assigned the men positions to hold on by downing covering fire while he went forward. He crawled within several yards of the enemy position and threw grenades into it, thus killing the machine gun crew. While doing this, the enemy laid down a heavy mortar barrage, and Private First Class Garcke was exposed to it, receiving an injury to his ear. During the remainder, several men were wounded, and he refused to be evacuated to the aid station. During that night he dug in with the remaining members of his squad and helped to hold the new position until he was evacuated the next morning. Private First Class Garcke's cool courage and leadership in a difficult position was an inspiration to the men of his company. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Technician Fifth Grade Frank L. Garces, 12139237, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 4 April 1945. After learning that two men, of the platoon to which he was attached, had been hit by enemy sniper and machine gun fire and lay in an open field covered by enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Garces with absolute disregard for his own life bravely went to the assistance of the two wounded men. Disregarding enemy machine gun and sniper fire he rendered the men to cover and dressed their wounds. Immediately upon completing treatment for these two men, Technician Fifth Grade Garces was called on to go to the aid of another member of the platoon, who was hit in another open field by a sniper. Technician Fifth Grade Garces crawled to the wounded man's side and immediately administered first aid. After completing his task of rendering first aid to this man, he proceeded to relieve him to a safe position only to be fired upon by intense enemy sniper and machine gun fire. In spite of the heavy enemy fire, it was impossible to evacuate him from this area at this time. Technician Fifth Grade Garces remained with the wounded man until dark when he succeeded in getting him back to the battalion aid station. Due to his heroic action and untiring devotion to duty, the lives of these men were saved. His brave action under fire reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section 11, Bulletin No. 3, War Department 1944), and pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45 (Decorations), 21 September 1943, as amended by Change No. 3, 10 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 95th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Technical Sergeant Vassili Niekita, 30409994, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations on Okinawa Island on 12 April 1945. Technical Sergeant (then P. C.) Niekita distinguished himself by his cool and brave conduct against the enemy. Private First Class Niekita was helping his squad set up caves north of Kakenu Ridge when an enemy machine gun opened fire. Two members of his squad were seriously wounded and Private First Class Niekita volunteered to eliminate the gun position. At first he crawled under the withering machine gun fire to the aid of one of his wounded comrades and after administering first aid, he, with the aid of another man, evacuated the wounded man. Then he crawled forward to a position about thirty yards from the enemy machine gun position. The gun position was in a cave and after two members of his squad attempted to get in position to fire into the cave, Private First Class Niekita, disregarding all safety, ran into the cave, threw two hand grenades, and followed after the explosions to kill three of the enemy. By his unsurpassed courage and fortitude, Private First Class Niekita is a credit to the military services.

Sergeant Harold F. Oubre, 38312801, 38312801, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Yuzo Docks Hill Mass on Okinawa Island on 19 June 1945. When two bypassed snipers directed their accurate and deadly fire upon the battalion command post area, preventing the personnel of the command post and the radio liaison station from leaving their positions, Sergeant Oubre, the battalion message center chief, left the comparative safety of his position, and on his own initiative ran a distance of one hundred and twenty yards, until he arrived at a position from which he could more advantageously attempt elimination of the enemy position. The enemy tried desperately to halt his maneuver, directing at him a maximum volume of fire power. Although the bullet had put a groove in his helmet, Sergeant Oubre courageously stood his ground and exchanged fire with the two snipers until he had killed one of them. At this point he moved even closer, becoming further exposed to enemy fire, until he was so near the position that the remaining sniper evacuated his emplacement and sought cover in a nearby cave where Sergeant Oubre followed and killed him with hand grenades. The outstanding heroism demonstrated by Sergeant Oubre enabled the members of the command post and liaison to continue their vital functions, and in exemplification of the highest military traditions.

Private First Class Frank Sloan Jr., 38680055, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 11 May 1945. In the afternoon his company moved up and captured the east slope of Mike Hill. His position throughout the afternoon was under constant threat of counter attack from the enemy forces entrenched on the forward slope, who were subjecting his company to heavy grenade and mortar fire. Just before dusk, Private First Class Sloan and a comrade, both members of a light machine gun squad, charged over the crest of the hill into the midst of the enemy forces. Using hand grenades and carbines, they succeeded in knocking out an 81mm mortar

positions and killing four of the enemy riflemen before they were forced to withdraw to their positions. This heroic action on the part of Private First Class Slean reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class William J. Eisenstein, 36903589, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 20 June 1945. When two men in a rifle company were seriously wounded and could not be approached by a litter team because of extremely heavy enemy small arms fire, Private First Class Eisenstein volunteered to evacuate them with the aid of a tank. Since it was impossible for the tank to approach closer than twenty yards to the wounded men, Private First Class Eisenstein slipped out through the escape hatch of the tank and moved them into position. To do this he had to crawl a total of forty five yards with wounded men on his back under a continuous enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Private First Class Eisenstein's courage, initiative and quick thinking undoubtedly was responsible for the safety of two men. His heroism was the admiration of his comrades and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

Private First Class Kenneth A. Marvin, 37724901, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa Island on 2 April 1945. During the battle of Amazu Ridge, Private First Class Marvin, a Browning automatic rifleman, covered the withdrawal of wounded troops in the face of intense enemy fire. After all the officers and non-commissioned officers of his company were either killed or wounded, an officer from the battalion was sent over to take over the remnants of the company, but was also wounded and evacuated. After discovering that his company was without an officer, Private First Class Marvin assumed command of the men. He reconnected and found that there was a gap between two machine guns which was not covered by protecting fire. Under cover of darkness, Private First Class Marvin reconnoitered this area, and placed the men sent from another company, and at the same time readjusting his own's positions for the maximum protection. Just before daybreak, he withdrew his men to secondary positions. That morning our artillery opened up with a barrage on the enemy which was just clearing the ridge that another company was sent. Private First Class Marvin discovered that the artillery service was not by his route, so that his own command post phone was out of order, he moved his men to a safer position and then ran through an enemy barrage to the battalion to report this. Private First Class Marvin's quickness in sizing up the situation at hand, and his acceptance of responsibility while under fire, reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL EMBLEY:

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NUMBER 1077

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, 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:

Cpl Lawrence P. Thies 35243249, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 10 May 1945 on Okinawa Island, Previous award per General Order No. 1016, this Headquarters 18 Oct 45.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1945, 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:

WTSC. BY GO# ~~36-24250-45~~  
Pfc William F. Kraus 35908763 Inf 8 May 1945

SECTION III  
AWARD OF THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Under the provisions of paragraph 2, AR 600-6b, the following Enlisted Men, 96th Infantry Division, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity for the periods indicated inclusive:

Technician Fifth Grade	Clair L. Bice	39595477	27 July 44 to 26 July 45
Private First Class	Russell H. Archerd	39426279	14 Oct 44 to 13 Oct 45
Private First Class	William A. Sabitus	42106840	25 July 44 to 24 July 45
Private First Class	Clair A. Schroer	37775236	28 Sept 44 to 27 Sept 45

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

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SECTION  
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR I  
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AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

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

Private First Class Walter Holik, 31443883, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in connection with military operations against the enemy near Hen Hill, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 31 May 1945. The company in which Private First Class Holik was a member was ordered to take Hen Hill on the afternoon of 31 May 1945. It was his platoon that led the assault against the strongly fortified position which had for ten days held up the advance on the entire front. As they neared the crest however again began their determined defense of the strategic position. An enemy counter-attack was launched backed by every weapon at their disposal. After his platoon had suffered several casualties, the platoon leader decided the ferocity of the attack warranted a withdrawal, though by this time Private First Class Holik and two other men had reached the summit of the hill.

He observed that one of the men had gone on ahead and was exposed to fire from a by-passed Jap trench position. Without a moment's hesitation, Private First Class Holik made his way to the position, catching three of the enemy completely off guard, and disposed of them with fire from his rifle. Jumping into the trench he followed its twisting course, throwing grenades and firing his rifle as he rounded each corner. In a short time Private First Class Holik had run the length of the entire trench leaving ten of the enemy dead in his wake. Then under his direction, he and the other men formed a base of fire which succeeded in providing the cover necessary for the remainder of the platoon to advance and secure the entire hill. The fearless aggressiveness and outstanding gallantry displayed by Private First Class Holik was highly instrumental in overwhelming one of the enemy's strongest points of resistance on Okinawa and merits every praise and commendation.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR

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 Robert L. Kulp, 37335871, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 13 April 1945. During the early hours of the morning, Staff Sergeant Kulp, rifle squad leader, alerted his men after discovering considerable enemy activity in a draw below their position. Supporting artillery fire could not be brought to bear on the area since it was too closely situated. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Kulp crawled from his position of relative safety to one exposed to enemy fire in order that he might direct fire from the light mortars to the draw below. Although in vital danger of

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drawing fire from his own comrades as well as from the rain of enemy shells that tore at his position, Staff Sergeant Kulp with cool courage was in the process of adjusting fire of three mortars on the enemy strong point when he was gravely wounded. Infiltrating enemy made rescue attempts impossible. Although almost unconscious from loss of blood and pain, he continued to direct fire with super-human efforts until the enemy was forced to withdraw. As a direct result of his courageous action, Staff Sergeant Kulp aided materially in breaking up a mass attack and saving untold lives. This example of highest courage under such conditions reflects great credit to the military service.

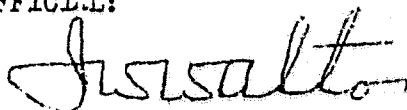
✓ Captain Russell L. Baker, 01756055, Dental Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 12 March 1945, and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 July 1945.

✓ Major Thomas J. Gray, 0420724, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte Island from 20 October 1944 to 12 March 1945 and on Okinawa Island from 1 April 1945 to 29 July 1945.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL McCUNIFF:

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

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, 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 dates indicated:

Sgt	Clayton A. Baker	37775399	Inf	3 June 45
Pfc	Jewel Britnell	44031021	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	John O. Brunson	39849103	Inf	21 June 45
Pfc	George E. Cooper	36470969	Inf	7 June 45
Pfc	James M. Roberts	34815318	Inf	13 Apr: 45

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class William Brookhart, 33878143, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 57, this Headquarters, 8 Aug 45.

Private First Class Robert M. Smith 36829035, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 8 April 1945 on Okinawa Island. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 456, this Headquarters, 5 July 1945.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL McCUMMIF:

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

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, 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 dates indicated:

Capt	Walter D. Martin	0-471546	Med	27 Dec 45
1st Lt	Isaac E. Waters	0-2012508	Inf	11 April 45
Sgt	William Rudometkin	39422444	Inf	13 June 45
Sgt	Thomas G. Brown	44031549	Inf	11 May 45
Tec 4	Paul H. Sybrowsky	39935442	Inf	15 June 45
Tec 5	Kenneth E. Williams	37735544	Inf	6 June 45
Pfc	Arthur M. Young, Jr	34539494	Inf	29 April 45
Pfc	Eldon L. Black	37751405	Inf	10 June 45
Pfc	Verne C. Rutledge	37753323	Inf	16 May 45
Pfc	William A. Snea	31402398	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Charles Moore	37712318	Inf	13 May 45
Pfc	Robert E. Todd	33925947	Inf	4 June 45
Pfc	Albert H. Warwinski	39594924	Inf	29 April 45
Pfc	Kirby L. Fuchs	38549482	Inf	30 June 45
Pfc	Alford K. Starks	38631901	Inf	27 April 45
Pfc	Richard S. Christian	37774898	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	James M. Check	37753224	Inf	13 June 45
Sgt	William W. Deets	39346872	Inf	15 May 45
S Sgt	Donald W. Gullickson	37316005	Inf	1 July 45

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Anthony T. Byrne, 37748055, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 330, this Headquarters, 14 June 1945.

Corporal Sammie E. Barnhart, 37644636, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 727, this Headquarters, 15 September 1945.

Private First Class Wayne A. Heikkila, 39933184, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 521, this Headquarters, 8 August 1945.

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Private First Class Richard P. Greenc, 38632652, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous Award per Section I, General Orders 670, this Headquarters, 6 September 1945.

Private First Class Bever Hampton, 38932289, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 571, this Headquarters, 8 August 1945.

Private First Class Manuel I. Ref, 37712157, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 546, this Headquarters, 5 August 1945.

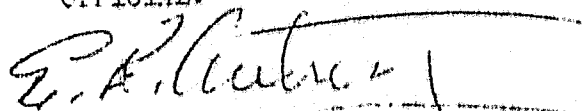
Sergeant James C. Davidson Jr., 44012229, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 4 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 545, this Headquarters, 4 August 1945.

Private First Class Robert J. Wertman, 39595500, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 23 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 334, this Headquarters, 23 April 1945.

Staff Sergeant Jack K. Bolick, 39470558, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 25 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 1065, this Headquarters, 20 November 1945.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

OFFICIAL:



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33 925 947

15 May 1950

AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 1083, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division, dated 15 December 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart to Robert E. Todd, 33 925 947, which reads for wounds received in action on 4 June 1945 is amended by adding the following, "on Okinawa."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. A. Leary*  
Adjutant General

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

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Act 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 dates indicated:

Pfc	Robert A. Boyd	38534934	Inf	25 May 45
Pfc	Eugene S. Main	30975377	Inf	14 April 45
Pfc	William T. Ledbetter	37621762	Inf	21 June 45
Pfc	Felix Jiminez	38065006	Inf	17 June 45
Pfc	Leuter H. Georgins	39593708	Inf	20 June 45

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Benito S. Candelaria, 39805754, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 400, this Headquarters, 28 June 1945.

Private First Class John G. Jollessa, 39480120, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 319, this Headquarters, 13 June 1945.

Private First Class Dorgan T. Thomas, 38631830, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 13 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 670, this Headquarters, 6 September 1945.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MCCUNIFF:

OFFICIAL:

*E. A. Autrey*  
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Adjutant General

L. A. PARKS,  
Lt Col, GSC,  
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39 480 120

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WITHDRAWAL OF GENERAL ORDERS

So much of General Orders 1084, Headquarters 96th Infantry Division dated 18 December 1945, as pertains to the award of the Purple Heart (1st Oak-Leaf Cluster) to Private First Class John G. Bellesea, 39 480 120, is withdrawn.

The above-named individual does not qualify for the 1st Oak-Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart under the provisions of AR 600-45.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. A. Leary*  
Adjutant General

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GENERAL ORDERS  
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20 DECEMBER 1945

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

SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR 600-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, 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 dates indicated:

Pfc	John T. Zaragoza	37734741	✓	Inf	16 June 45
Pfc	Albert F. Scherger	35243210	✓	Inf	12 June 45
Pfc	George L. Reno	16083412	✓	Inf	17 May 45
Sgt	Gerald D. Laird	39932090	✓	Inf	11 April 45
Tec 5	William H. Bramblett	39345828	✓	Inf	11 April 45
Tec 5	Alvin J. Hopperth	39926229	✓	Inf	22 June 45
Cpl	Joseph J. McGovern	31291236	✓	Inf	17 June 45
Pfc	Charles J. Hamons	39596086	✓	Inf	28 April 45
Pfc	Thomas J. Heat	39925992	✓	Inf	20 June 45
Pfc	Alfred E. Strongfeld	37361865	✓	Inf	19 June 45
Pfc	Charles E. Gruter	39622663	✓	Inf	17 June 45
Pfc	B. W. Gable Jr.	38631917	✓	Inf	29 April 45
Cpl	Richard L. Wells	39345406	✓	Inf	20 June 45
Pfc	Myron E. Strahan	39865912	✓	Inf	16 May 45

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Glen E. Foss, 37774532, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 14 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 511, this Headquarters, 13 July 1945.

Technician 5th Grade William S. Davis, 39425322, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 17 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 410, this Headquarters, 29 June 1945.

Private First Class Leroy C. Luck, 35864880, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 27 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 410, this headquarters, 24 June 1945.

Private First Class Edward Sanchez, 39595737, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 5 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 410, this Headquarters, 6 December 1945.

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Private First Class William R. Cooper, 36906425, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 11 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 9, this Headquarters, 15 May 1945.

Private First Class Kermit B. Heibsch, 38630399, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 19 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 192, this Headquarters, 10 May 1945.

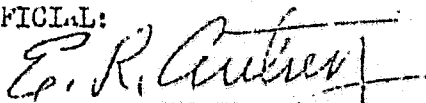
Sergeant Wayne S. DeChanberu, 39252228, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 28 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 571, this Headquarters, 9 August 1945.

Sergeant Arthur D. Stigall, 38526083, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 15 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 546, this Headquarters, 5 August 1945.

Private First Class Edward L. Gray, 39595826, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 9 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 670, this Headquarters, 6 September 1945.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL McCUMBERT:

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TO: Mr. William B. Cooper  
1021 Highland Avenue  
Dixon, Illinois

So much of General Orders 1085, Headquarters 95th Infantry Division, dated 20 December 1945, as pertains to Private First Class William R. Cooper, which reads "a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster in lieu thereof," is amended to read "Purple Heart."

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

*W. A. Seary*  
Adjutant General

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT AWARD I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART II  
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SECTION I  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT AWARD

Under the provisions of Circular 315, W.D., 23 August 1944, the Meritorious Service Unit Award is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division to the Medical Detachment, 372d Regiment, 96th Infantry Division for meritorious and superior performance of duty in action against the enemy on Leyte, P.I. during the period 20 October 1944 to 20 December 1944.

During this period of action, the Medical Detachment gave medical treatment to over one thousand six hundred sick and wounded and maintained a speedy and efficient evacuation to hospital installations. In the first week's phase of the period, when the collecting company elements were unable to get vehicles through to provide medical supplies for the front line troops, the members of the Medical Detachment transported all casualties to the rear using hoazels, LVTs, and curibs, carried supplies on foot, made repeated trips to medical supply dumps in the rear, traversed swamps and terrain impossible to all but if it soldiers, and always in constant danger of the enemy. Under the most trying combat conditions, with the greatest personal sacrifice, and suffering multiple casualties as a result of constant exposure to enemy fire, speedy and efficient evacuation saved the lives of many of the wounded. At Pagan Taban when the Second Battalion suffered heavy casualties from an ambush by the enemy, the battalion medical section shouldered the responsibility of treating and evacuating over sixty casualties within a few hours, effecting evacuation under withering enemy machine gun, small arms, and mortar fire, and performing numerous individual acts of heroism in attempts to reach casualties in exposed positions. As our forces pushed inward west of Legard and swamps and rice paddies afforded additional obstacles in evacuation, individual litter squads moved forward on foot, improvising means of evacuation, and dragging and carrying casualties through the exposed areas for distances seemingly impossible to bear. When casualties occurred at night soldiers and litter squads volunteered without hesitation to move forward in spite of the dangers involved from both friendly and enemy fire to bring casualties to the safety of the rear where medical treatment could be given. Suffering the loss of seventeen men killed and over twenty wounded, and without replacements until late in the campaign, the members of the Medical Detachment gallantly and efficiently provided medical treatment and evacuation for the front line infantry troops at all times.

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Art 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 dates indicated:

- |     |                     |          |     |            |
|-----|---------------------|----------|-----|------------|
| Pfc | John V. Chamberlain | 13197247 | Inf | 10 June 45 |
| Pfc | John T. Layle       | 37044495 | Inf | 16 May 45  |

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SECTION III  
AMENDMENT TO GENERAL ORDERS

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1. So much of General Orders 1073, this Headquarters, 4 December 1945, as pertains to Pfc Donald J. Stoner, 33430233, is rescinded.
  2. So much of General Orders 1077, this Headquarters, 7 December 1945, as pertains to Pfc William F. Krus, 35908763, is rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

OFFICER:

*E. R. Autrey*  
E. R. AUTREY,  
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SECTION  
AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE I

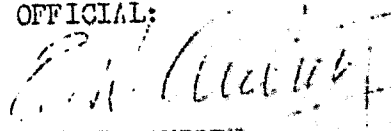
SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

Under the provisions of War Department Circular ACG, 17 October 1944 the following Enlisted Men are awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, effective 1 December 1945.

T/3 Osamu Yamamoto 30106657 Inf (314th Hq Intelligence Detachment)

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRADLEY:

OFFICIAL:



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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER III

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SECTION I  
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Pfc	Merrill L. Curtis	37752437	Inf	24 May 45
Pfc	James L. Gibbs	37735584	Inf	15 June 45
S/Sgt	Wallace J. Hill	39470379	Inf	22 June 45
Pfc	Delvin L. Houscholder	39470430	Inf	12 May 45
Pfc	Emil A. Reynolds	39472688	Med	16 June 45
Pfc	Willard I. Sanders	37712659	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Howard M. Stovall	37647250	Inf	14 May 45
Pfc	Raymond B. Strenski	36844541	Med	19 June 45

SECTION II  
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Private First Class Joseph Bruguier, 37775294, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 16 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 670, this Headquarters, 6 September 1945.

Private First Class Leo J. Carroll, 35851120, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 7 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 400, this Headquarters, 28 June 1945.

Private First Class John J. Rudell, 37712528, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 484, this Headquarters, 15 May 1945.

Private First Class Edmund Uscinowicz, 36470908, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 24 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 546, this Headquarters, 5 August 1945.

Private First Class Charles A. Willingham, 34989877, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 22 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 670, this Headquarters, 12 May 1945.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

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

Private First Class David L. Ling, 37575951, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic service in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ginowan on Okinawa Island on 5 April 1945. As a radioman in a rifle company, Private First Class Ling was attached to the company commander during the assault south of Ginowan. When his radio went out of commission, Private First Class Ling, although fully aware of the hazard involved, volunteered to carry messages from the company commander to the various scattered platoons. He was fired upon several times while crossing open slopes and exposed ridges. He showed coolness and skill in locating the platoons and conveying messages rapidly and accurately. Even though finally felled by an enemy rifle bullet in the shoulder his heroic deed assured the continuation of the advance and the eventual reestablishment of radio contact.

Captain Clarence L. Ashcraft Jr., 0408992, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 August 1944 to 2 September 1945.

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

II

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART III

## SECTION I

AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

T/Sgt	Courtney D. Bennett	38572754	Inf	21 May	45	✓
Pfc	Henry Clay watts	33942431	Inf	29 June	45	✓
Pfc	Richard W. Ruffins	36534325	Inf	11 August	45	✓
S/Sgt	Bernard O. Wall	39345612	Inf	28 April	45	
Pfc	Theodore H. Lanerich Jr.	35818080	Inf	22 June	45	✓
Pfc	Charles S. Grace Jr.	39595685	Inf	22 June	45	✓
S/Sgt	Orval B. Sartain	38531640	Inf	8 June	45	✓
Cpl	James W. Nelson	32648135	Med	23 May	45	
Sgt	Edward C. Dalben	37712553	Inf	22 June	45	✓

## SECTION II

AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

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

Technician Fourth Grade Alfred H. McKendry, 39422350, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 9, this Headquarters, 15 May 1945.

Private First Class James L. Carmichael, 37775473, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 21 May 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 585, this Headquarters, 9 August 1945.

Private First Class Thomas B. Stepp, Jr., 38631449, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 April 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 572, this Headquarters, 8 August 1945.

## SECTION III

AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AR-45 (Decorations), 22 September 1943, the Purple Heart and a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster having been previously awarded to the following named enlisted men 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 date indicated:

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Private First Class James R. Richmond, 37774908, Infantry, United States Army, wounded 20 June 1945 on Okinawa. Previous award per Section I, General Orders 640, this Headquarters, 24 August 1945.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE BADGE II

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of AFM 7-25 (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 dates indicated:

52ND INFANTRY REGT, (PA)

Major	HARVEY ALSON	O-36180	Inf	6 Feb	45
Major	JOSE P. FORTES	O-36353	Inf	17 Sept	43
Capt	FILIPINO MARTIN	O-26709	Inf	18 Dec	41
Capt	CAYetano CAIVE	O-26588	Inf	14 Feb	45
2d Lt	WILFRED LAMERO	O-23374	Inf	21 May	44
2d Lt	JOSE AMERAL	O-26311	Inf	12 Nov	44
3d Lt	NICOLAS B. JULBER	O-26514	Inf	6 Feb	45
3d Lt	RICHARD J. JENNETT	O-26652	Inf	20 Apr	44
3d Lt	WILBERTO B. PALLAS	O-26828	Inf	3 Jan	45
Sgt	Fulencio Ibarra	O60266	Inf	7 Feb	45
Sgt	Jesus Cheva	O58460	Inf	9 Feb	45
Sgt	Francisco Patricio	O27489	Inf	5 Feb	45
Sgt	Benedicto Pezoso	O27459	Inf	6 Feb	45
Sgt	Eulorio Prat	O58095	Inf	5 Feb	45
Cpl	Canuto Pagan	O28095	Inf	5 Feb	45
Cpl	Jose Tono Canas	O63032	Inf	14 Nov	44
Pfc	Licaverde Canas	O63056	Inf	25 June	44
Pfc	Lustequio Amoyan	O29583	Inf	22 Mar	45
Pfc	Apolonio Ibarra	O32023	Inf	5 Feb	45
Pfc	Francisco Jirana	O31993	Inf	5 Feb	45
Pvt	Teribio Tabala	O65569	Inf	14 Jan	45

SECTION II

AWARD OF THE EXPERT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE

Under the provisions of Paragraph 3, Section III, AFM Circular 38, 8 August 1945, the following Enlisted man is awarded the Expert Infantryman Badge, effective 1 June 1944:

Pfc Loren T. Giovanelli 31124786 189th Cml Mort Co

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

1. *Itc* Ralph W Carr 37707187 96th IP Plat 15 April 45

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AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

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

Capt Edward J Beck O337516 Inf 18 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, 23 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 96th Infantry Division, to the following named military personnel:

Chaplain (Captain) Frederick L Von Huson, O494857, CH, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Leyte, Philippine Islands from 20 October 1944 to 25 December 1944.

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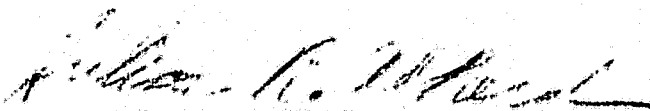
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Under provisions of AR 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to Pvt Noah W Hartley, 38243852, 387th Infantry Regiment for wound received as a result of enemy action on 2 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of Three Hundred and Third Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

FIRST LIEUTENANT JOHN E MORRIS, 01306880, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

SECOND LIEUTENANT ROBERT M DENBY, 01324761, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Fred A Pasquinelli, 59125094, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Staff Sergeant James L Willems, 36228191, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant J S Jackson, 35696981, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade John C Cummings, 37553865, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class George MacLeod, 31324476, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class James E Casey, Jr, 31460040, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Robert L Dickerson, 35697678, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

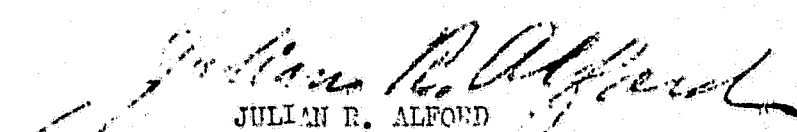
Private First Class James P Ramsey, 12231129, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Stephen C Posat, 33697377, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officer and enlisted men of 386th Infantry Regiment for wounds, received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

- ✓ Captain Paul W Snodgrass, 0387068, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan,
- ✓ Technical Sergeant Alton L Duck, 6394759, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Territory of Hawaii.
- ✓ Staff Sergeant James C Pepka, 35049712, on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.
- ✓ Sergeant Stanley Valenti, 32736026, on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.
- ✓ Technician Fifth Grade Norman T Pastorius, 35749594, on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.
- ✓ Private First Class Harold M Lovy, 12229086, on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.
- ✓ Private First Class Albert A Lorello, 35082506, on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.
- ✓ Private First Class Dale H Ortmeyer, 17170451, on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.
- ✓ Private First Class Stanley J Gorowski, 32792111, on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.
- ✓ Private First Class John K Munson, 31263746, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
- ✓ Private First Class George S Retalis, 31364266, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
- ✓ Private First Class Donald E Sprehman, 36977825, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.
- ✓ Private Fredrick V Fulciniti, 31457775, on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
- ✓ Private Charles F Mersit, 33948590, on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Tennessee.
- ✓ Private Donald L Hintz, 16094066, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.
- ✓ Private Arthur J Letourneau, 37596265, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.
- ✓ Private John M Clark, 35761124, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio

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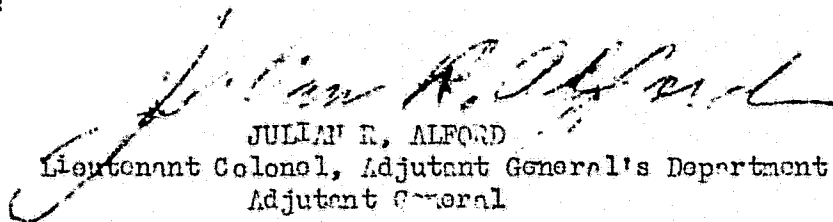
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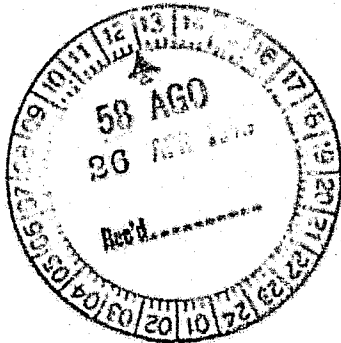
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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following enlisted men for wounds, received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

- Corporal John W Hadley, 13083325, 322d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- Private Louis A Sukenick, 33709340, 322d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- Technician Fifth Grade Eldon G Irett, 20912680, 386th Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945. Entered military service from California.
- Private First Class Richard C McClain, 33559567, 386th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.
- Rev by Do 20, May 14, 1945* ~~Technical Sergeant Kermitt Ballinger, 38062623, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Oklahoma.~~
- Staff Sergeant J D Barley, 38155989, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.
- Sergeant Clyde E Fisher, 35094937, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.
- Sergeant Elmer J Oberto, 36479336, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.
- Technician Fourth Grade August Egloff, 32806518, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.
- Private First Class Eugene E Tappes, 33850887, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- Private First Class John A Austin, 42110178, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.
- Private First Class Roy A Rossmum, 39216537, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.
- Private First Class Roy V Mosher, 39472190, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.
- Private First Class Thomas B Blumodino, 13175505, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- Private First Class Junior B Whitehouse, 36442230, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.
- Private First Class Mayo Grominger, 37148484, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.


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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds, received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

- First Lieutenant Milton Burgett, 01316129, Co "G", 303d Infantry Regiment on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from California.
- Private First Class Clyde L Sykes, 37569669, Co "G", 303d Infantry Regiment on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.
- Private First Class Robert E Terwilliger, 31458120, Co "G", 303d Infantry Regiment on 12 Apr 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.
- Private First Class Dale H Palmer, 10204482, Co "I", 303d Infantry Regiment on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from California.
- Private First Class Thomas W Ruppelt, 17097548, Co "H", 303d Infantry Regiment on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.
- Private First Class William B Boyer, 13037407, Co "E", 303d Infantry Regiment on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- Private Guy E Drake, 34966485, Co "H", 303d Infantry Regiment on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from South Carolina.
- Private First Class David L Peffley, 35224383, Co "C", 386th Infantry Regiment on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.
- Private First Class Thomas B Glavin, 33049812, Co "D", 386th Infantry Regiment on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Virginia.
- Private Edgar H Madson, 6567648, Co "D", 386th Infantry Regiment on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.
- First Sergeant Clayton S Trink, 36186527, Co "F", 387th Infantry Regiment on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.
- Second Lieutenant Louis Sloss Jr, 0547003, Headquarters Battery, 365th Field Artillery Battalion on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

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SECTION

AWARD OF BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER TO PURPLE  
HEART MEDAL.....I  
AWARD OF PURPLE HEART.....II

I. Award of Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster to Purple Heart Medal. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, in addition to Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to Sergeant John M Clark, 35751124, Co "C", 386th Infantry Regiment, for wound received as a result of enemy action on 12 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from West Virginia.

II. Award of Purple Heart. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men for wounds, received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

First Lieutenant Anthony G Vlontis, 01184599, Headquarters Battery, 503d Field Artillery Battalion, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Technical Sergeant George C Young, 36357044, Co "L", 503d Infantry Regiment on 15 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Ferry Andromidas, 42127329, Co "F", 303d Infantry Regiment on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Captain Franklin C Davis, 0291926, Co "H", 386th Infantry Regiment on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant Carl J Dietz, 31324263, Co "C", 386th Infantry Regiment on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Technician Third Grade John F Reardon, 36126648, Co "F", 386th Infantry Regiment on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Sergeant Robert H Hanson, 37310251, Co "H", 386th Infantry Regiment on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Sergeant Edson J King, 32850097, Co "H", 386th Infantry Regiment on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class William J Muise, 31459052, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 386th Infantry Regiment on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class John E Skalnik, 35922104, Co "E", 386th Infantry Regiment on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Vincent E Floin, 36965512, Co "E", 386th Infantry Regiment on 7 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

Private First Class Edward L Morse, 31464784, Co "C", 386th Infantry Regiment on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Maine.

Private First Class Heck H Carroll, 39580302, Co "C", 386th Infantry Regiment on 12 April 1945. Entered military service from Arizona.

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Private First Class James H Brown, 33559153, Co "E", 386th Infantry  
Regiment on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Maryland.

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AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to Colonel William B Forse, O15470, Infantry, 30th Infantry Regiment, for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the period 9 April 1945 to 17 April 1945.

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I. By direction of the President, under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted man for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated in Germany:

Second Lieutenant Russell W Hobbs, 0552020, Company "L", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Donald E Rappaport, 36653088, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment on 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

Second Lieutenant James D Denny, 0543479, Company "D", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Anthony J Giacquinto, 31259989, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Joseph J D'Amico, 31462174, Company "L", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Private First Class Cecil C Cochran, 38695202, Company "L", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Edward J Garzoni, 33760803, Company "A", 387th Infantry Regiment on, 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Richard G Waugh, 38654792, Company "B", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Louisiana.

Private First Class Edward J Bruzinski, 36962905, Company "A", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.



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Private First Class Robert E Cunningham, 35828723, Company "B", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Richard R. Elwell, 17170371, Company "D", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Louis P Minardi, 32116279, Company "D", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Ralph W. Evans, 38671976, Company "B", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Kenneth E Vogelpohl, 18073723, Company "D", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Harold Schiffman, 31305550, Company "C", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Clyde B Hamilton, 35899010, Company "F", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Ralph H Schamp, 35548329, Company "C", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Anthony Foremski, 35901796, Company "B", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Jack S Manion, 37363255, Company "A", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class William F Hebrew, 37693779, Company "G", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private Benjamin Fox, 32798975, Company "D", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Private Thomas J Roe, 42110200, Company "B", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Technical Sergeant Charles T Seaton Jr, 39013992, 97th CIC Detachment, on 18 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

III. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, in addition to Purple Heart previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to First Sergeant Clayton S Brink, 36186527, Company "F", 387th Infantry Regiment, for wound received as a result of enemy action on 17 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

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SECTION

- AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.....I
- AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL.....II
- AWARD OF COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE.....III

I. Award of Silver Star Medal. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Hughie A Thurlow, 36118684, Company "A", 387th Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action at Faltenberg, Germany, on the night of 15 April 1945. While leading a machine gun squad in an attack through the town against strong hostile positions, Private First Class Thurlow was wounded by enemy artillery fire. Learning that a member of his squad also had been wounded and was lying exposed and helpless near a burning building, Private First Class Thurlow without disclosing that he himself had been wounded proceeded into the fireswept street and removed the injured member to a protected position. Only after assisting in rendering first aid to this and another wounded man and while continuing to direct the fire of his guns did he reveal that he had been wounded. His daring and courageous actions upon this occasion reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Michigan.

II. Award of Bronze Star Medal. Under the provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted men for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated, in Germany:

Private First Class David A Goss, 37693361, Company "L", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Charles R Fatzinger, 38834624, Company "G", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Joe P Gonzalez, 39420252, Company "G", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 1 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

III. Award of Combat Infantryman Badge. Under the provisions War Department Circular 408, 1944, the Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded Colonel Samuel M Lansing, 016277, 386th Infantry Regiment, for satisfactory performance of duty in ground combat against the enemy.

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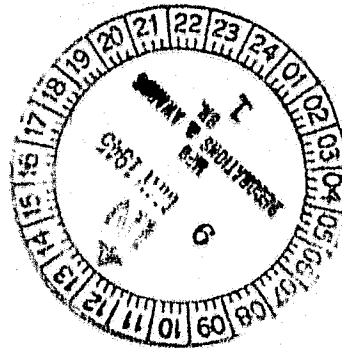
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant Merlin C Godsell, 36247013, Company "C", 386th Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action at Drabenderhohe, Germany, on the afternoon of 12 April 1945. In an attack on the town, fire from enemy automatic weapons isolated approximately half a rifle platoon from the remainder of the company. Technical Sergeant Godsell, acting leader of the platoon, collected the isolated men and in the face of severe enemy fire advanced and destroyed four enemy automatic weapons. The destruction of these weapons left an unprotected flank which his company subsequently exploited to capture the town. The gallantry and leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Godsell on this occasion reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Technical Sergeant Richard J Shingleton, 33433144, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment for gallantry in action at Siegburg, Germany, on the afternoon of 10 April 1945. While his platoon was advancing against two machine gun nests barricaded in the town, the platoon leader was seriously wounded, crossing a street. With no thought of his own safety and in the face of fire from the two hostile guns Technical Sergeant Shingleton entered the street and moved his platoon leader to a position where medical aid could be rendered. He then took command of the platoon, vigorously pushed the attack, and overran the enemy gun locations. The gallantry and leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Shingleton on the occasion reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted men:

Captain Hollis P Allen, 0440616, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 303d Infantry Regiment, for meritorious achievement against an armed enemy of the United States during the period from 9 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

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Sergeant Fred W Vinroot, 36040765, Company "L", 387th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on 14 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Loy O Collins, 6796323, Company "M", 386th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Oklahoma.

Private First Class Earl C Samstar, 35249897, Company "M", 386th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Clyde E Vanden Bosck, 36950899, Company "L", 387th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on 14 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Michigan.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted men:

Sergeant Leslie Fishman, 13143139, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Troisdorf, Germany, on 11 April 1945. During an attack on a factory, Sgt Fishman's company became split into small groups as darkness fell. Sgt Fishman with one of these groups occupied a building within the factory grounds which during the night successfully beat off repeated attempts to drive them out. Early the following morning on his own initiative, and at great personal danger, he worked his way to a hostile installation and persuaded them to give safe conduct to enemy headquarters to himself and his platoon leader. Subsequently at this headquarters the efforts of these two emissaries led to the surrender of six officers and some one hundred seventy men, and enabled the objective to be taken without further casualties. His foresight and courage on this occasion reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Francis S Compton, 39661121, Company "C", 387th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Schaaren, Germany, on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Compton, an automatic rifleman, was severely wounded in the right shoulder by shrapnel as he moved into position to establish a base of fire. Unable to operate his weapon he gave it to his squad leader and heroically continued to advance to the fire position. During the remainder of the engagement he assisted in locating enemy targets and in carrying and passing ammunition for the weapon. Private First Class Compton's courageous actions while wounded were an inspiration to the men of his platoon and aided in keeping the enemy pinned down as they attacked and destroyed the emplacements. His gallantry and fortitude on this occasion reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Illinois.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of A. 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated, in Germany:

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Second Lieutenant David W Christianson, 01055805, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Washington.


Technician Fifth Grade Anthony J Giacinto, 3125889, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Joan J Kulpinski, 36585694, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.

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Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated:

- Captain Winston C Sandvold, 0351386, Infantry, PI Team 137, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.
- Staff Sergeant John R Carl, 33616882, Company "I", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.
- Staff Sergeant Art L Magel, 37112703, Company "A", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.
- Sergeant Frank Antonelli, 31306332, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945 in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
- Sergeant Edward W Robinson, 31425818, Company "I", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 28 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Massachusetts.
- Corporal James P Tipton, 35658363, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from West Virginia.
- Private First Class Chester E Vancouver, 35808923, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Kentucky.
- Private First Class Benny R Pilars, 39009991, Cannon Company, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from California.
- Private First Class Wallace Winters, 37511472, Anti Tank Company, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas.
- Private First Class Thomas Dunn, 42110106, Company "I", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 15 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.
- Private First Class Harry W Parkes, 35530608, Company "M", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 26 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Ohio.
- Private First Class Benjamin B Fox, 15170829, Company "E", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 28 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from West Virginia.

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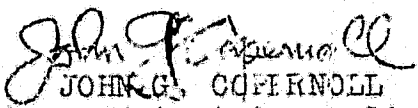
Private Amos A Bond, 32849641, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from New York.

Private Joseph A Bresnai, 33291209, Company "M", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 26 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

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SECTION

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL.....III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following officers:

Captain Mettauer F Davidson Jr, 0504184, Company "B", 386th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Stein, Germany, on 8 April 1945. In attacking the town, Captain Davidson's company was held up by strong fire from an enemy road block defended by automatic weapons and self-propelled guns. During the attack against this obstacle, Captain Davidson suffered severe wounds in both legs and his right arm. Refusing medical aid, he arranged for an personally adjusted the fire of his 60mm mortar section on the position. When this fire failed to silence the hostile defense, he obtained and adjusted the fire of an 81mm mortar platoon which successfully neutralized the obstacle and enabled his company to subsequently capture the town. Only after the defense of the obstacle had been reduced did he consent to receive medical treatment. Captain Davidson's inspiring actions and unselfish devotion to duty on this occasion reflect high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant Cecil L Evestone, 3553027, Company "C", 387th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Schaaren, Germany, on 9 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Evestone's platoon was given the mission of destroying a hostile artillery position which by air fire was holding up the company advance. While establishing a base of fire, Second Lieutenant Evestone was wounded in the face by shrapnel. Despite this wound he personally took charge of the assault squads and fearlessly led the attack on the hostile position. When 40 yards from the enemy emplacement he received a severe wound in his leg but gallantly and courageously charged the position with his men and many of the enemy were killed or captured. Lieutenant Evestone then refused medical attention for himself until the other wounded men of his platoon had received aid. Second Lieutenant Evestone's gallant actions and fearless leadership on this occasion reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Kansas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on date indicated, in Germany:

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First Lieutenant Abram J Chayes, 0515482, Battery "C", 922d Field Artillery Battalion, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant James D Earl, 35095055, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Corporal Harry L Recker Jr, 37605683, Medical Detachment, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated:

First Lieutenant James F McNab, 01314936, Company "H", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

First Lieutenant Ellis I Wallen, 01318238, Company "H", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 29 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Tennessee.

First Lieutenant Zygmunt F Zalenski, 01293371, Company "H", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 24 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Michigan.

First Lieutenant Warnock C Deadwyler Jr, 01306071, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 14 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Staff Sergeant Joseph Jasie'ski, 31324394, Company "A", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Connecticut.

Staff Sergeant Frederick C Storm, 37010763, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Staff Sergeant Leo P Gaul, 6558791, Company "E", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant William G Reholt, 6765216, Company "C", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant John E Abell, 12167145, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

Sergeant Ross Bloomer, 37077082, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Sergeant Carlton A Umphreyville, 30833764, Company "D", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

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Technician Fifth Grade Earl L Gresh Jr., 33501376, Medical Detachment, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class Walter L Harriman, 31396182, Company "C", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Carl P Williams Jr., 35593930, Company "B", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 27 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Elmer Stumpf, 37674141, Company "M", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Henry F Hendrickson, 38666381, Company "I", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

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~~Private First Class John C Gignas, 31416478, Company "H", 307th Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.~~

Private First Class Marshall D Miller, 15121669, Company "A", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Edward P Valenzuelas, 39577531, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Russell T Posthauer, 32989725, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Charles W Sweeney, 36773356, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Theodore C Warburton, 36657470, Company "F", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private First Class Walter H Meack, 37694063, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class James R Stilwell, 33555848, Company "F", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from District of Columbia.

Private First Class Juan L Ruiz, 38674250, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class James G Lamb, 35249631, Company "F", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Manuel A Torrez, 38071156, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Charles D Stanley Jr., 33662273, Company "A", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

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Private First Class Walter C Paar, 37693936, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Iowa.

Private First Class Harvey H Martin Jr., 39460184, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

~~Private Russell J. [unclear], 3955 [unclear], Company "L", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 29 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from California.~~ *Rescued by Lt+ 23 - May 18, 1945*

Private Roger J Rube, 21464464, Company "A", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Rhode Island.

Private John J O'Connell, 42092710, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Ralph G Lorusso, 42131463, Company "E", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Lester S Bevins, 37596310, Company "L", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 15 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL.....I  
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted man:

Private First Class Maximino T Valdez, 38070374, Company "K", 303d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Dunwald, Germany, on 13 April 1945. In fighting near the town, private first class Valdez's company was held up by heavy hostile artillery and automatic weapons fire. Private First Class Valdez located an enemy machine gun and with only one hand grenade in his possession, he courageously and at great personal risk, crawled up near the enemy gun and destroyed the crew of three with his grenade. By this heroic action his company was enabled to continue the advance and seize its objective without casualties. Private First Class Valdez's gallantry on this occasion reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New Mexico.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following officers and enlisted men (for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated, in Germany:

First Lieutenant John T Morris, 01306885, Company "D", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from South Dakota.

First Lieutenant Robert L Millman, 01311721, Company "F", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 24 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Staff Sergeant William E Cutler, 12170010, Company "D", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.


Technician Fourth Grade Farris E Jones, 37130864, Medical Detachment, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 2 April 1945. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class David N Glucksman, 13120336, Company "E", 387th Infantry Regiment, (on 2 April 1945.) Entered military service from Virginia.

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I. AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to the following officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant Guy A Ringblom, 01293825, Company "F", 387th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Allner, Germany, on 9 April 1945. A member of First Lieutenant Ringblom's platoon was seriously wounded by enemy machine gun fire and fell in a position completely exposed at close range to the hostile fire. Fully aware of the great danger to his own life, First Lieutenant Ringblom, daringly and courageously moved to the wounded man to take him to a place of safety. First Lieutenant Ringblom was mortally wounded by sniper fire as he assisted the wounded man out of the line of enemy fire. His gallant action on this occasion reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Minnesota.

Private First Class Glen R Spaidel, 37622757, Company "I", 387th Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Allner, Germany, on 9 April 1945. Private First Class Spaidel, while occupying a concealed position prior to an attack, saw his platoon leader fall wounded by a sniper's bullet as he assisted a casualty to a position of safety. Fully aware of the great danger to his own life from the effective sniper fire, Private First Class Spaidel daringly and courageously moved to his platoon leader to take him out of the line of enemy fire. Private First Class Spaidel was killed instantly as he attempted to drag the wounded officer to a covered position. His gallant action on this occasion reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Iowa.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted man for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated, in Germany:

Staff Sergeant Fred L Struberg, 36049321, Company "D", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Staff Sergeant Edwin W Lauman, 16118744, Company "D", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Michigan.



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Sergeant Aldo F Cosa, 32875394, Medical Detachment, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from New York.

Technician Fifth Grade Herbert Hickman, 35605255, Grade 1 Detachment, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Joseph C Chess, 33977582, Company "D", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private Harold F Smith Jr, 39561282, Medical Detachment, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under provisions of 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded the following enlisted personnel for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

Staff Sergeant Charles W Hathaway, 35095252, Company "I", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 2 May 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade Edward J Jesselyn, 31297541, Headquarters Battery, 303d Field Artillery Battalion, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class John A Mount, 30051430, Company "I", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 26 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Joseph O Garcia, 39144178, Company "E", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 26 April 1945. Entered military service from California.

Private First Class Daniel W Hahn, 35828664, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 1 May 1945. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private John C Shoemaker, 12010927, Headquarters Company, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 1 May 1945. Entered military service from New York.

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Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated, in Germany:

Private First Class Lawrence G Cramer, 36348876, Company "C", 322d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 8 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

Private Philip Fienberg, 39717808, Company "C", 322d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 1 May 1945. Entered military service from California.

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I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted men for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated, in Germany:

First Lieutenant George E. Gilpin, 01314771, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant Richard J. Harts, 35E72271, Medical Detachment, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Private First Class John J. Madd, 3128515, Medical Detachment, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class James G. Solofsky, 36206148, Medical Detachment, 307th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945. Entered military service from Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded the following enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated:

Captain Sidney J. Colvin, 01303607, Company "F", 307th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from California.

Sergeant John E. Bonarino, 12200750, Company "K", 307th Infantry Regiment, on 3 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Arthur C. Rison, 35311687, Company "K", 307th Infantry Regiment, on 27 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Kentucky.

Private First Class Ralph R. Throckmorton, 33365254, Company "L", 307th Infantry Regiment, on 26 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

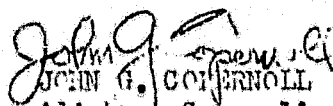
Private First Class Walter Hall, 32533748, Company "I", 307th Infantry Regiment, on 26 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private Bob L. Nikol, 33118505, Company "H", 307th Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

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I. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following officer:

Captain Thomas W. Mellen, 01285207, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Treisdorf, Germany, on 11 April 1945. In fighting near the town, Captain Mellen, commanding Company "G", led his men in an attack against determined enemy resistance in a fortified factory area. By his skillful, courageous leadership, numerous hostile automatic weapons and direct-fire artillery emplacements were destroyed or effectively neutralized. When night came his company had suffered approximately twenty-five per cent casualties and was completely out of contact with friendly forces. Although in a position to withdraw into a protected area, Captain Mellen courageously held the position and by dawn his company had forced the enemy into a confined area of the factory. He then made his way to the battalion command post and personally guided the battalion to a location which hastened the surrender of all enemy in the factory area. Captain Mellen's gallantry on this occasion reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from California.

II. AWARD (POSTHUMOUS) OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended the Bronze Star Medal is awarded, posthumously, to Private First Class Wesley W. Veybrauch, 37293088, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Minnesota.

III. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted men for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated, in Germany:

Sergeant Clyde E. Fisher, 35094937, Company "I", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Robert E. Ingvo, 36774015, Company "A", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 17 April 1945. Entered military service from Illinois.

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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star Medal is awarded the following enlisted men:

Sergeant Marvin H Adam, 33165071, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Barnau, Germany, on 30 April 1945. In the vicinity of this town, elements of a rifle platoon were pinned down by a heavy volume of hostile machine gun fire at a range of 100 yards. Disregarding the continuing intense enemy fire and with no thought of personal safety, Sergeant Adam got to his feet and with such fury, assaulted the hostile position that two of the enemy were killed, two others captured and the remainder forced to withdraw. This bold action enabled troops of the platoon to kill three more of the enemy as they attempted to disengage themselves. The gallantry displayed on this occasion reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Maryland.

Private First Class Anthony A Martelloni, 42108576, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action at Barnau, Germany, on 30 April 1945. In the vicinity of this town, elements of a rifle platoon were pinned down by a heavy volume of hostile machine gun fire at a range of 100 yards. Disregarding the continuing intense enemy fire and with no thought of personal safety, he got to his feet and with such fury assaulted the hostile position that two of the enemy were killed, two others captured and the remainder forced to withdraw. This bold action enabled troops of the platoon to kill three more of the enemy as they attempted to disengage themselves. The gallantry displayed on this occasion reflects high credit upon himself and the Armed Forces. Entered military service from New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for heroic achievement against an armed enemy of the United States on dates indicated:

- Captain Harold F Solesky, 0321535, Company "I", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from New York.
- Staff Sergeant Albert F Yerves, 32808235, Company "E", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 28 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.
- Staff Sergeant Prentice D Cox, 7008859, Medical Detachment, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Louisiana.

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Sergeant Lawrence M Reardon, 31294696, Company "E", 397th Infantry Regiment, on 28 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Technician Fifth Grade James A McCall, 34543712, Company "M", 386th Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Florida.

Private First Class Harvon E Stevenson, 35112680, Medical Detachment, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class William V Masoley Jr, 13118893, Medical Detachment, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia.

Private First Class Forest E Conroy, 7471147, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 25 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.

Private First Class Robert Konstan, 15301293, Company "B", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private First Class Donald T Delicato, 37478364, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Nebraska.

Private First Class Eugene H Harlowe, 34894876, Company "C", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from South Carolina.

Private First Class Claro L Snodgrass, 39929683, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Utah.

Private First Class Russell W Fox, 32749495, Company "A", 322d Medical Battalion, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New York.

Private First Class Jack L Gatter, 35543223, Company "A", 322d Medical Battalion, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Ohio.

Private Sebastian Calanni, 42111403, Medical Detachment, 303d Medical Battalion, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New Jersey.

Private Harold E Southall, 33883227, Company "A", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 1 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Maryland.

III. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART MEDAL. Under provisions of AR 601-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart Medal is awarded the following officer and enlisted men for wounds received as a result of enemy action on dates indicated:

Captain Olivar E Smith, 01295780, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 387th Infantry Regiment, on 5 May 1945, in Czechoslovakia. Entered military service from Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant John J Gebaion, 35983131, Anti-Tank Company, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 3 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Indiana.

Private First Class Robert MacAndrew, 31258513, Company "E", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 3 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts.

Private First Class Jack W Mason, 37629761, Anti-Tank Company, 303d Infantry Regiment, on 3 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Missouri.

Private First Class Pedro Alfaro, 39587468, Company "G", 303d Infantry Regiment, on 4 May 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Texas.

Private First Class Alfred J Dunnis, 38666367, Company "B", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Arkansas.

Private First Class Charles W Allen, 39426116, Company "C", 387th Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Washington.