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all members and prisoners intact. During this action they knocked out an artillery piece, destroyed a truck, killed or wounded twelve enemy, captured three more, and demoralized a large hostile force and made them beat a hasty retreat.

Award Awarded by G.O.C. #11-607-22, 1944. (See Award of the 1st O.L.C. to Silver Star)
* **ROBERT E. COLLIER**, 36734183, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 May and 1 June 1944 in Italy. When a strong enemy force launched a determined attack against his platoon's position, Sergeant Collier, in the absence of his platoon leader and platoon sergeant, quickly adjusted the unit's defenses and opened fire on the attacking force. During the course of the assault, he continually exposed himself to heavy mortar and automatic weapons fire in order to move from squad to squad, maintaining organization within the platoon and encouraging the men to hold their position against the savage thrusts. After two hours of bitter fighting, the order was given to withdraw from the untenable position. Sergeant Collier skillfully maneuvered the platoon, one squad at a time, to a place of safety. He himself covered the withdrawal of the last squad with effective fire from his sub-machine gun, waiting until the last man had retired before seeking cover for himself. Entered the Service from Libertyville, Illinois.

JOHN J. BARRY, 32236771, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1943 in Italy. The Cannon Company was occupying a position exposed to enemy observation and incessant, direct artillery fire. When an ammunition truck driver was seriously injured by a shell explosion, the continued shelling and enemy observation prevented other drivers from going to his assistance. Tec 5 Barry valiantly determined to brave the heavy fire to aid his wounded comrade, and he drove his jeep across 400 yards of open terrain to reach him. While artillery shells exploded around him, he administered calm and effective first aid, then carried the man to his vehicle and drove him back through the deadly enemy fire to safety. Entered the Service from Orange, New Jersey.

SECTION III -- AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

J. C. WILLIAMSON, 01703055, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Williamson, leader of the 3d Platoon, Company G, was ordered to attack a castle which was occupied and strongly fortified by a force of 70 enemy soldiers. He led his platoon cautiously to the northwest side of the building and prepared his men for an assault over the wall, six feet high, which surrounded the castle. At an appointed time grenades were hurled into the fortification and Lieutenant Williamson preceded his men over the wall, courageously exposing himself to hostile fire through fissures of the wall. He and his platoon members rushed the enemy, screaming, throwing hand grenades into the emplacements and firing point blank into the midst of the hostile soldiers. The terrified enemy began emerging from the building shouting "Kamerad", and all fire ceased. Lieutenant Williamson directed his men in searching the castle for additional enemy soldiers, then organized a defensive position. As a result of his superior leadership 27 prisoners were captured and two officers and ten men were killed. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

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SECTION IV - CORRECTED POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

So much of General Orders Number 310, cs, this Headquarters, as posthumously awards a Silver Star to BERNARD F. REED, 01178301, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor.

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

"BERNARD F. REED, 01178301, Second Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Reed was leading his forward observer detail in an advance toward enemy positions when he and his party were suddenly subjected to grazing machine gun fire and heavy artillery shelling. One of the men was wounded in the leg; and, although all the personnel in the area was pinned to the ground, Lieutenant Reed selflessly exposed himself to the hostile fire in an attempt to aid the injured man. Moving calmly and rapidly, he advanced to the position where the soldier lay and started carrying him toward a place of safety. While so engaged he was mortally wounded by the enemy fire. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas F. Reed (Brother), 116-23 219th Street, Albany, New York."

By command of Major General DARLQUIST:

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GENERAL ORDERS

19 September 1944

NO. 352

Award of Soldier's Medal.....I
Commendation for Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.....II

AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals.

JAMES W. BROTHERS, 36820906, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for heroism on 21 January 1944 in Italy. During the operations on the banks of a strategic river, Private First Class Brothers, a litter bearer attached to Company K, was ordered to cross the river in a rubber assault boat with two infantrymen, another litter bearer and an aid man. The swirling currents, the heavy artillery and mortar barrage which blasted the banks of the river, and the congestion encountered by the large number of boats all added to the hazards of the crossing. The boat carrying Private First Class Brothers and his companions capsized in mid-stream, spilling the occupants into the turbulent stream. Private First Class Brothers and the two infantrymen succeeded in swimming to the bank, but the other two men, weighted down by bulky equipment, struggled vainly against the swift currents. Unhesitatingly Private First Class Brothers plunged into the icy water and carried the aid man to safety. Again he dove into the river and, displaying unusual physical prowess, succeeded in rescuing the litter bearer. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

RAYMOND LARGE, 35772542, Private, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for heroism on 10 July 1944 in Italy. The 143d Infantry Regiment was engaged in a vigorous training program which included swimming in the surf for an hour each day. A member of Company L who could not swim waded 50 yards from shore where the water was waist deep, then, unaware of a sharp dip in the sea bed, stepped into water over his head and was swept under by the treacherous current. When he heard a cry for help, Private Large immediately went to aid his comrade, and he swam swiftly to the spot where the drowning man was struggling vainly against the strong undertow. He plunged under water and brought the soldier to the surface, then, swimming against the current, carried him safely to shore. Entered the Service from Troy, Ohio.

COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55 each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct.

RICHARD R. WADLEIGH, 01823526, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 31 May to 25 June 1944 in Italy. Because of pre-war familiarity with an Italian metropolis and former enemy stronghold, Lieutenant Wadleigh, assigned to the 142d Infantry Regiment as German interrogator, was chosen to guide the first victorious

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column through the city. Riding in the lead vehicle, he unerringly guided the division column from the southeast outskirts through the streets, illumined by pale moonlight, to a point five miles northwest of the city. Enemy antitank guns suddenly fired on the column, and Lieutenant Wadleigh maintained contact between the regimental commander, then with the lead company, and the regimental command post. To accomplish his mission he unhesitatingly moved over open ground which was subjected to heavy machine gun and artillery fire. Throughout the operations his intelligent interrogation of prisoners proved invaluable in planning each new mission. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

JAMES EVANS, 01295564, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

KENNETH B. GLASS, 01014669, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Montclair, New Jersey.

WINDELL A. ROBE, 20818757, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

MANUEL N. MARTINEZ, 38026217, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Robstown, Texas.

LESLIE H. HUNTER, 38026199, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

WILLIAM F. NOBLE, 36235410, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

JOHN B. MORRISON, 34132832, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brandon, Mississippi.

ROBERT M. HESS, 36236409, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Wausau, Wisconsin.

LAURENCE H. GUELKER, 36236383, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Spring, Wisconsin.

LEON MACHYOSKICH, 36507133, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JOHN J. DANZIGER, 36320313, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

RICHARD HUTCHINSON, 35749967, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cincinnati, Ohio.

RICHARD A. REINER, 35284002, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT A. PACHOWSKI, 36321034, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

GILBERT E. ROMO, 38026215, Private, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Lavaca, Texas.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 4 and 5 December 1943 in Italy. The above named individuals were members of a twenty-man detail assigned the task of carrying direly-needed rations and medical supplies up a mountain to the 2d Battalion. Following an unpioneered trail, they made their way through darkness toward their objective. Near the top of the mountain they and other troops were caught in an artillery barrage. The shelling killed and wounded many men, but the carrying detail reorganized and went ahead under the continued artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Reaching the summit of the hill, they forced their way through dense underbrush to complete thirteen hours of painful progress and deliver the all-important supplies.

HARRISON P. APPERTHNY, 14000952, Sergeant, Personnel Center Number 9 (attached to Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion), for

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exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. While he was a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, Sergeant Abernethy displayed a tireless efficiency and unusual fearlessness in performing his duties as section chief. During a savage enemy counterattack he continued working calmly and skillfully for four hours while the building which housed the observation post was the target for heavy small arms and direct tank fire. His courage in the face of the assaulting enemy forces contributed materially to the successful repulse of the counterattack. Entered the Service from Braxel, North Carolina.

STANLEY L. SIKORSKI, 36523024, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Tec 5 Sikorski was a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for an attack against an enemy stronghold. He displayed unusual courage and efficiency in performing his duties as radio half-track driver; and, working by himself most of the time, he operated dauntlessly over trails and streambeds at night and through heavy mortar and tank fire by day. His determination and steadfast devotion to duty enabled the observer party to lay down effective fire in support of the attack. Entered the Service from Chicago Heights, Illinois.

BERNARD J. RICHARDS, 38190061, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. During this period Tec 5 Richards was a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for an attack against an enemy stronghold. He consistently performed his duties as radio operator with efficiency and with a contempt for personal safety which inspired the admiration of his comrades. On one occasion, while the building which housed the observation post was the target for heavy, incessant small arms and direct tank fire, he calmly transmitted fire missions for four hours. His courage in the face of the assaulting enemy forces contributed materially to the successful repulse of the counterattack. Entered the Service from New Rochelle, New York.

JOSEPH F. FLASCHBERGER, 36184823, Private First Class, Personnel Center Number 9 (attached to Headquarters Battery, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion), for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 16 to 21 June 1944 in Italy. While a member of a forward observer party attached to the 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, in an attack on an enemy stronghold, Private First Class Flaschberger, a jeep driver, displayed unusual courage and skill in performing his hazardous duties. He crept over trails and streambeds at night and through enemy mortar and tank fire by day. Ignoring all difficulties and dangers he worked efficiently and indefatigably, thereby enabling the observer party to lay down effective fire in support of the attack. Entered the Service from Iron River, Michigan.

WILLIAM F. SAVAGE, 17150504, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 25 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Savage, a limeman, spotted a comrade who had been struck by shrapnel and suffered severe abdominal and leg wounds. Hoodless of the heavy artillery and tank fire which had driven personnel in the area to covered positions, he immediately went to assist the wounded man. In the absence of aid men and litter squads Private First Class Savage administered speedy and effective first aid treatment, then valiantly carried him over 200

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yards of fire swept terrain to a place from which he was evacuated. Entered the Service from Fort Meade, South Dakota.

HERMAN POWELL, 34584220, Private, Headquarters Company 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fayette, Alabama.

JAMES A. COINSTOCK, 33610664, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Hescopeck, Pennsylvania.

DOREENICK J. COSENTINO, 42036440, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 24 May to 28 June 1942 in Italy. During this period these men performed their duties as linesmen tirelessly and efficiently. In all the attacks in which the unit participated, they worked cheerfully for long periods without rest. They installed and maintained wire lines under heavy enemy fire and assured the battalion commander of excellent communication within his organization.

By command of Major General B. FLQUIST:

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY
APO #36, U. S. Army

9 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 125

GENERAL ORDER # 125

Award of Purple Heart.....
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

- AMELIO RAMIREZ, 38576804, Private First Class, Company L, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Pharr, Texas.
- HARRY B. BEALL, 33732913, Private, Company L, 2 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Frostburg, Maryland.
- EDWARD A. HATCHER, 14061944, Private, Company E, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Etowah, Tennessee.
- WILLIAM J. LIVOCK, JR., 35925819, Private, Company L, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.
- ROBERT T. LEA, 39317003, Private, Company L, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Portland, Oregon.
- WILLIAM C. MUNRO, 37482317, Private, Company I, 2 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

- TYRUS R. IEMALLEN, 36037214, First Sergeant, Company F, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Van Alstyne, Texas.
- ROUSSEAU J. NAZARE, 31466896, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Center Groton, Connecticut.
- LESTER BROWN, 20805633, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.
- NORBERT A. MEYER, 36680616, Technician Fifth Grade, Company H, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- CLOYCE A. BEAR, 36893386, Private First Class, Company L, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.
- * CHESTER W. COOK, 314614563, Private First Class, Company L, ~~21 March 1945~~ ^{3 Dec 1944}. Entered the Service from Aiken, South Carolina. **AMEL D. BY GO# 224-20 Dec 1945**
- LAWRENCE D. LOVER, 31176389, Private First Class, Company F, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Farmington, New Hampshire.
- CHARLES J. MC DANIEL, 34839760, Private First Class, Company L, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Decatur, Georgia.
- EDWARD C. MC KEY, 34132936, Private First Class, Company F, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Woodville, Mississippi.
- PAUL F. LOVISCKY, 32948867, Private First Class, Company E, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Fabers, New York.

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DONALD H. DUNDY, 30452035, Private First Class, Company E, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Muskegon, Michigan.

WILLIAM W. WATSON, 12173596, Private First Class, Company L, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Utica, New York.

MOS R. WHITMAN, 34973921, Private First Class, Company F, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Opp, Alabama.

JOSEPH S. CBYISIKI, 35084582, Private, Company .., 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

STANLEY L. PIETRANCZYK, 35143474, Private, Company H, 19 March 1945. Entered the Service from Hammond, Indiana.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

ALVIN H. FREISE, 37621955, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

HERMIT FENLEY, 34493490, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Asheville, North Carolina.

FELIX G. FIERRO, 39723312, Sergeant, Company L, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

JOHN C. PARKER, 34822804, Private, Company E, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Greensboro, Georgia.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

JAMES L. MINOR, 0406993, Lieutenant Colonel, 19 March 1945. Entered the Service from Tahoka, Texas.

SAM MONACO, 32921604, Sergeant, Company B, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Bay City, Michigan.

SAMUEL D. PICCOLOMINI, 35760486, Private First Class, Company F, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Martinsburg, West Virginia.

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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER # 124

NO. 124

AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

LOUIS J. BEATTIE, 31005517, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 25 August 1944. Entered the Service from Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

RUDOLPH A. GALKO, 36820697, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ROBERT T. DALY, 36876674, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 21 November 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

MORRIS DE MAYO, 32222076, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 12 October 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

MANUEL MARTINEZ, 42063256, Sergeant, Company F, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

ALVIN L. CHIPMAN, 36191625, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 2 October 1944. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

JAMES C. LUSK, 34921458, Private First Class, Company F, 16 October 1944. Entered the Service from Benis, Tennessee.

HUGH H. BROWN, 34859200, Private First Class, Company A, 10 December 1944. Entered the Service from Anderson, South Carolina.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

EUGENE R. HALMOND, 01310295, First Lieutenant, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

CLIFTON L. MOSS, 37626810, Sergeant, Company B, 19 March 1945. Entered the Service from Monroe City, Missouri.

ALBERT C. MAASS, 37556318, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Lac Qui Parle, Minnesota.

ROBERT H. BECK, 39421339, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Sacramento, California.

LILTON W. BOYES, 37684104, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Dubuque, Iowa.

JIMMIE W. ELLIOTT, 13064016, Private First Class, Company F, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Nelson, Virginia.

THOMAS A. PRINCE, 33941439, Private First Class, Company F, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH B. SZELOGOWSKI, 36569189, Private First Class, Company B, 24 March

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1945. Entered the Service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

VERNER LEISLER, 32990622, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 September 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JAMES M. COLLINS, 34795671, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 November 1944. Entered the Service from Jacksonville, Florida.

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

WILLIAM A. HAWKINS, JR., 01303883, Captain, 17 August 1944. Entered the Service from Mebane, North Carolina.

LOUIS J. BEATTIE, 31005517, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 16 October 1944. Entered the Service from Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

WILLIAM L. SCARBROUGH, 37014325, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 30 October 1944. Entered the Service from Blodgett, Missouri.

JAMES L. CHESSLINE, 38037052, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 20 August 1944. Entered the Service from Clarksville, Texas.

E. A. FOSTER, 38035904, Corporal, Company H, 20 February 1945. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

LEVIN L. CHIPMAN, 36191625, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 24 November 1944. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

WALTER S. PATRICK, 34862584, Private First Class, Company K, 22 November 1944. Entered the Service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

WEDDON L. LOCALLEAR, 34560100, Private First Class, Company B, 10 October 1944. Entered the Service from Liberty, Alabama.

5. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

JOHN A. LINDSTROM, 01304750, First Lieutenant, 22 November 1944. Entered the Service from North Walpole, New Hampshire.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 122

GENERAL ORDERS

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- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

✓ ROY F. CHAMPINE, 36899392, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Champine was a litter bearer during an infantry attack on a town. Casualties were heavy; and for five hours he worked without pause, although the road was often under enemy small arms, mortar and tank fire. Each trip it was necessary for him to carry his heavy burden across an icy, waist-deep river. He made repeated trips, and was returning for another patient when he was killed by an enemy shell. By his courageous devotion to duty, at the sacrifice of his life, he assisted in saving the lives of many others. Next of kin: Mrs. Pauline Champine (Wife), 3021 Campau Road, Route 4, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

✓ ROBERT J. MAREK, 02055064, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20-21 January 1945 in France. Lieutenant Marek was executive officer for Company H. The company was in defensive positions in woods near an important town. When the enemy attacked in strength, supported by a heavy artillery barrage, Lieutenant Marek voluntarily assumed command of the 2d Platoon, which was then without a leader. He advanced to a front line position and there supervised the emplacement of the company machine guns and the disposition of his men. Moving from position to position, although exposed to heavy enemy artillery and small arms fire, he directed the fire of his men and gave them words of encouragement. As a result of his aggressive leadership and gallant actions, the hostile attack was repulsed with severe losses to the enemy. Entered the Service from Terrell, Texas.

✓ JOHN E. ELROD, 34768657, Technical Sergeant, Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 June 1944 in Italy. Company F was leading an attack when it was subjected to a heavy artillery barrage and became

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disorganized. Sergeant Elrod, leader of the squad which was the forward element of the company and out of the shelled area, immediately left his place of comparative safety and entered the area which was under fire. Exposing himself to the heavy shelling, he moved about among the men, reorganizing and encouraging them. He then led them forward until they were under the cover of a steep hill. Sergeant Elrod's courageous and aggressive leadership saved his company from suffering many casualties and enabled it to continue with its attack. Entered the Service from Hartwell, Georgia.

✓ CLIFFORD E. DAVIS, 36198406, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 August 1944 in France. An intense artillery barrage began falling in a small area in the center of the Company F sector, and three men in an exposed location were seriously wounded. The incoming shellfire was so concentrated that officers present would not order medical personnel to aid the wounded soldiers. Tec 5 Davis, an aid man attached to the company, without hesitation ran to the injured men. Then, despite the continuing barrage, he carried them to a place of greater safety, and administered first aid until litter bearers arrived. Tec 5 Davis' prompt and courageous act saved the wounded soldiers from further injury and brought them immediate medical attention, assisting in saving their lives. Entered the Service from Athens, Texas.

✓ JOHN W. MC LEOD, 20807430, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 September 1944 in France. Private First Class McLeod was helping man a road block with his platoon, when the enemy attempted to break through with a force of infantry supported by a 20mm guns. Without hesitation Private First Class McLeod drove a jeep, mounted with a 50 caliber machine gun, up an exposed hill and opened fire on the hostile troops. Although subjected to enemy small arms and 20mm fire, he delivered such effective fire on the enemy that they were forced to withdraw, leaving a number of dead. As a result of Private First Class McLeod's courageous act, his platoon was enabled to maintain its road block position. Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

✓ DONALD T. SCHROEDER, 01287073, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 August 1944 in France. While his company's position was being overrun by a vastly superior enemy force supported by tanks, Lieutenant Schroeder, the executive officer remained in his fox hole directing artillery fire. Although the company had been ordered to withdraw and enemy tanks were firing into his position from 100 yards on his flank, he continued to transmit fire orders until the last man had moved to the new positions. By his courage and determination he slowed the enemy advance, inflicting many casualties, and permitted his company to reorganize in strong defensive positions. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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IV. FOUNDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. The provisions of Army regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

✓ **CECIL L. EDWARDS**, 36071653, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 753d Tank Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 21 October 1944 in France. A battery of tanks was engaged in a fire mission in support of attacking troops. Enemy counter-battery fire was very heavy, and shells of large caliber were falling in the area. When ammunition was needed Tec 5 Edwards drove a loaded half track to the guns and replenished their supply. Although enemy shells landed within 10 yards, piercing his vehicle in many places, he dismounted and handed ammunition to the loaders in the tanks. Later, despite the fact that the area was still under heavy fire, he returned and distributed another load to the guns. His courageous devotion to duty enabled the battery to deliver heavy supporting fire. Entered the Service from Pleasant Plains, Illinois.

✓ **WILTON W. BLAGDEN**, 39098660, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 2 December 1944 in France. Tec 5 Blagden was assigned the mission of clearing a road block from an important mountain road with his bulldozer. With a tank following to furnish fire protection, he skillfully maneuvered his dozer into position and successfully moved the block, which consisted of 12 tree trunks, from the road. The enemy immediately directed heavy artillery and mortar fire on the area, imperilling both the tank and the dozer. The tank withdrew to safety, leaving the dozer without fire protection. Aware that the loss of the dozer would hinder future operations, Tec 5 Blagden remained with his vehicle, skillfully turned it around and drove it back to a covered position. His heroic action saved a valuable piece of equipment from destruction. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

V. REVOKED AWARD OF SILVER STAR. So much of Section IV, General Orders 98, this Headquarters, dated 24 March 1945, as awards a Silver Star to **CHARLES E. O'BRIEN**, 02055984, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

"**CHARLES E. O'BRIEN**, 02005984, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When enemy troops started to close in on the factory building occupied by his platoon, Lieutenant O'Brien spotted five hostile soldiers behind a shed preparing to rush the platoon's position. As the enemy soldiers started forward, Lieutenant O'Brien moved to an exposed position under small arms fire and threw a fragmentation grenade into their midst. This aggressive action killed one of the enemy, wounded another and forced the other three to surrender. By his splendid courage, Lieutenant O'Brien discouraged other enemy troops in the vicinity and broke up a hostile counterattack. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa."

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2. ✓ So much of Section II, General Orders 99, this Headquarters, dated 25 March 1945, as awards a Silver Star to HUGH W. ROBERTS, JR., 03888746, Major, 142d Infantry Regiment, JOSEPH BELLONTE, 01273787, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

"HUGH W. ROBERTS, JR., 03888746, Major, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When his task force encountered enemy troops advancing in an attack, Major Roberts swiftly established a defense. From an exposed position he spotted two German self-propelled guns only 50 yards away. He skillfully reorganized his task force and led a bold counterattack, destroying one of the guns and forcing the other to withdraw. He then directed an encircling maneuver and, exposing himself to hostile fire, led his men in clearing the stubbornly resisting enemy from all the houses in the area. As a result of his daring and aggressive leadership, 45 hostile soldiers were killed and 150 were captured. Entered the Service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama."

"JOSEPH BELLONTE, 01283697, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 November 1944 in France. During a night attack, Company G encountered an enemy road block protected by riflemen and was temporarily held up. Captain Bellonte ordered a tank dozer to remove the debris while he led his rifle elements in clearing the wooded area on both sides of the road. Upon observing an enemy armored vehicle, he made his way to his supporting tanks and ordered the tank commander to open fire on the vehicle. Then, moving back across the dangerous area, he directed his riflemen in engaging an enemy bazooka team. As a result of his bold and aggressive personal leadership, the enemy vehicle was destroyed, the bazooka team was forced to flee in disorder, and his company was able to continue forward to its objective. Entered the Service from Niagara Falls, New York."

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APO #36, U. S. Army

6 April 1945

ORIGINAL ORDER

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 121

- Award of Soldier's Medal.....I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II
- Award of Air Medal.....III
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Air Medal.....IV

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroism:

TED W. OWENS, 20815193, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism on 5 March 1945 in France. While driving through a town at night, Tec 5 Owens noticed flames coming from a building. He entered and, finding the house on fire, awoke the occupants of the first floor. He then went to the second floor which was flaming fiercely. He found three children sleeping in the burning rooms. He brought one child down to safety, and through by this time the stairs were on fire, he made two more trips to the second floor and succeeded in bringing the other two children out of the burning building without harm. His magnificent courage at the risk of his life saved an entire family from tragedy. Entered the Service from Italy, Texas.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

CHARLES J. CUSSON, 01696811, Captain, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 24 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lyndonville, Vermont.

JOSEPH G. ROBERTS, 34827152, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Buford, Georgia.

HOWARD V. NELSON, 38038980, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cookville, Texas.

WILLIAM E. ROBERTS, 35321274, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23 to 30 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Cortland, Ohio.

KENNETH W. DARLAND, 38007372, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Canyon City, Colorado.

JOHN E. KUCHAR, 35268116, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

SIDNEY O. BECK, 33708022, Private First Class (then Private), Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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BERNON E. VICKERS, 34945715, Private, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Columbia, Alabama.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in combat operations:

WILLIAM C. HENDERSON, 20802547, Technician Fourth Grade, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 13 to 19 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lockhart, Texas.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

JAMES R. FERGUSON, 0418363, Captain, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 15 August to 24 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Fort Collins, Colo.

III. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

ANTHONY T. RODDEN, 01172625, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 15 January to 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ambidge, Pa.

IV. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER.- AIR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a first, second, third and fourth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second, third, fourth and fifth Air Medal are awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

DIKRAN BARRONIAN, 01168547, First Lieutenant, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 17 February to 27 October 1944, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Belmont, Massachusetts.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

JOSEPH M. DENAS, 01173585, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 23 December 1944 to 28 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from South Fork, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH M. BROOKS, 20815325, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 17 December 1944 to 17 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 120

Revised by J. H. ...
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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 120

Award of Purple Heart.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....II

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

- COY A. HINSON, 6818339, Sergeant, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 30 March 1945. Entered the Service from Fort Sam Houston, Texas.
- JACK BORGMAN, 38036964, Sergeant, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 30 March 1945. Entered the Service from Henrietta, Texas.
- GUY T. WHITE, 38001461, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 14 March 1945. Entered the Service from Hamlin, Texas.
- JAMES W. SHERRER, 20818545, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 26 March 1945. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45; a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

- EDWARD R. MAI, 02056284, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 28 August 1944. Entered the Service from Wakeeney, Kansas.
- MARTIN T. HOWARD, 32730545, Private First Class, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Buffalo, N. Y.
- LEO E. HOWELL, 35601784, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 16 March 1945. Entered the Service from Canton, Ohio.
- KENNETH C. WILT, 33247699, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 16 March 1945. Entered the Service from RD #4, Riverside, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

- JAMES L. MINOR, 0406993, Lieutenant Colonel, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Tahoka, Texas.
- ROBERT G. MATTOX, 0313543, Captain, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Hollywood, California.
- CONRAD MANDINO, 34078288, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Gayle, Louisiana.
- SHERMAN S. SMITH, 35219549, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.

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BUFORD L. MC BRIDE, 34150635, Sergeant, Company F, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Jacksonville, Florida.

ORVILLE C. ESTES, 36122429, Corporal, Antitank Company, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Detroit Michigan.

HERBERT J. ZELE, 36568625, Corporal, Company M, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

ROBERT D. BRATTON, 32753199, Private First Class, Company M, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Palmyra, New Jersey.

HERBERT E. DAVIS, 36843395, Private First Class, Company K, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ELMER O. FISHER, 37621958, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 18 March 1945. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

WILLIAM W. FLEISHMAN, 36670113, Private First Class, Company G, 7 March 1945. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

NORMAN A. FOURA, 33927142, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1 February 1945. Entered the Service from Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

HORACE D. LUSTER, 37628592, Private First Class, Company D, 17 March 1945. Entered the Service from Springfield, Arkansas.

STANLEY P. SLUBECKY, 42117977, Private, Company K, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Darien Center, New York.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ANTHONY CARDILLO, 31215890, Corporal, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 20 March 1945; France. Entered the Service from Monterey, Mass.

MARVIN C. LUCKETT, 7085643, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 20 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Route #2, Santa Fe, Tennessee.

ALBERT T. PHELPS, 38058250, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 22 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Route #6, Tyler, Texas.

BILLY V. GIBSON, 15105442, Private First Class, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (Mcz), 23 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Gary, Indiana.

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #36, U. S. Army

5 April 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 119

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

W. C. NOLEN, 44030541, Private First Class, Company G, 11 February 1945. Entered the Service from Malone, Alabama.

ALPHONSE GRACE, 36877114, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Scotia, New York.

LORETO A. PRECIADO, 39717312, Private First Class, Company B, 17 March 1945. Entered the Service from Heber, California.

DOMINICK SCHIAPPO, 32881875, Private First Class, Company D, 28 February 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROBERT A. WEBB, 38060234, Private First Class, Company D, 28 February 1945. Entered the Service from Forsyth, Maryland.

GEORGE F. DOWNING, 35172137, Private, Company B, 17 March 1945. Entered the Service from Fountaintown, Indiana.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

ARTHUR E. WISECUP, 35088718, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Manchester, Ohio.

THOMAS L. BADGER, 35276755, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Pickerington, Ohio.

IEROY NICHOLS, 20848697, Corporal, Antitank Company, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

NORMAN J. JAMES, 32894091, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

HERMAN R. NIEDECKEN, 20805661, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

HOWARD L. DULL, 33845533, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Roanoke, Virginia.

JOSEPH J. EUSTACHEWICH, 42101935, Private First Class, Company D, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

HENRY HALICKI, 30413071, Private First Class, Company M, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Harrisville, Michigan.

SPEARMAN P. HOUSE, 38469559, Private First Class, Company G, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Sherman, Texas.

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JERRY A. JACONO, 33793944, Private First Class, Company H, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM K. MAYER, 20253199, Private First Class, Company H, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Long Island, New York.

WILLIAM A. OWENS, 33821780, Private First Class, Company K, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Fairfax, Virginia.

INNO PATERLINI, 33268169, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 24 March 1945. Entered the Service from North Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT RAMLOFF, 36320430, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

HAROLD C. ROBBINS, 35093027, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Wingate, Indiana.

MICHAEL W. SZYJKA, 42060716, Private First Class, Company H, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

KENNETH G. WELKER, 37406714, Private First Class, Company F, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

HARRY C. WILLIAMS, 33924155, Private First Class, Company G, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

JACK R. FLETCHALL, 37356217, Private, Company G, 25 March 1945. Entered the Service from Sheridan, Wyoming.

WILLIAM L. GOULD, 20643084, Private, Company G, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES W. GRIFFITH, 20806671, Private, Company M, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Wichita Falls, Texas.

MARTIN M. HARMUTH, 35875415, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.

WILLIAM F. HOUCK, 33907212, Private, Company H, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

MARTIN KUROSKEY, 35836734, Private, Company G, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

ROY I. SNAY, 36974783, Private, Company K, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

LOREN A. SNYDER, 33568505, Private, Company G, 21 March 1945. Entered the Service from Somerset, Pennsylvania.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 118

ORIGINAL ORDER

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Review 5/15/45

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star - Missing in Action.....II
- Award of Silver Star.....III
- Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.....IV
- Corrected Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.....V

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

JEROME F. WINDORPSKI, 17050659, Private First Class, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 in France. When the enemy made a strong infantry attack supported by tanks, the 3d Platoon was ordered to withdraw to stronger defenses. Private First Class Windorpski, an automatic rifleman, told his assistant to leave and elected to remain and cover the platoon's withdrawal. Although the enemy concentrated heavy small arms and tank fire on him, he held off the hostile force with his automatic rifle until killed by their fire. His heroic sacrifice, at the cost of his life, enabled the other members of his platoon to move to stronger defenses with very few casualties. Next of kin: Mr. Ignatius Windorpski (Father), 1098 N. Oxford Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry:

DONALD C. GILPIN, 01177411, First Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 November 1944 in France. Lieutenant Gilpin was forward artillery observer with an infantry company occupying defensive positions. Accurate enemy artillery fire was falling in the area, and Lieutenant Gilpin suspected that a hostile observer was operating nearby. He studied his maps to determine a likely location, and moved out beyond friendly outposts to search the area. After over an hour he discovered the hostile observer operating about 200 yards from his position. He directed artillery fire on the enemy observation post, inflicting casualties. As a result of his courage and initiative, the observed fire directed at the friendly troops ceased. Lieutenant Gilpin has been reported missing in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruth E. Gilpin (Wife), 440 Oak Avenue, S E, Massillon, Ohio.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45 a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

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JAMES R. MAC IVOR, 01176713, First Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 28 October 1944 in France. Lieutenant MacIvor was acting as forward artillery observer in support of an infantry attack. In order to obtain better observation he moved to a more exposed position. Here he was painfully wounded, but refused to be evacuated. Instead Lieutenant MacIvor remained in his exposed position and continued to transmit fire orders until relieved by another observer. As a result of his courageous devotion to duty, the infantry were assured of continuous and effective artillery support during their successful attack. Entered the Service from Hazel Park, Michigan.

EUGENE R. HAMMOND, 01310835, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 and 10 November 1944 in France. While returning to friendly lines, a combat patrol consisting of two platoons was fired on by five enemy machine guns and the leader was wounded. Lieutenant Hammond assumed command and led an attack on the enemy positions. He destroyed a machine gun and machine pistol emplacement with two hand grenades. Efforts to penetrate the German lines failed, darkness fell, and because the supply of ammunition was low, the situation was critical. Lieutenant Hammond then led the group over 2000 yards of rugged terrain through a blinding snow storm to the shelter of a farm house from which contact was made with friendly forces. By his courage and outstanding leadership Lieutenant Hammond successfully destroyed a hostile machine gun emplacement and led a large patrol safely back from behind enemy lines. Entered the Service from Kenosha, Wisconsin.

HILER W. HULL, 20801854, First Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. Company C was in reserve in a town when a large enemy force which had infiltrated attacked the town. As there were no officers immediately available, Sergeant Hull, First Sergeant, organized the company in defense. He then moved to the south-east edge of town, where the 4.2 chemical mortar positions were located. On reaching the area he found that it had been overrun, and four enemy soldiers were turning the mortars to fire on friendly troops. Sergeant Hull immediately engaged the enemy force in a fire fight. He succeeded in killing the four men who were at the mortars, and forced several others to withdraw. His magnificent courage and aggressiveness prevented the enemy from using the mortars against the friendly troops. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

ENRIQUE C. HERNANDEZ, 38578664, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. The 1st Platoon's advance was halted by a machine gun firing from a house approximately 50 yards down a street. Private First Class Hernandez, a bazookaman, without hesitation ran across a 35 yards open space, completely exposed to the enemy fire, in order to reach the house opposite the machine gun. From here he fired two rounds into the enemy's position, silencing the gun, and enabling the platoon to assault the house. As a result of Private First Class Hernandez' magnificent courage, the hostile strongpoint was taken, a machine gun was destroyed and 16 of the enemy captured. Entered the Service from Silver City, New Mexico.

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IV. COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

HAROLD R. PRESTON, 01691766, First Lieutenant, Medical Administrative Corps, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 6 February 1945 in France. Lieutenant Preston was in charge of a forward aid station in a sector where the fighting was intense. The town and roads from the town were under repeated concentrations of enemy shellfire. As a result of Lieutenant Preston's skillful leadership, the routes were kept open and there was no delay in the evacuation of wounded. When a direct hit caused the ceiling of his room to collapse, he moved into the next room and continued working. By his calm performance of duty Lieutenant Preston kept his crew working efficiently and assured the wounded of prompt evacuation. Entered the Service from Loraine, Texas.

JOSEPH F. SIUDA, 36319046, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 December 1944 in France. Tec 3 Siuda was attached to an aid station situated in an area that was being periodically shelled by enemy guns of heavy caliber. During a particularly intense barrage, the building was hit several times. Despite his exposed position Tec 3 Siuda remained at his post throughout the shelling. He manned the telephone, dispatched litter squads where needed, administered aid to the many casualties, and assumed entire control of the situation. As a result of his courageous efforts, the aid station continued to function efficiently and rendered prompt aid to the wounded throughout the shelling. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

MORRIS COURINGTON, 14190537, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 27 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Courington was leading a reconnaissance patrol across an open field, when the enemy opened fire with rifles and two machine guns. He ordered his patrol to withdraw and remained in the open, covering their withdrawal with fire from his sub-machine gun. When all his men were out of danger, he crawled back and joined them. By his courage and leadership Sergeant Courington brought his patrol safely back with valuable information concerning the disposition of enemy weapons. Entered the Service from Fairfield, Alabama.

FRED A. AYERS, 20801296, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 October 1944 in France. The enemy directed a heavy artillery barrage on the kitchen area of Company F, and five men, including Sergeant Ayers, the mess sergeant, were severely wounded. In spite of the pain of his own injuries, he refused to accept medical attention until all of his men had received first aid treatment. Exposing himself to the shellfire, he moved among his men, comforting them and making certain that they were properly cared for. He saw to it that ambulances were called promptly. By his courageous efforts, he assured his comrades of speedy evacuation. Not until all of his men were evacuated would Sergeant Ayers have his own wounds dressed. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

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ROBINSON, 35491727, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Owensboro, Kentucky.
ALEX CHINGMAN, 36158421, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Fort Warren, Wyoming.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 8 December 1944 in France. These men had the mission of clearing a road of mines so that armor could come to the support of an infantry attack. The two men moved down the road ahead of the tanks, carefully removing the mines that they found. The road was under observation and from time-to-time the enemy directed small arms and mortar fire at them. They took cover behind the lead tank and, when the armor had neutralized the enemy fire, resumed their work. By the courageous devotion to duty of the above men the road was cleared, and the armor enabled to render effective support in the successful attack.

FRANK V. BLASS, JR., 32637219, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 19 November 1943 in Italy. While a ration detail was in an assembly area, it came under a heavy concentration of mortar and artillery fire, and three members of the group were wounded. Tec 5 Blass immediately went to their aid and, although shells were still falling in the area, assisted the medical staff in applying first aid and in removing them to safety. The courageous act of Tec 5 Blass was of material help in bringing prompt medical attention to the three wounded soldiers. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

V. CORRECTED COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. So much of General Orders 279, this Headquarters, dated 5 August 1944, as commends MILES D. BUCKNER, 35360769, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

MILES D. BUCKNER, 35360769, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 14 June 1944 to 15 June 1944 in Italy. An aid man, Private First Class Buckner was assigned to the front line forces during furious fighting north of an enemy stronghold. Throughout the engagement, constantly under heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire, he gave medical aid to the wounded, and evacuated a large number of personnel, often making litter hauls over distances of a 1000 yards. By his staunch determination when physically exhausted and by his unswerving devotion to duty, a maximum degree of efficiency and cooperation was maintained without which the steady flow of evacuation could not have been effected. By his untiring efforts he helped save the lives of many of his comrades who would otherwise have died of wounds on the battlefield. Entered the Service from Bloomfield, Indiana."

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 117

- Award of Soldier's Medal.....I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....III

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroism:

ROY H. DE VORE, 35848647, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, for heroism on 14 January 1945 in France. When the company command post caught on fire, four soldiers were trapped in one of the rooms of the burning building. Private DeVore ran into the room, grabbed three gas-soaked blankets which were burning furiously and dragged them outside. Then, despite painful burns on his hands, he ran back through the flames and removed a five-gallon can of gasoline which was in imminent danger of exploding. By his quick-thinking and calmness in the face of danger, he saved his comrades and, at the risk of his own life, prevented a tragedy. Entered the Service from Cambridge, Ohio.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL: Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

HAROLD E. BARCLAY, 37544389, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 143d AAA AV Battalion (SP), 25 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

J. M. CALHOUN, 20800106, Technical Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, 21 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

BILLIE BUNDY, 20806666, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Thrift, Texas.

KEARNEY E. A. HAAS, 38025536, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Comfort, Texas.

HUGO A. ANDONISIO, 33667370, Sergeant, Company D, 141st Infantry Regiment, 10 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ERNEST H. SMART, JR., 31151012, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Gorham, Maine.

JAMES A. BARR, 33273171, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

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ROY MOORE, 34988305, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, Infantry Regiment, 17 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Leavenworth, Kentucky.

DAVID W. MORGAN, 39928556, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 17 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ogden, Utah.

FRANK J. MIRABELLA, 42133665, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 17 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

CHAMBERS F. BRYSON, JR., 39286609, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Pasadena, California.

HARVEY G. ROBBINS, 34311698, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Goldsboro, North Carolina.

GEORGE I. SWAN, 36462851, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 and 13 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Litchfield, Michigan.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

HAROLD R. MANCOCK, 01294470, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 19 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

WILLIAM G. BULLINS, 34674372, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Asheboro, North Carolina.

WELDON R. WRIGHT, 39858326, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Mesa, Arizona.

CRISOSTEN G. CARABAJAL, 36358460, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Goliad, Texas.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

WAYNE SLOVE, 35659455, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 141st Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Garner, Kentucky.

CECIL L. LEEKA, 35143331, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ossian, Indiana.

ROY H. COBB, 34653789, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Westminster, South Carolina.

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- Award of Soldier's Medal.....I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....III

I. AWARD OF SOLDIER'S MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Soldier's Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroism.

RICHARD N. CHADWELL, 38065938, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Detachment, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Odessa, Texas.

ELMER F. HELMAN, 37211543, Corporal, Headquarters Detachment, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Baileyville, Kansas.

for heroism on 10 January 1945 in France. A can of gasoline, attached to a stove by a rubber hose, was accidentally ignited in the second-floor office of the 111th Medical Battalion Personnel Section, and the surrounding floor space burst into flames. Aware of the danger to both personnel and records, these men, working with their bare hands, freed the can and hose from the stove and carried it down three flights of stairs and outside the building. Almost immediately the rubber hose was completely disintegrated by flames, and burning gasoline sprayed over an area 20 feet in diameter. Both of them suffered burns in removing the flaming can from the building. Their quick-thinking and courage saved their records and prevented possible injury to their companions.

JACK KING, 20817512, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Port Arthur, Texas.

KENARD W. SANDS, 13127789, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Pittston, Pennsylvania.

FRANK E. NEWBOLD, JR., 13080893, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD R. LAMBERT, 35473777, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters and Service Company, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.

PHILLIP R. SHOEMAKER, 20412756, Private First Class, Headquarters and Service Company, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Statesville, North Carolina.

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for heroism on 15 August 1944 in France. In the invasion of Southern France, a large landing craft was struck squarely by an enemy glider bomb, and ammunition on board began to explode. Although these men had been moved inland from the beach to escape the shell fragments, they returned to the shore near the burning ship and began rescue work. They worked until midnight, swimming alongside the ship and dragging the men who had been forced to abandon the craft to the shore. The above men did not cease their unselfish and hazardous work until they had saved 75 men from drowning and had treated another 15 for burns, wounds and shock.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

VERNON M. SCOTT, 0407156, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brownwood, Texas.

FRANK M. CATHCART, JR., 0525873, First Lieutenant, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 24-25 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Ill.

GEORGE G. OSBORN, 01308692, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Phillips, Wisconsin.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in combat operations:

CRESENCIO VALDEZ, 38025659, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 to 20 December 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Crystal City, Texas.

OSCAR MARIN, 20801505, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 to 20 December 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

VERNON HUMES, 35267974, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 to 20 December 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Lexington, Kentucky.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

NORMAN C. CURNUTT, 38342433, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Canadian, Texas.

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NO. 115

COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

ELMER L. EILAND, 38052663, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 9 November 1944 in France. While the 1st Battalion was attacking an important enemy-held town, Tec 5 Eiland accompanied the assistant battalion surgeon to an advanced position and assisted in establishing a forward aid station so that the wounded could receive prompt medical attention. He immediately began administering first aid to three seriously injured soldiers who had been brought by litter bearers to the battalion command post. Although he was exposed to heavy artillery and mortar shelling, he worked calmly until all the casualties had been treated and evacuated. He then answered the 2d Battalion's call for help and, after administering emergency treatment to approximately 12 of the unit's many casualties, skillfully supervised their evacuation by means of a shuttle system. As a result of his prompt and courageous action, the lives of numerous wounded men were saved. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

FREDERICK D. BINGMAN, 35545571, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 May 1944 in Italy. Tec 5 Bingman was an assistant clerk in battalion headquarters. The battalion was ordered to attack through a wooded area preparatory to assaulting an important enemy stronghold. When he learned that the radio operator for the battalion commander had been hospitalized, Tec 5 Bingman, although without previous experience as a radio operator, unhesitatingly volunteered for the job. During a grueling all-night march and throughout the intense fighting on the following day, he carried and operated the radio with outstanding efficiency. In spite of hostile artillery and small arms fire, he worked for 36 hours without rest or relief and successfully maintained the communications. Entered the Service from Wauseon, Ohio.

LLOYD E. GORDON, 13068450, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Paumotu, Penna.

ORVILLE LAUDERBACK, 1820501, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Albuquerque, New Mexico.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 23 August 1944 in France. When heavy enemy fire forced the command post group of the 1st Battalion to withdraw, two communications men, killed in the shelling, were left at the former command

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post position. After nightfall, these men volunteered to enter the no-man's-land area and attempt to recover the bodies. The night was dark, and the area was subjected to incessant artillery and mortar shelling and was covered by small arms fire. Ignoring the dangers which confronted them, they courageously advanced to the command post position and began searching in the debris for the casualties. They located the two bodies and, with the aid of two litter squads, carried them back to the friendly lines.

HERMAN R. NIEDECKEN, 20805661, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas.

ALEXANDER VISOCKI, 32633587, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

IMON A. CANTRELL, 39146512, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Richmond, Calif.

ISAAC JACOBOWITZ, 32061814, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Paterson, New Jersey.

FRED S. KING, 34608257, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Valley, North Carolina.

ROBERT H. BECK, 39421339, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Sacramento, Calif.

KENNETH E. KINDER, 33764487, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Homer City, Penna.

MILTON F. BOYES, 37684104, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Dubuque, Iowa.

NELSON B. STURTEVANT, 31322445, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waterville, Me.

ALLEN L. BERGER, 33464071, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Greentown, Penna.

MIKE SINOZICH, 35847475, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Leslie, West Va.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 December 1944 in France. The above men, members of the antitank platoon, were manning a road block on the left flank of the battalion. The enemy infiltrated during the night, and by morning had virtually surrounded the position and were attacking in great strength. The close nature of the fighting made it impossible to use the anti-tank guns, and the men fought as riflemen. Dauntlessly holding the position, they fought until late afternoon, when the enemy attack was finally repelled. The courageous devotion to duty of these men contributed largely to the repulse of the strong hostile force and the capture of over 100 prisoners.

RICHARD I. THOMAS, 36983235, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 9 February 1945 in France. While the 1st Battalion was occupying a temporary defensive position, it was observed that the area between Private First Class Thomas' machine gun section and the nearby rifle elements was heavily mined. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Thomas exposed himself to artillery, mortar and tank fire in order to mark off the mine field with pieces of white cloth. In spite of the dangers, he continued wiring until his mission was completed. As a result of his quick-thinking and courage in the face of danger, contact between the rifle and machine gun units was maintained without a single casualty. Entered the Service from Saginaw, Michigan.

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JOSEPH C. RANDOLPH, 38036303, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 September 1944 in France: When Company K had cleared a thick woods of enemy troops and was preparing to advance in an attack on a town, a call was sent back for a re-supply of ammunition. Aware that the distance to the company made it difficult and dangerous to hand-carry the ammunition, Private First Class Randolph, a driver, began loading it into his vehicle. In spite of heavy mortar fire which blasted the area, he drove to a place slightly in rear of the troops from which the vital ammunition was easily carried to the leading elements. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

DONALD K. ANDERSON, 36903773, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Elgin City, Illinois.

WERNER K. LOEB, 35893450, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 9 November 1944 in France. The enemy launched a savage counterattack against Company A and directed heavy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire on the company area. A squad leader in one of the platoons was severely wounded by machine gun bullets. Two attempts to reach the injured soldier were frustrated, and an aid man was killed by the hostile fire. Although the remainder of the platoon was pinned to the ground, the above men left a place of comparative safety and crawled toward their squad leader. Fearlessly exposing themselves to the incessant shelling and small arms fire, they placed the wounded man on a stretcher and removed him to a covered position where first aid treatment was administered.

TOM GOLLIHUE, 35430641, Private, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Huntington, West Virginia.

WALKER B. SHELTON, 38036717, Private, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion. Entered the Service from Lampasas, Texas.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 25 September 1944 in France. These men were members of an artillery liaison section which was operating an observation post in a building subjected to enemy sniper fire. The snipers were harassing the infantry elements, and it became necessary for the liaison section to withdraw and direct artillery fire on the area. In order to leave the house, the group was forced to cross two stretches of open terrain which afforded excellent observation for the hostile snipers. Although they were carrying heavy radio equipment and knew that they would be the target for enemy fire, the above men courageously exposed themselves to cross the fire-swept terrain. After reaching a spot approximately 600 yards away, they directed artillery fire on the position they had just vacated, neutralizing hostile troops in the area.

RICHARD F. CURRAN, 32999855, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 August 1944 in France: Company L, attacking an enemy stronghold, was delayed by heavy machine gun fire from a group of houses. Instantly aware of the urgency of the situation, Private First Class Curran swiftly put his automatic rifle into action and opened fire on the hostile positions. He immediately became the target for heavy enemy fire, but he courageously maintained his position and continued operating his

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weapon, covering the advance of his comrades and enabling them to overcome enemy opposition in the group of houses. Entered the Service from Haverstraw, New York.

VAN E. E. HARPE, 39146062, Private First Class, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 15 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Harpe was occupying a defensive position when one of his comrades was wounded in a house approximately 100 yards away. Leaving his place of comparative safety and exposing himself to heavy enemy machine gun and tank fire, he worked his way across the flat, open terrain toward the casualty. He fired as he advanced, keeping the enemy pinned to the ground. Upon reaching the injured soldier, he administered first aid and carried him through the hostile fire to a place of safety. His unselfish action, at the risk of his own life, was probably responsible for saving the life of his wounded comrade. Entered the Service from Hopland, California.

JAN J. KERSZNOWSKI, 32239168, Private First Class, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 13 and 14 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Kersznowski, a truck driver assigned the mission of transporting vitally-needed ammunition from the Army Supply Depot, led a column of six trucks toward the regimental ammunition dump. Hostile troops infiltrated the friendly lines and, in attempting to establish a road block on the main route of supply, engaged an artillery battalion in an intense fire fight. Aware that to proceed further would endanger the load of ammunition, Private First Class Kersznowski halted the column of trucks and, pressed forward alone, under hostile fire, to the artillery command post. Upon contacting his regimental S-4, he was instructed to lead the trucks over a different route which he had never travelled. Returning to his vehicle, Private First Class Kersznowski led the column safely over the unfamiliar road to its destination. Entered the Service from Edgewater, New Jersey.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 114

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

- WILLIAM J. JESSUP, 0415050, Captain, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 19 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.
- GILBERT C. KOPF, 01167075, Captain, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bloomfield, New Jersey.
- WILLIAM E. WRIGHT, 01703006, First Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 25 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Floresville, Texas.
- HAROLD W. DOLLIVER, 01683443, First Lieutenant, 736th Ordnance (L&M) Company, 28 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Exeter, New Hampshire.
- ROY M. DETRICK, 01691716, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 20 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Azle, Texas.
- RICHARD D. BENNETT, 3454751, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Pensacola, Florida.
- CLARENCE A. FLOYD, 34653112, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 30 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Tillman, S. C.
- CLARK H. RIDDLE, 33294825, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 83d Chemical Battalion, 3 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Greensburg, Penna.
- JAMES B. SEXTON, 35762675, Sergeant (then Private), Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Charleston, West Virginia.
- RICHARD AUSTIN, 36462670, Technician Fourth Grade, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 14 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Battle Creek, Mich.
- ELDON FRAIR, 20814641, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 16 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bonham, Texas.
- HERBERT E. MC CLENAGHEN, 33025001, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.
- WILLIAM V. TAYLOR, 35242749, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Logansport, Ind.
- EDWIN L. PIERCE, 39922909, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Boise, Idaho.
- MARSHALL E. THOMAS, 34848661, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Lewis, South Carolina.
- VICTOR B. POULIN, 31398916, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 27 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Augusta, Maine.

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GILBERT F. NAULRT, 20819389, Private First Class, 36th Quartermaster Company, 6 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.

FRED GUTTILLA, 32657063, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 7 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from New York City, N. Y.

EDWARD D. WAREUT, 38531211, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Itasca, Texas.

HAROLD M. GALFERIN, 33901975, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

WILLIAM J. COLLIGAN, 32636129, Private, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 26 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

ROBERT O. POWERS, 37724085, Private, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Lexington, Missouri.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in combat operations:

RAYMOND M. MADRIGAL, 39562558, Private First Class, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 15 August to 20 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wilmington, California.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

ALBERT FULMER, 33619068, Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 7 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

WALTER J. DRAPER, 32765478, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 25 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

RICHARD O. BERMAN, 35547796, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 10 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

ALFRED M. WARREN, 36823726, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Laurium, Michigan.

ANTHONY T. SADOWSKI, 32909389, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in combat operations:

JAMES H. CRITCHFIELD, 022656, Lieutenant Colonel, 141st Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1944 to 9 January 1945, France. Entered the United States Military Academy from Fargo, North Dakota.

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Award of Silver Star.....I
Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.....II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

MARTIN L. BALL, JR., 01289026, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 September 1943 in Italy. The 3d Battalion was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire directed from an enemy observation post in a steeple, and a sniper was harassing friendly troops from the same vantage point. Captain Ball, battalion S-2, located an abandoned antitank gun and, with the help of a hastily organized crew, moved it into position behind a wall. Ordering his men to take cover, he personally manned the gun to clear a field of fire, blasting off the top of the wall with three well-placed shots. Then, in spite of enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, he knocked out the observation post and the sniper with five direct hits on the steeple. Later, while leading a group of men through the enemy lines, he was attacked by a German soldier whom he killed in a brief hand-to-hand battle. His valor and aggressiveness in a critical situation were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Ft. Myer, Virginia.

CONRAD MANDINO, 34078288, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 10 to 15 February 1945 in France. As leader of a heavy machine gun section during the intense fighting in a strongly fortified town, Sergeant Mandino directed the fire of his two guns with extreme accuracy. When the building which housed his guns was destroyed, he led his men through heavy small arms and mortar fire to a new position and opened fire to disorganize the enemy attackers. During a strong attack against friendly positions around a railroad station, Sergeant Mandino held his fire until the Germans were within close range, then suddenly delivered effective fire into the midst of the hostile troops, repelling the attack. His skillful and aggressive leadership was responsible for inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy with a minimum of casualties to the friendly troops. Entered the Service from Gayle, Louisiana.

EMILIO ADELCHI, 32223037, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in Italy. Upon learning the whereabouts of enemy snipers who were harassing the friendly troops from near-by wine cellars, Private First Class Adelchi and two companions voluntarily went forward to eliminate them. They approached one of the cellars, and Private First Class Adelchi demanded that the enemy surrender. When the hostile

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soldiers came out fighting, he hurled a hand grenade into their midst, killing two and wounding two others. As he pulled the pin from a second grenade, the remaining snipers charged him. He ducked to avoid an enemy grenade, and his own grenade exploded, seriously wounding him. Inspired by Private First Class Meloni's display of courage, his comrades captured or killed the rest of the enemy group. Entered the Service from Long Island, New York.

LOUIE D. PUTMAN, 3-037247, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945 in France. As French troops advanced to relieve elements of the Antitank Company, the enemy opened fire with machine pistols, machine guns, mortars and artillery. Realizing that the relief of his unit could not be effected until the hostile guns were silenced, Private Putman dashed across open terrain under heavy enemy fire to assault a railroad station occupied by hostile troops. Rushing in, he killed two enemy soldiers and then moved to an exposed position to support a comrade in attacking a pill box. Although he was the target for heavy enemy fire, he remained in position, expending all of his ammunition, and, after securing an additional supply, continued firing until his companion returned. As a result of the quick-thinking and daring of Private Putman and his comrade, the French troops were able to relieve the company with less risk of casualty. Entered the Service from Sulphur Springs, Texas.

II. COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individuals is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

WILLIAM E. BAKER, 37181643, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 443d AAA Bn Battalion (SP), for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 to 29 August 1944 in France. Sergeant Baker was the only representative of the Battalion supply section to land on D-day in the invasion of Southern France. During this period he was solely responsible for drawing essential supplies and delivering them to the various units as they were needed. Although the Battalion platoons and sections were scattered over a wide area during the swift pursuit of the enemy army and there was never more than one truck at his disposal, Sergeant Baker assured the units of a prompt and efficient delivery of all needed supplies. In spite of the long supply lines and his unfamiliarity with the terrain, he continually distinguished himself by the high caliber of his accomplishments. Entered the Service from Carl Junction, Missouri.

JOE H. BALL, 6970759, Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 25 September 1944 in France. Sergeant Ball, chief of an artillery liaison section, was operating an observation post in a building subjected to enemy sniper fire. Aware that the snipers were harassing the infantry elements, he determined to withdraw and place artillery fire on the area. He directed the men of his section to cross the open areas under heavy hostile fire. Although he was carrying a heavy radio and knew that he would be the target for enemy snipers, Sergeant Ball courageously exposed himself to cross the open terrain. He then directed artillery fire on the position he had just vacated, neutralizing hostile troops in the area. Entered the Service from Charlotte, North Carolina.

WILLIAM C. JONES, 20818532, Sergeant, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

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*LOUIS J. DONATELLA, 33266376, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ANTONIO V. GOMEZ, 38553225, Private, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Alice, Texas.

PAUL C. CARROLL, 34189935, Private, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Maryville, Tennessee.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct on 14 November 1944 in France. During an enemy mortar and artillery barrage a jeep was hit by a shell which killed the driver and seriously wounded the other two occupants. A medical jeep attempted to reach the casualties, but was halted by the heavy shellfire. These men then advanced to the spot where the wounded soldiers were believed to have been placed, but, after a thorough search, could not find them. After returning to the aid station they learned that the casualties were on the opposite side of a bridge that was the target of the enemy barrage. The above men unhesitatingly volunteered to go to their aid. They moved through the shellfire and, locating the wounded men, evacuated them safely to the aid station.

ELMER G. HAND, 15077132, Corporal, Civil Affairs Section, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 16 September 1944 in France. Corporal Hand was posting curfew and circulation regulations in a town just evacuated by the enemy and not yet occupied by friendly infantry. He looked up from his work to see one of our light observation planes fly by, dipping its wings. As it passed down over the road in the direction of enemy machine gun positions, he observed an object thrown from the plane, fall to the ground. Without hesitation Corporal Hand mounted his jeep, drove down the road almost to the enemy position and retrieved the object. It proved to be a message concerning the location of an enemy pocket of resistance at a nearby airfield. Corporal Hand immediately drove back to deliver the message to a friendly infantry patrol approaching the town. By his alertness and daring he contributed to the advance of our troops. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

JLEMY LUKSOVSKY, 20803568, Technician Fifth Grade, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 August to 18 September 1944 in France. Tec 5 Luksovsky, transportation corporal of Company L during the campaign in Southern France, was not only largely responsible for the prompt delivery of supplies and troops to his company but also supervised the hauling of troops to other units when they were short of trucks. Although company locations were constantly changing and the dumps were seldom in the same place for two consecutive nights, he managed to get food, water, ammunition and gasoline to the troops as soon as they were needed. Much of the driving was done at night and the trucks frequently broke down because there was no time for maintenance, but the supplies arrived, even though the supply routes were frequently subjected to enemy fire. Entered the Service from Weather, Texas.

ZED O. JOHNSON, 20813364, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 12 November 1944 in France. A weapons carrier, with six soldier passengers,

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washed from the road and overturned into the waters of a flooded river. Tec 5 Johnson, with several companions from Headquarters Battery, helped five of the men to reach the shore. When he learned that one soldier was still missing, Tec 5 Johnson tied a rope around his waist and unhesitatingly plunged into the swift currents of the river. He swam to the wrecked vehicle and, slashing open the tarpaulin which covered the truck, searched the interior for the missing man. After making certain that he was not there, Tec 5 Johnson continued searching the water in the vicinity of the truck for some trace of the soldier. He then swam back to shore and, although wet and chilled, searched both banks of the river for several hundred yards downstream in a final attempt to locate the man. Entered the Service from Plainview, Texas.

JAMES J. AMBROE, 6973936; Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 1st Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 September to 12 November 1944 in France. Tec 5 Ambroe was assigned the task of driving a litter jeep for the 1st Battalion aid station. He frequently drove his vehicle over roads subjected to enemy shellfire in order to speed the evacuation of casualties between the aid station and the front lines. On many occasions he drove litter bearers beyond the point considered safe for vehicles and carried them almost to their destinations. Because of his selfless regard for the safety of his comrades, he bravely faced many hazards to assure the men of speedy evacuation and prompt medical attention. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JOHN WROSKO, 13057910, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

MARY N. MC NELLY, 32267602, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New Castle, Delaware.

For exceptionally meritorious conduct from 15 August to 18 September 1944 in France. These men were truck drivers with Company L during the assault landing on the coast of Southern France and the swift pursuit of the enemy army to the north. The rapid rate of advance stretched supply lines to an incredible length, and the routes were frequently subjected to heavy enemy artillery shelling and small arms fire. In spite of the many difficulties and dangers, they drove indefatigably for long periods without rest or sleep to insure their company of a prompt delivery of vital supplies. They frequently shuttled troops of other units during the critical operations and, in spite of adverse conditions of weather and terrain, never faltered in performing their important duties.

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Award of Purple Heart.....I
Rescission.....II

AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 36th Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

- 1. CL. HEIDEN, 35142969, Private First Class, Company I, 2 June 1944, France. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2. JOHN F. MLOS, JR., 12055446, Private First Class, Company H, 20 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.
- 3. EMETH W. SWAIN, 32634005, Private First Class, Company H, 20 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Newburgh, New York.
- 4. JOE MIXICO, 38276341, Private First Class, Company I, 28 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 5. WALLACE E. DAVIS, 20603753, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 24 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Combs, Texas.
- 6. ROY L. STAMPER, 33660201, Private First Class, Company K, 27 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chilhowie, Virginia.
- 7. CHARLES L. C. AUSERMAN, 33690140, Private First Class, Company H, 20 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Frederick, Maryland.
- 8. ROBERT L. BROYLES, 36984055, Private First Class, Company H, 20 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Valier, Illinois.
- 9. IRMA W. MYERS, 35808403, Private First Class, Company H, 13 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Murray, Kentucky.
- 10. LEO C. ADERTGEN, 36736325, Private First Class, Company H, 13 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- 11. FORREST G. DLATRICK, 35297750, Private First Class, Company B, 8 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.
- 12. HELENA L. WASHINGTON, 34980673, Private First Class, Company B, 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Vero Beach, Florida.
- 13. ALBERT R. BALTURSHOT, 35064241, Private First Class, Company B, 20 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.
- 14. RALPH L. KUSZMAUL, 31902092, Private First Class, Company B, 25 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 15. JACK P. STEPHENSON, 36670216, Private First Class, Company F, 16 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Stephens, Arkansas.
- 16. WALDO L. CARPENTER, 35344691, Private First Class, Company F, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ottawa, Ohio.
- 17. JAMES FERNANDEZ, 39588664, Private First Class, Company A, 16 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.
- 18. THADDEUS J. SWATEK, 36756722, Private First Class, Company B, 6 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- 19. MORSE W. CAMPHILL, 34980433, Private First Class, Company B, 26 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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1944, France. Entered the Service from Ringgold, Georgia.

ELMER C. BRANAN, 36446704, Private First Class, Company L, 23 March 1945,

Army. Entered the Service from East St. Louis, Illinois.

JAMES C. LUSA, 34921458, Private First Class, Company F, 4 October 1944,

Army. Entered the Service from Bemis, Tennessee.

CHARLES A. MCGANCE, 42113727, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 13

April 1945, France. Entered the service from Verona, New Jersey.

ROLD J. GAPP, 37276523, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 17

April 1945, France. Entered the Service from Mt. Carmel, North Dakota.

LESLIE A. FLANN, 36680700, Private First Class, Company G, 28 October

1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH P. FRATILLO, 32351744, Private First Class, Company F, 16 December

1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ZENON A. ZAJLICKI, 31168661, Private First Class, Company I, 12 February

1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Salem, Massachusetts.

ARJEL H. ALLEN, 38336607, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d

Battalion, 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Shreveport, La.

JOSEPH L. MORSLY, 35810478, Private First Class, Headquarters Company,

22 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

CHARLES F. LOACH, 32601271, Private, Company G, 22 January 1944, Italy.

Entered the Service from Woodside, New York.

NICHOLAS A. CAFAGNO, 39170424, Private, Company H, 13 September 1944, France.

Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

10. RESCISSION. 1. So much of General Orders 48, this Headquarters, dated 26 February 1945, as awards a Purple Heart to MORRIS DE MAYO, 32222076, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, is rescinded as a duplication.

2. So much of General Orders 421, this Headquarters, dated 27 October 1944, as awards a Purple Heart to ALVIN L. CHIPMAN, 36191625, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, is rescinded as a duplication.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

- ALBERT W. ROBERSON, 20302688, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 15 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Robstown, Texas.
- WILLIAM BANDORICH, 6810570, First Sergeant, Company A, 19 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.
- DAVID A. DAVIS, 38050236, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 22 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Megargel, Texas.
- JOHN D. MARCIANO, 31331512, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 22 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Stamford, Connecticut.
- ROBERT T. DALY, 36876674, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 3 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.
- WILBUR M. O'RILEY, 35023591, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 20 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.
- WILLIE T. CAHOON, 33546472, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 16 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Norfolk, Virginia.
- AUDON Z. LOPEZ, 38562805, Sergeant, Company A, 5 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Austin, Texas.
- LIONEL MANOR, 6701077, Sergeant, Company I, 4 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Plattsburg, New York.
- HENRY Q. SHILMIN, 36691432, Sergeant, Company I, 3 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- MINOS J. CULVER, 42081892, Sergeant, Company B, 8 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Camden, New Jersey.
- FRANK J. KREJCI, 36410413, Sergeant, Company B, 10 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- FAY O. WALLS, 36963041, Sergeant, Company B, 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Tuscola, Illinois.
- ZEB B. THREATT, 6391144, Sergeant, Company C, 25 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Meridian, Mississippi.
- JACK DAVIS, 35771410, Sergeant, Company L, October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Louisa, Kentucky.
- ARNOLD O. BYE, 37096569, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Hatton, North Dakota.
- PAUL M. GOECKE, 33138944, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 22 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.
- GARLAND L. RODGERS, 38036276, Technician Fifth Grade, Company G, 16 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Vernon, Texas.

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HENRY H. DENNIS, 38035865, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 13 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

ALVIN L. CHIPMAN, 36191625, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 2 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Mich.

RANDALL TOILER, 35267519, Private First Class, Company D, 16 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Clearfork, West Virginia.

BERNARD J. BREZNIAK, 20112409, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 20 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Webster, Mass.

JAMES L. ELSEA, 14193773, Private First Class, Company A, 2 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

BENNIE J. GOSCINSKI, 36308873, Private First Class, Company A, 11 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ADOLPHUS H. MATLER, 34389137, Private First Class, Company A, 29 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Crossville, Tennessee.

LYLE E. HIRNER, 37444497, Private First Class, Company A, 16 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wesley, Iowa.

ROBERT H. REID, JR., 38479781, Private First Class, Company A, 7 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Macogdoches, Texas.

JAMES R. CARRIGAN, 35902830, Private First Class, Company A, 23 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hammond, Indiana.

ROBERT L. DRYDEN, 35871566, Private First Class, Company A, 27 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Paris, Kentucky.

HOWARD COOPER, 35267956, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Friendship, Ohio.

WILLIAM E. ROSE, 37542831, Private First Class, Company M, 15 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Worthington, Minnesota.

JOE B. TUCKER, 34864078, Private First Class, Company E, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Gary, West Virginia.

JOHN H. WILKES, JR., 32855693, Private First Class, Company L, 26 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Aloany, New York.

DAVID W. MORGAN, 39928556, Private First Class, Company I, 3 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ophir, Utah.

JAMES S. BRIDGES, 33889283, Private First Class, Company I, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Fairfax, Virginia.

CAROL E. DOOLEY, 35907005, Private First Class, Company I, 5 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

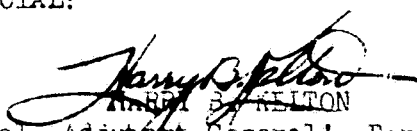
GLENN M. DUVALL, 38591713, Private First Class, Company I, 27 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

LEE GROENDYK, 36412093, Private First Class, Company I, 7 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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NO. 110

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-43, as amended, a Bronze Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

- NICHOLAS W. MORETH, 01176738, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- JAY E. WILSON, 20807337, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Clifton, Texas.
- RALPH H. SUCKNER, 37628595, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Fair Grove, Mo.
- IRVING T. HILL, 32239208, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Newark, N. J.
- CHARLES W. BLAND, 35749534, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Thomas, West Virginia.
- DAVID H. FHELBURGLER, 36837906, Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from New London, Wisconsin.
- JOSEPH R. PORTER, JR., 33316073, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 25 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ludlow, Pennsylvania.
- JUSTIN P. EARLE, 42116896, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Lake Placid, N. Y.
- CARL E. JACKSON, 30852607, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.
- JAMES L. COAK, 35882075, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Manchester, Ky.
- MARION B. BRAKE, 35423965, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Bellefontaine, Ohio.
- WALTER E. COLSON, 35350663, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from New Point, Indiana.
- ROBERT C. CROSSAN, 33588008, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Unionville, Pennsylvania.
- WILLIAM C. FRAZIER, 13068515, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

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REYLS B. GUERRERO, 36320038, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

EARL M. NOE, 34492133, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

VIRGIL S. RENEAU, 18037633, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Forth Worth, Texas.

JOE B. SIMS, 34728970, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Sparta, Tennessee.

WILLIAM R. SOLAS, 33430946, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

DONALD W. SPANGLER, 35549909, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Holland, Ohio.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

AUGUSTUS B. CRAIG, 36055390, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Harrisburg, Ill.

CHARLES HARRIS, 20807632, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Teague, Texas.

HARVEY W. FARRIS, 20807624, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

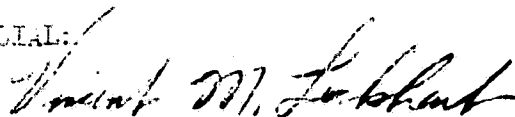
KENNETH C. WILT, 33247679, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Johnstown, Pa.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

ELMER H. FISHER, 35397424, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from New Philadelphia, Ohio.

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NO 109

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

EDMUND C. SULLIVAN, 0422338, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

JAMES W. JOHNSON, 0266598, Captain, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 18 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Kerens, Texas.

BENJAMIN J. GARBINO, 01178804, Second Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 27 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

LEE B. LASSITER, 20817797, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Sunset, Texas.

✓ JAMES N. HAWKINS, 38040727, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 17 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Archer City, Texas.

ROSS A. ELLIOTT, 36173711, Sergeant, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pontiac, Mich.

PAUL O. STILES, 36148041, Sergeant, Service Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 17 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.

WILLIAM M. THOMAS, 35300671, Sergeant, Battery B, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 7 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Youngstown, Ohio.

DEL WINN, 20817847, Corporal, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bowie, Texas.

MOLLA M. CULVER, 36878844, Corporal, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES W. MC CLAIN, 20819096, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

MILBURN M. MORRIS, 37130013, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Service Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 17 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Charleston, Missouri.

BENNIE BODIFORD, JR., 14045454, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Columbus, Georgia.

NILE H. RASMUSSEN, 39676137, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Duchesne, W. Va.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

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Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

EDMUND C. SULLIVAN, OM 2338, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Waterbury, Connecticut.

JAMES W. JOHNSON, 0266593, Captain, 139th Field Artillery Battalion, 18 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Kerens, Texas.

BENJAMIN J. GAMBINO, 01176804, Second Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 27 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from East Boston, Massachusetts.

LEE B. LASSITER, 20817797, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Sunset, Texas.

JAMES N. HAWKINS, 38040727, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 17 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Archer City, Texas.

ROSS A. ELLIOTT, 36173711, Sergeant, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pontiac, Mich.

PAUL O. STILES, 36148041, Sergeant, Service Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 17 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.

WILLIAM M. THOMAS, 35300671, Sergeant, Battery B, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 7 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Youngstown, Ohio.

DEL WINN, 20817847, Corporal, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bowie, Texas.

ROLLA M. CULVER, 36878344, Corporal, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JAMES W. MC CLAIN, 20819096, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

MILBURN M. MORRIS, 37130013, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Service Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 17 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Charleston, Missouri.

BENNIE BODIFORD, JR., 14045454, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Columbus, Georgia.

NILE H. RASMUSSEN, 39676137, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Duchesne, Utah.

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CATALINO A. RUPIO, 39025175, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Ventura, California.

CHARLES F. GILL, 37436469, Private First Class (then Private), Service Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 17 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Desira, Iowa.

JOSEPH J. COSENZA, 20109815, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

WILBERT R. KLINKMAN, 35570273, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 25 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Chesterton, Indiana.

JACK A. ODOM, 38400812, Private First Class; Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 27 to 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lexington, Oklahoma.

KENNETH F. HOLLAND, 13107566, Private, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 27 to 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT BURTON, 35461543, Private, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 27 to 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat in France:

PHILIP A. RAFFERTY, 01122418, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 27 to 29 August 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

HERMAN J. LAKIN, 35038333, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 February 1945. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

JOHN R. HERRERA, 37343409, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945. Entered the Service from Delta, Colorado.

JAMES B. MORAN, 32997860, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JAMES J. MADDUX, 16165744, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944. Entered the Service from Texarkana, Texas.

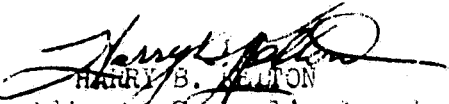
WACK B. CATES, 34802853, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944. Entered the Service from Plateau, Alabama.

EDGAR E. LOVITT, 35224982, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 21 and 22 November 1944. Entered the Service from Millersburg, Ohio.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 1426

NO. 108

Award of Purple Heart.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....II

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

- CLAUDE D. ROSCOE, 0367264, Major, 9 September 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Brownwood, Texas.
- WALTER J. NEWMAN, 0463930, Captain, 9 September 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.
- HERBERT R. GELBSPAN, 01301810, First Lieutenant, 22 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Long Island, New York.
- JACK B. PAYNE, 0537442, First Lieutenant, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Piedmont, South Carolina.
- FRANK L. TURNER, 01998721, Second Lieutenant, 13 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Bayside, New York.
- ADRIEN L. DANSBY, 38035888, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 18 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Galvert, Texas.
- HAROLD H. HERZOG, 36199378, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 21 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Six Lakes, Michigan.
- LEO L. LEONARDI, 32638800, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 9 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
- HARRY O. BIEAU, 31381223, Private, Cannon Company, 25 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from New Britton, Connecticut.
- CLIFFORD E. THOMAS, 36974003, Private, Cannon Company, 20 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Sycamore, Illinois.
- JAMES H. REYNOLDS, 33648619, Private, Cannon Company, 21 March 1945, Germany. Entered the Service from Clifton Forge, Virginia.
- ROBERT BOHRINGER, 36831856, Private, Company I, 31 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.
- GEORGE E. CURINGTON, JR., 34795904, Private, Company A, 4 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wildwood, Florida.
- HUBERT L. HESS, 35770760, Private, Company A, 4 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Delbarton, West Virginia.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

- KENNETH W. PATTERSON, 20805447, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Abilene, Texas.

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II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

CLAUDE D. ROSCOE, 0367264, Major, 17 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brownwood, Texas.

WALTER J. KERWIN, 0463930, Captain, 25 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

JOSÉ M. MORENO, 38035634, First Sergeant, Company C, 24 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

JAMES L. CHESSHIRE, 38037052, Technical Sergeant, Company G, 21 May 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Clarksville, Texas.

PAUL A. MOORE, 34631177, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Baldwin, Mississippi.

WILLIAM F. STRUBBE, 31144602, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 30 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Shelton, Connecticut.

FRANK J. CLAY, 33268209, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 6 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Washington, Pennsylvania.

ADRIEN J. DANSBY, 38035883, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 5 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Calvert, Texas.

THEODORE R. BAKER, 33747255, Sergeant, Company G, 10 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

LLOYD C. FREEMAN, 38065550, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 23 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Rising Star, Texas.

ETSY J. EFFINITE, 33707847, Private First Class, Company E, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pittsoughn, Pennsylvania.

DAVID W. MORGAN, 39928556, Private First Class, Company I, 5 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ophir, Utah.

FRANK WHITE, 35775841, Private First Class, Company B, 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Huntington, West Virginia.

CLAUDE S. ECHOLS, 3663271, Private First Class, Company I, 8 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JAY R. MILLER, 33756539, Private First Class, Company I, 3 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lewistown, Pennsylvania.


WALTER S. PATRICK, 34882564, Private First Class, Company K, 24 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Elizabethtown, Tennessee.

JOE FLAICO, 38276341, Private First Class, Company I, 23 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Company I in their attack on a town. When the expenditure of ammunition proved heavier than anticipated, he volunteered to obtain additional supplies, although it was necessary to cross 700 yards of open terrain under fire from enemy machine guns and self-propelled weapons. Private First Class Swindall made the trip five times. On several occasions he was thrown to the ground by the concussion of bursting shells, and at other times machine gun fire forced him to crawl great distances with his load. As a result of his courageous devotion to duty, the friendly troops were materially aided in taking their objective. Entered the Service from Norland, Virginia.

MANCEL MORREN, 38066054, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1943 in Italy. Private First Class Morren was a member of a party assigned the mission of carrying supplies up a steep slope to the battalion positions on the crest of a mountain. When enemy planes bombed and strafed them, and enemy mortars followed with a 15 minute barrage, he braved the incoming shells to administer aid to one of the wounded and help another to where litter bearers could evacuate him. He then returned to his load of rations and, despite enemy small arms and artillery fire directed at the trail, continued the remaining distance up the mountain. Private First Class Morren's consideration for his wounded comrades, despite great personal danger, and his devotion to his arduous duties were an inspiration to those who worked with him. Entered the Service from Loraine, Texas.

WILLIAM B. ANDREWS, 38666152, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 February 1945 in France. During an attack against a well-defended enemy town, a hostile tank, located near a barn, aimed its gun at the building housing a squad of Company C. Private First Class Andrews, a machine gunner in Company B, spotted the tank and swiftly put his gun into action. He delivered effective bursts of fire against the tank and forced it to button up and withdraw behind the barn before it could fire a single round. Then, with tracer ammunition, he set the barn afire, and the tank withdrew to a wooded area some distance away. By his quick-thinking and aggressiveness, Private First Class Andrews eliminated a serious threat to the safety of a friendly squad. Entered the Service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

ELWOOD K. RIFE, 33941179, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. The 1st Platoon was clearing a street during an attack on a town. The 2d Squad was crossing the rubble of a ruined house when it ran into an anti-personnel minefield. At the same time enemy riflemen opened fire on them from a nearby barn. Private Rife, automatic rifleman of the 2d Squad, worked his way to the side of the barn and fired into the hostile position, killing two of the enemy and wounding one. He then attempted to assault the position before the enemy could recover, but he stepped on a mine and was seriously wounded. Private Rife's outstanding courage and aggressiveness neutralized the enemy strongpoint and enabled his squad to continue on its mission. Entered the Service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

II. COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, each of the following named individual is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

RAFAEL GUTIERREZ, 38025698, Technical Sergeant, Company D, 141st Infantry

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Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 28 May to 3 June 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Gutierrez was assigned the task of maintaining an ample supply of ammunition for a machine gun platoon supporting Company C in an attack against an enemy stronghold. During these critical operations the supply routes were frequently blasted by artillery and small arms fire. In spite of many dangers and difficulties, Sergeant Gutierrez never failed to furnish ammunition for the machine guns. He worked tirelessly, leading ammunition bearers forward to the gun positions and during the attack he supplied the weapons with more than 100,000 rounds of ammunition. Because of his leadership and bravery the platoon was amply supplied at all times to furnish close support for the attacking rifle companies. Entered the Service from Uvalde, Texas.

RONALD T. DAY, 32238830, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 2 and 3 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Day, operations sergeant at a forward fire direction center, was working with a group of men who were in a state of nervous tension because their former positions had just been overrun by the enemy. When a large hostile force launched a determined attack against friendly troops in the vicinity, the fire direction center was threatened by the onslaught and was subjected to artillery shelling. In spite of numerous rumors which exaggerated the seriousness of the situation, Sergeant Day continued performing his duties coolly and efficiently. By his example of fearlessness and by his well-chosen remarks, he calmed his companions and, although the hostile attack increased in intensity, insured the continued smooth functioning of the group. Accurate artillery barrages fired by this fire direction center finally stopped the assault. Entered the Service from Tea Neck, New Jersey.

WILBURN B. VIERECK, 34050413, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 29 August 1944 in France. Tec 5 Viereck, radio operator for an artillery liaison section, was forced to operate his set in an exposed position because of the proximity of several other radios in the area. Friendly tanks and tank destroyers located near his position were targets for a heavy enemy artillery barrage. Although shells were constantly blasting the terrain around him, Tec 5 Viereck courageously maintained his position and continued operating his radio. One round struck a tree only 20 feet from the radio, and fragments struck the vehicle in which the set was mounted. Tec 5 Viereck was momentarily stunned by the concussion, but he determinedly continued relaying fire missions, enabling the artillery to inflict heavy damage on the hostile troops. Entered the Service from Bellville, Texas.

VOYZE G. HARRIS, 34723661, Private, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Paris, Tennessee.

WILLIAM RAPOZA, 31421301, Private, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

HUBERT E. RIDLAN, 31319835, Private, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from North Monmouth, Maine.

for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 28 September 1944 in France. Friendly troops were crossing a long stretch of open terrain in an attempt to secure strategically important high ground when the enemy directed a heavy

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artillery and mortar barrage on the area. The attack was disorganized, and, as a result of casualties in the machine gun section, two machine guns were temporarily abandoned. A reorganization was effected immediately, and the above men courageously volunteered to recross the exposed terrain and recover the weapons. They advanced fearlessly across the area under direct enemy observation, secured the abandoned guns and returned to their unit. As a result of their daring, two valuable weapons were saved from destruction or capture by the enemy.

RALPH H. CORNELL, 13061372, Private, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct from 14 to 19 December 1944 in France. Although fully aware of the danger involved, Private Cornell volunteered to accompany a forward observer party which was attached to the infantry regiment supported by his battery. When the observer party reached its destination, it was assigned to Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment. Each day for five days Private Cornell carried supplies from a recently captured town, over a road subjected to artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, to his party's position one mile away. His assistance was invaluable and greatly facilitated the effective operation of the observers. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

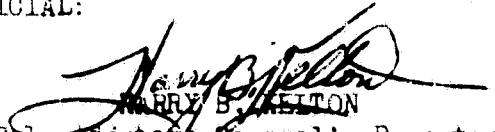
JOHN G. FOWLER, 36204034, Private, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 27 August 1944 in France. Private Fowler was telephone operator for the forward observer detail attached to Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment. While he was occupying an observation post on the crest of a hill under direct enemy observation, the hostile troops opened fire with an antiaircraft gun, an antitank gun and small arms. In spite of the incessant shelling, Private Fowler worked tirelessly to maintain communications between the forward observer and his artillery unit, repairing the lines whenever they were broken. He calmly transmitted fire orders which resulted in the destruction of the antitank and antiaircraft guns and an ammunition dump. Entered the Service from Shullsburg, Wisconsin.

III. CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUS. So much of Section I, General Orders 141, this Headquarters, dated 16 May 1944, as pertains to First Lieutenant JOHN M. CRUTE, JR., (1298506, Staff Sergeant JOHN A. MEHAN, 33257665, Private First Class REGINALD J. MAGUIRE, 6629373, Private First Class EARL N. WRIGHT, 34495854, Private MATTHEW K. BURGER, 32814622, Private FRANK WEIS, 32899590, Private ROY E. WENRICH, 33508935, as reads "for gallantry in action on 21-22 January 1944" is amended to read "for gallantry in action on 21 January 1944."

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 105

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN R. SIMONS, 38039657, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944 in France. Corporal Simons and a companion were part of a detail assigned the mission of clearing mines between two towns so that the road could be used by an advancing task force. Although they were at times under enemy small arms and mortar fire, they pressed determinedly on. Entering the second town they swept for and removed mines, despite fire fights that were in progress in the streets. After 18 hours of uninterrupted work they had completed their mission, having removed 40 antitank mines and a considerable number of antipersonnel mines. Their courageous and persistent efforts opened the road to the traffic of the task force. Corporal Simons was reported killed in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Sophie Simons (Mother), General Delivery, Scotland, Texas.

FREDERICK V. HIBBARD, 33299828, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 23 November 1944 in France. Private First Class Hibbard and a companion were part of a detail assigned the mission of clearing mines between two towns so that the road could be used by an advancing task force. Although they were at times under enemy small arms and mortar fire, they pressed determinedly on. Entering the second town they swept for and removed mines, despite fire fights that were in progress in the streets. After 18 hours of uninterrupted work they had completed their mission, having removed 40 antitank mines and a considerable number of antipersonnel mines. Their courageous and persistent efforts opened the road to the traffic of the task force. Private First Class Hibbard was reported killed in a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Emmett G. Hibbard (Father), 134 Glenview Avenue, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

PAUL A. GUNN, 31353920, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. When three riflemen were cut off in a house during an attack on a town, Private First Class Gunn and two comrades volunteered to move up with a machine gun to assist them. Carrying the machine gun, Private First Class Gunn crossed a street under fire from two hostile machine guns. Then, despite artillery and mortar fire falling in the area and an enemy machine gun firing from the flank, he ran from house to

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house up the street. He had almost reached the last house when hit by fire from the enemy machine gun. He died shortly afterward. ~~Private~~ First Class Gunn's heroic sacrifice enabled his two comrades to reach the house and eventually hold off the enemy force. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Gunn (Mother), 48 Smith Street, Allston, Massachusetts.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

BUCHANAN HEISS, 01013909, First Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 17 February 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Heiss, assistant transportation officer, had 15 trucks under his command parked in the bivouac area of the Service Company. When an enemy barrage began falling in the area, one of the gasoline trucks was hit and burst into flames, setting fire to the camouflage net of an ammunition truck. Lieutenant Heiss immediately left his place of safety and extinguished the blaze. Inspired by his daring, several enlisted men came forward and he supervised them in removing all the vehicles to covered positions. Throughout this action 200 enemy shells landed in the immediate vicinity. Due to his courageous leadership, much valuable equipment was saved. Entered the Service from Gulfport, Mississippi.

EDWIN P. ARNOLT, 0526240, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Arnolt was in charge of the machine gun section of Company H in defense of a town, when the enemy made a strong night attack and drove back the rifle elements. However, he had placed his machine guns so skillfully that repeated enemy assaults could not dislodge them. When several of the enemy stormed his position, he met them with his carbine, killing one and driving off the remainder. His skillful direction of effective fire on the enemy created a state of confusion among the hostile troops, enabling the rifle elements to regain their positions by morning. Entered the Service from Metuchen, New Jersey.

THOMAS J. CORNETT, 35267637, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. When the enemy counterattacked Company I in an attempt to cut a vital supply route, Sergeant Cornett, a squad leader in the Antitank Company, led five of his men to the extreme right flank of Company I to fill a gap between two adjacent companies. The enemy suddenly opened fire with mortars and machine guns. Sergeant Cornett moved his men into position and directed them in firing on the hostile emplacements. He forced the enemy to withdraw and, by his skillful leadership throughout the night, drove back three hostile patrols. By his courage and aggressiveness, he aided materially in keeping the supply route open. Entered the Service from La Rue, Kentucky.

GEORGE T. MERRITT, 20809713, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Merritt's machine gun section was manning a strong point around a building when a large enemy force launched an attack. When the enemy directed a heavy mortar and artillery barrage into the area, he withdrew his men into the building and as the barrage lifted moved the machine guns to the upper windows. Here they commanded an excellent field of fire. Sergeant Merritt posted his remaining

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rifleman at positions where they would be most effective. He constantly checked his men, giving them words of encouragement. Exposing himself, he directed artillery and mortar fire, and pointed out enemy positions for his machine guns to fire upon. When ammunition was almost gone he skillfully directed the withdrawal of his men. Sergeant Merritt's skillful defense inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy allowing friendly troops to improve their positions and eventually repulse the strong hostile attack. Entered the Service from Gatesville, Texas.

BERNARD W. MC ALISTER, 33127300, Sergeant, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1944 in France. Sergeant McAlister was assigned the mission of supporting the attack of an infantry company with his tank destroyer. Before the friendly troops reached their objective, they were subjected to heavy mortar, machine gun and 20mm gun fire and were forced to withdraw. Although his tank destroyer was the target for artillery and small arms fire, Sergeant McAlister remained in position to cover the withdrawal. By his accurate fire he inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and destroyed a 20mm gun. When the infantry elements had effected a successful withdrawal, he observed a wounded man approximately 75 yards from his position. Despite the hostile fire he leaped from his vehicle and ran to the injured soldier. After administering emergency treatment, he carried the casualty back to his tank destroyer and evacuated him to a place of safety. Entered the Service from Shenandoah, Virginia.

DANIEL CAVALIERI, 32823179, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. While on a night patrol across snow-covered ground toward an enemy-held town, a platoon of Company I was halted by machine gun and rifle fire. Although the slightest movement in the area drew a large volume of hostile fire, Private First Class Cavalieri, the platoon runner, worked his way to the platoon leader and was given the order to withdraw. Then, despite heavy crossfire from the enemy machine guns, he crawled to each of the squad leaders and relayed the order. Largely as a result of his courage and resourcefulness under fire, the platoon was able to effect a successful withdrawal. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN J. EBERT, 6853275, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 and 2 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Ebert, a litter bearer, was attached to Company C during a house-to-house attack on a town. During the fighting, which lasted for two days, he administered first aid to ten wounded men and helped evacuate them by litter. In order to give them immediate attention, he frequently exposed himself to small arms fire and the sporadic enemy mortar, artillery and tank fire which was falling in the area. Private First Class Ebert's courageous action secured prompt medical attention for the wounded men and probably saved their lives. Entered the Service from Souderton, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. QUINN, 20112222, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. The enemy launched a surprise attack in great strength on the town which housed the battalion and regimental command posts. Without waiting for

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orders, Private First Class Quinn ran across a street already under small arms fire and from the top of a tower opened fire with his M-1 rifle. Observing the size of the enemy force, he recrossed the street and secured a machine gun. Putting the gun in action from the tower, he covered the approaches to town and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. In one ditch in front of his position 16 dead and 14 wounded were found. Private First Class Quinn's prompt and courageous action in engaging the enemy force was of material aid in organizing the successful defense of the town. Entered the Service from Marlboro, Mass.


WILLIAM M. BAILEY, 32070054, Private, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 February 1945 in France. As French troops advanced to relieve elements of the Antitank Company, the enemy opened fire with machine pistols, machine guns, mortars and artillery. Realizing that the relief of his unit could not be effected until the hostile guns were silenced, Private Bailey dashed across open terrain under heavy enemy fire to assault a railroad station occupied by hostile troops. After hurling two white phosphorous grenades into the building, he ran through the station to attack an enemy pill box across the railroad tracks. Moving through machine gun fire to the rear of the position, he threw a grenade into the strong point and then charged it, wounding six of the enemy soldiers and capturing two. Largely as a result of the quick-thinking and daring of Private Bailey, the French troops were able to relieve the company without loss of life. Entered the Service from Camden, New Jersey.

III. CORRECTED COMPLETION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. So much of Section II, General Orders 468, this Headquarters, dated 13 December 1944, as commends GEORGE L. MAC ARTHUR, 11048601, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters, Operations Section, 443d AAA AF Battalion (SP), is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"GEORGE L. MAC ARTHUR, 11048601, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters, Operations Section, 443d AAA AF Battalion (SP), for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 26 August 1944 in France. Because of an unexpected withdrawal, an anti-aircraft half-track, which could not be driven out, had to be disabled and abandoned. On the following day, when the situation became more stabilized, Sergeant MacArthur volunteered to take a maintenance crew forward and search for the valuable half-track. He arrived at a friendly road block and, although he could obtain no information as to what lay ahead, continued on through hostile territory. Working under the constant threat of enemy fire, he located the disabled half-track, assisted in repairing it and brought it back to the friendly lines. Entered the Service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

OFFICIAL:


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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER

NO. 104

Award of Purple Heart.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....II

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

- JOSEPH B. JOHNSON, 20225756, First Sergeant, Company K, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Belmar, New Jersey.
- STANLEY J. SZCZEPANEK, 36129275, Technical Sergeant, Company K, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Centerline, Michigan.
- IRL E. LEACH, 37356517, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 16 March 1945. Entered the Service from Henry, Nebraska.
- ADOLPH J. BAUSGARTNER, 36518759, Sergeant, Company K, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.
- DONALD E. BROWN, 37364456, Private First Class, Company C, 7 March 1945. Entered the Service from Gray, Colorado.
- GEORGE S. CLEMENTS, JR., 33858201, Private First Class, Company K, 18 March 1945. Entered the Service from Richmond, Virginia.
- ARNOLD LONGLEY, 38442645, Private First Class, Company K, 9 March 1945. Entered the Service from Elkins, New Mexico.
- JOHN S. MANNING, 34788222, Private First Class, Company K, 9 March 1945. Entered the Service from Macclenny, Florida.
- WED H. REEF, 37641297, Private First Class, Company K, 16 March 1945. Entered the Service from Thayer, Missouri.
- DAVID L. REMLEY, 35093679, Private First Class, Company G, 9 March 1945. Entered the Service from Logansport, Indiana.
- ALTON F. RUPPEL, 38602772, Private First Class, Company M, 16 March 1945. Entered the Service from Vilonia, Arkansas.
- LE GREE J. WALSH, 32370331, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 16 March 1945. Entered the Service from Utica, New York.
- ARTHUR W. WHIS, 35277311, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.
- FRANCIS P. BURNEY, 16099081, Private, Company K, 9 March 1945. Entered the Service from Dan Meeke, Illinois.
- HULAN E. GRANTHAM, 20755862, Private, Company G, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Springfield, Missouri.
- ESLER L. JONES, 34088263, Private, Company M, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Lumerton, North Carolina.
- REGINALD E. KELLEY, 35340865, Private, Medical Detachment, 18 March 1945. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

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HAROLD D. ROBERTSON, 38731516, Private, Company F, 10 March 1945. Entered the Service from Blytheville, Arkansas.

EUGENE VIGUE, 31400378, Private, Company F, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Sanford, Maine.

HAROLD L. STOLLORF, 37747647, Private, Company D, 22 January 1945. Entered the Service from Geneva, Nebraska.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

CARL J. BRYANT, 35268189, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 141st Infantry Regiment, 3 October 1944. Entered the Service from Summersville, West Virginia.

WILLIAM J. DE LOREY, 32445052, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Mapleview Rd, Hopewell Junction, New York.

PAUL G. ADLSPERGER, 35267912, Corporal, Battery C, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Lexington, Kentucky.

JOSEPH A. JUSTICE, 20815036, Private First Class, Battery C, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 March 1945. Entered the Service from Weatherford, Tex.

ASA C. SMITH, 34353114, Private First Class, Battery C, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 20 March 1945. Entered the Service from Jackson, Georgia.

JAMES C. BOONE, 34170597, Private First Class, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 19 March 1945. Entered the Service from Seagrove, North Carolina.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Germany:

ROY P. THRASHER, 37247401, Corporal, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (Mech), 23 March 1945. Entered the Service from Glasco, Kansas.

SALVATORE L. COLLETTI, 32175787, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 24 March 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

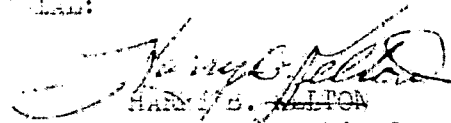
ROY D. MARTIN, 35759407, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 23 March 1945. Entered the Service from Vesuvius, West Virginia.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual of the 141st Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

CARL J. BRYANT, 35268189, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 4 October 1944. Entered the Service from Summersville, West Virginia.

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

Colonel:


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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 103

Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
Award of Silver Star.....II

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

REED L. YOUNGBLOOD, 14131124, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 and 15 September 1944 in France. When a machine gun squad was cut off from other friendly elements during an attack against a well-defended town, Private First Class Youngblood, a Company F runner, set out with the mission of contacting the squad. As he ran across a street to the gate of a courtyard, the concussion from an enemy grenade threw him against the wall. Although dazed, he continued on and located the squad in a nearby courtyard. Almost immediately the enemy established a strong defense outside the courtyard. Private First Class Youngblood braved hostile fire to work his way back through the enemy positions to the main body of the friendly force. By informing his company commander of the squad's location, he enabled the group to launch a successful assault and rejoin the machine gun squad. He was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Verda Youngblood (mother), 2212 North 32d Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

Rec'd by No 199 - May 31, 1945

~~JOHN P. GRIGAS, 31107099, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 27 September 1944, France. Next of kin: Mr. Thomas Grigas (brother), 74 Winsley Street, Nashua, New Hampshire.~~

Rec'd by No 199 May 31, 1945

~~DEANE R. FINCH, 36182752, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 27 September 1944, France. Next of kin: Mrs. Celia Finch (mother), RFD 2, Utica, Illinois.~~

for gallantry in action on 27 September 1944 in France. When the enemy laid down a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, an officer and several members of his party were severely wounded. Although fatigued by their dangerous work during the preceding 24 hours, these men, litter bearers attached to a rifle company, voluntarily left their covered position and ran to aid the injured soldiers. While shells crashed around them, they began administering first aid to the casualties, working calmly and skillfully until they were both killed by shell fragments. Their magnificent courage and heroic sacrifice served as an inspiration to all who witnessed their deed.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

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FINTAN M. MURPHY, 0498621, Captain, Chaplains Corps, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 20 October to 16 November 1944 in France. On 20 October, during the 2d Battalion's attack against stubbornly defended enemy positions on a mountain ridge, Chaplain Murphy accompanied the battalion commander to the front lines. Exposing himself to mortar and small arms fire, he talked with stragglers and encouraged them to rejoin their units and continue the fight. On 9 November, when Company F's hastily prepared positions were subjected to heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, Chaplain Murphy went to the forward area and, exposing himself to the hostile fire, moved to each fighting hole, solacing the men and ministering to their spiritual needs. On 16 November, while driving toward a town between the friendly and enemy lines to conduct funeral services for a French civilian, he was severely wounded by a mine explosion. Entered the Service from New York, N. Y.

MORRIS H. O'DELL, 0419632, Captain, Medical Corps, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 August 1944 in France. Captain O'Dell, the 3d Battalion surgeon, advanced with the attacking companies to establish a forward aid station. When the enemy launched a strong counterattack, the building which housed his aid station was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Although the house was almost demolished by 14 mortar hits, Captain O'Dell refused to withdraw and remained in the dangerous position, furnishing prompt medical treatment for the numerous casualties and supervising the successful evacuation of 41 wounded soldiers. By his outstanding courage in operating his aid station under extremely hazardous conditions, he saved the lives of men too seriously wounded to have survived a delay in treatment. Entered the Service from South Charleston, West Virginia.

WILLIAM N. TANNER, 38541491, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. When the remnants of three rifle platoons and the attached machine gun squads were surrounded by SS troops in a stubbornly defended town, Sergeant Tanner, a squad leader, assumed command of the group and, exposing himself to enemy observation and fire, organized as strong a defense as possible. Although communications were out and the supply of ammunition almost exhausted, Sergeant Tanner refused to surrender. He made a personal reconnaissance of the dangerous area for a route of withdrawal. After deliberately attracting hostile machine gun fire to himself to determine the enemy's fields of fire, he returned to his men and led them in an attack to break through the ring of Germans. As a result of his intrepid and aggressive leadership, he established a route of withdrawal and saved the men from a very dangerous situation. Entered the Service from Voth, Texas.

CHARLIE L. DIGGES, 38026439, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 in France. During an attack against his company's position, Sergeant Digges, Weapons Platoon sergeant, moved to an upstairs window in a nearby building to direct the fire of his mortar. Spotting a group of approximately 75 soldiers approaching along a wall, he descended the stairs and exposed himself to enemy observation and fire in order to reconnoiter the situation. Identifying the troops as enemy and realizing that they were executing an encircling maneuver, he chose the direct route, which lay across dangerous terrain, to return to his

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platoon. Running through machine gun and rifle fire, he reached his post and began adjusting mortar fire on the attackers. As a result of his daring initiative and outstanding courage, he inflicted numerous casualties on the enemy and contributed materially to the repulse of the assault. Entered the Service from Campbellton, Texas.

ROBERT A. TRAMEL, 20815510, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 6 and 7 December 1944 in France. While the forward observer was adjusting artillery fire on enemy attackers, Tec 5 Tramel, a member of the forward observer party, observed three hostile riflemen approaching the observation post. Securing the aid of a friendly infantryman, he opened fire; and he and his companion killed two of the enemy and wounded the third. On the following day, when Tec 5 Tramel was wounded during a heavy mortar barrage, he refused medical aid and, in spite of intense pain, helped direct artillery fire on a large assaulting force. When a hostile group approached his position and demanded his surrender, he forced the enemy to withdraw with effective rifle fire. His courage and aggressiveness contributed materially to the repulse of a series of enemy attacks. Entered the Service from Kerens, Texas.

JACK W. SIDNEY, 33734299, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 in France. When Company E was forced to withdraw, leaving four wounded men in an exposed position on a hillside, Private First Class Sidney, a company aid man, unhesitatingly braved hostile small arms, mortar and artillery fire to help the casualties. After administering emergency treatment to all the injured soldiers, he ran back to his platoon and, securing the aid of another man, returned to evacuate the most seriously wounded soldier across dangerous terrain to the company command post. Once more returning to the hill, he again exposed himself to the hostile fire to administer first aid to the wounded members of another unit and to supervise the prompt evacuation of all casualties. His gallantry and courage inspired all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Baltimore, Maryland.

CHARLES F. EVEREST, 36898350, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 February 1945 in France. A soldier, severely wounded beyond his unit's skirmish line, lay exposed to enemy small arms and tank fire as well as fire from the friendly troops. While shells fell dangerously near and bullets spattered mud around him, Private First Class Everest, an aid man, ran 75 yards in front of the friendly positions to aid the casualty. Calmly administering expert first aid and making his patient as comfortable as possible, he remained with the injured soldier, still under heavy fire, until the friendly troops advanced beyond his position. By his gallant and unselfish action, at the risk of his own life, he saved the life of a seriously wounded man. Entered the Service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

FRANK L. NAHLEN, 38609521, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. While firing his automatic rifle to support his squad's advance, Private First Class Nahlen spotted an enemy antitank gun to his front. Immediately leaving his covered position, he ran forward, firing as he advanced, and killed the enemy gunner.

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He then took up a position in front of the antitank gun to prevent its recapture and continued firing in support of his comrades. By his quick and courageous action, Private First Class Vahlen denied the Germans further use of their antitank gun and enabled his platoon to seize its objective. Entered the Service from Conway, Arkansas.

WILLIAM P. HENDERSON, 33710304, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD H. COPENHAVER, 35778516, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Mason, West Virginia.

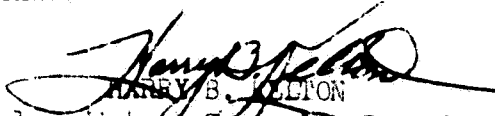
For gallantry in action on 4 February 1945 in France. These men were litter bearers attached to Company G. A scout had been sent forward to reconnoiter a route of approach for a night attack on an enemy position, and had been severely wounded. They volunteered to evacuate him and went forward of friendly lines a distance of 150 yards. Although frequently fired on by the enemy, they succeeded in reaching the wounded man and administered first aid. Then standing upright the two men carried the casualty through heavy machine gun fire to a place of safety. Their courageous action in the face of great danger resulted in the prompt evacuation of their seriously wounded comrade.

TONY SPARACINO, 35770628, Private First Class, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 in France. When a strong enemy counterattack disorganized and scattered the friendly riflemen, Private First Class Sparacino, a gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, braved heavy mortar and tank fire to maintain his position and continue firing at the attackers. After firing twelve boxes of ammunition, he observed enemy soldiers crawling toward his position and realized that his fire was no longer effective. As the Germans approached, he became the target for enemy grenades and automatic weapons fire. Undaunted by the hostile onslaught, he hurled eight hand grenades into the midst of the enemy, killing six, wounding an undetermined number and forcing the remainder to withdraw. His intrepid and courageous action was responsible for smashing an enemy counterattack. Entered the Service from Ailsyth, West Virginia.

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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat in France:

ALVIN A. VAAL, 35259876, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 14 September 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Vaal (mother), St. Meinrad, Indiana.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat in France:

ALVIN A. VAAL, 35259876, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 22 September 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Vaal (mother), St. Meinrad, Indiana.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat in France:

ALVIN A. VAAL, 35259876, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23 September 1944. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Vaal (mother), St. Meinrad, Indiana.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

KENNETH P. GIFF, 01176637, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 17 to 29 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Pittsburg, Kansas.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

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~~WILLIAM E. WILKINSON, 0282080, Lieutenant Colonel, 11th Field Hospital, 18~~

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August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Van Wert, Ohio.

GORDON F. MADDING, 0357685, Major, General Surgical Team #6, 2d Auxiliary Surgical Group, 18 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Richland Center, Wisconsin. ~~AMEND. BY GO 387 -- Sept 1945 to be 644~~

LEWELL S. WALKER, JR., 0308101, Major, 11th Field Hospital, 18 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Middlebury, Vermont.

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LEON J. LEVITT, 342387, Captain, 11th Field Hospital, 18 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

LINA J. STRATTON, N-726146, First Lieutenant, 2d Auxiliary Surgical Group, 15 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Memphis, Tenn.

ELLA J. HALL, N-728482, First Lieutenant, 11th Field Hospital, 15 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Morgantown, West Virginia.

ROBERT L. CHAPMAN, 39235633, Technician Fourth Grade, 11th Field Hospital, 18 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

WILLARD C. DENBOW, 35305376, Technician Fourth Grade, 11th Field Hospital, 18 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

PAUL A. SLAVIK, 32166908, Technician Fourth Grade, 11th Field Hospital, 18 August to 23 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Jersey City, N. J.

IV. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

JAMES J. LANGDON, 36461524, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, 8 to 11 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Muskegon, Michigan.

V. CORRECTED AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - AIR MEDAL. So much of Section IV, General Orders 477, this Headquarters, dated 19 December 1944, as awards a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fifth Air Medal to ERWIN F. WONDERLIN, 01683306, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

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"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a third Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fourth Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

ERWIN F. WONDERLIN, 01683306, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 9 September to 13 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois."

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #36, U. S. Army

27 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER =

NO. 101

- Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star medal.....II
- Corrected award of Bronze Star medal.....III

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat in France:

CHARLES C. HOWSER, 35109240, Master Sergeant, Headquarters Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 5 January 1945. Entered the Service from Frankfort, Kentucky.

ALEXANDER RUZINSKI, JR., 36173967, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Monroe, Michigan.

WALTER J. LASH, 15075522, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Marysville, Ohio.

BRUCE H. SMITH, 36173844, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 17 October 1944. Entered the Service from Greenville, Mich.

MICHAEL J. THOMAS, 35276875, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 17 October 1944. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHN A. PUSZKOWSKI, 33303310, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD D. NICHOLS, 20205530, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944. Entered the Service from Woburn, Mass.

HOWARD L. ANDERSON, 34595068, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944. Entered the Service from Canton, North Carolina.

HOMER C. BERLIN, 37178541, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944. Entered the Service from Gibbon, Minnesota.

VINGIL L. WAGNER, 35778651, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 December 1944. Entered the Service from Barboursville, West Virginia.

PAUL C. MONTGOMERY, 35277207, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

MARTIN D. SODIKMAN, 42117138, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

ROLAND W. HIGGS, JR., 15132733, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23 September 1944. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

CHARLES R. DUDEK, 36519268, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945. Entered the Service from Camp Custer, Michigan.

W. ROBERT GABLE, 20816475, Private First Class, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 3 January 1945. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

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CLARENCE C. KIRBY, 34492300, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 26 November 1944. Entered the Service from Knoxville, Tennessee.

WOODROW WILLIAMS, 34671379, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 11 to 13 January 1945. Entered the Service from Kenansville, North Carolina.

GREGORY J. BELLANTONE, 42137506, Private, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 11 to 13 January 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD W. LUDWIG, 33301159, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 17 October 1944. Entered the Service from Donora, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

GEORGE F. SCHLAEGER, 38027485, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 9 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Thorndale, Texas.

DANIEL R. PATCH, 36173913, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Coldwater, Michigan.

HOYT L. WILLIAMS, 36173744, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 17 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Royal Oak, Michigan.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

J. P. JOHNSTON, 20817963, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 17 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

HENRY J. PAYUR, JR., 37492526, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Independence, Missouri.

III. CORRECTED AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of Section III, General Orders 91, this Headquarters, dated 18 March 1945, as awards a Bronze Star medal to BLUNT D. HODGE, 32637343, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

"BLUNT D. HODGE, 32637343, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 8 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York."

By command of Major General D. HLQUIST:

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HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #36, U. S. Army

26 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 100

ORIGINAL ORDER 227

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Posthumous Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....II
- Award of Silver Star - missing in action.....III
- Award of Silver StarIV
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....V

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

THOMAS L. SUEDHOFF, 13129379, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 May 1944 in Italy. Sergeant Suedhoff, a mortar squad leader, volunteered to lead a patrol to reconnoiter enemy positions. Taking his mortar and a rifle squad he led the patrol through wooded terrain towards an enemy strong point. Coming under intense small arms fire, the patrol was halted, and Sergeant Suedhoff immediately put his mortar in action. At the same time he directed by radio the fire of two mortars located at the company's position. His great courage and skill in directing this fire resulted in the death of nine Germans and the destruction of a large enemy ammunition dump. Sergeant Suedhoff died of wounds received in a later engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Carl J. Suedhoff (Father), 921-925 Citizen Trust Building, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

AMEND. BY GO# 232-28 June 1945

* DANIEL P. FRATELLO, 42023964, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. Private Fratello, an aid man, hearing the cries of four wounded comrades who were trapped on the top floor of a building that was being shelled, unhesitatingly left his place of safety in the cellar and dashed to the top floor to aid the injured soldiers. In spite of the shellfire, he calmly treated two of the casualties. While working with the third, Private Fratello was instantly killed when a shell penetrated the building. His splendid courage and outstanding devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to all the members of his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Pauline Fratello (Wife), Route #5, Fulton, Oswego, New York.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

WENLTH B. LANCE, 6296679, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry

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Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 October 1944 in France. A litter squad was evacuating a patient along a trail when one of the men stepped on a mine, which exploded, killing him and seriously wounding the other squad members. Private Lance, an aid man with another company, heard the cries of the injured soldiers and immediately went to their aid. Courageously advancing into the minefield, he began administering emergency treatment to the injured. Another soldier, entering the minefield, exploded a second mine which killed one man and severely injured another. In spite of the danger, Private Lance remained in the mined area and moved from man to man, treating the casualties. He then made his way to the rear and led a squad of engineers and additional litter teams to the minefield. His quick-thinking, calmness and courage were responsible for saving the lives of several wounded soldiers. Private Lance was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby McCulluch (mother), Route #2, Roby, Texas.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals, missing in action, for gallantry:

PAUL H. SLOAN, JR., 33683636, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 October 1944 in France. When two soldiers in Company A were seriously wounded, Private First Class Sloan, a company aid man, immediately went forward. Crawling under heavy machine gun fire, he worked his way to one of the wounded men and administered first aid. While moving toward the second casualty, he was severely wounded in the shoulder by a sniper's bullet. Ignoring the intense pain of his own injury, he pressed forward and rendered aid to his second patient. He then crawled back across the fire-swept terrain and directed litter bearers in evacuating the two wounded soldiers. He continued performing his hazardous duties until he was ordered to the rear for treatment. Private First Class Sloan was reported missing in action from a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Paul H. Sloan (Father), 75 North 3d Avenue, Clarion, Pennsylvania.

MAURICE E. RIEL, 31465405, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Birgitta L. Riel (Wife), 28 River Street, Pittsfield, New Hampshire.

JAY C. HAMMONS, 38599719, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Hammons (mother), Greenfield, California.

For gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 in France. These men and their companions, supported by a tank, were assigned the mission of destroying an enemy strong point which had delayed friendly troops for two days. As they advanced across an open field in the face of artillery, small arms, and bazooka fire, the machine guns on the tank jammed and the group was left without fire support. Undaunted by this, they continued to advance. Displaying outstanding aggressiveness and valor, this small combat group assaulted the enemy position, killing and wounding many of the hostile soldiers and capturing 27 prisoners. As a result of this daring action, these men completely destroyed the enemy strong point and relieved the pressure on other friendly troops in the area. The above named men were reported missing in action from a later engagement.

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IV. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ROBERT H. LERCHER, 35774738, Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Springfield, Illinois.

CHESTER L. GRHAM, 38626472, Sergeant (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Gatesville, Texas.

MANUEL MARSHALL, 31454749, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fall River, Massachusetts.

CARL E. JACKSON, 36852607, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Flint, Michigan.

ARTHUR L. JENSEN, 36686912, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.

THOMAS RIVERA, 37731238, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kansas City, Missouri.

For gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 in France. These men, supported by a tank, were assigned the mission of destroying an enemy strong point which had delayed friendly troops for two days. As they advanced across an open field in the face of artillery, small arms, and bazooka fire, the machine guns on the tank jammed and the group was left without fire support. Undaunted by this, they continued to advance. Displaying outstanding aggressiveness and valor, this small combat group assaulted the enemy position, killing and wounding many of the hostile soldiers and capturing 27 prisoners. As a result of this daring action, the above men completely destroyed the enemy strong point and relieved the pressure on other friendly troops in the area.

V. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JAMES E. OWENS, 33651796, Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company F was assigned the mission of clearing a wooded area. Sergeant Owens was leading the assault squad down a road, both sides of which were flooded, when self-propelled weapons suddenly opened fire on the rear of the platoon column. Almost instantly Sergeant Owens and his men were subjected to heavy crossfire from machine guns emplaced on both sides of the road to the squad's front. Swiftly reorganizing his squad, he ordered it to withdraw to new defensive positions. He then moved to the middle of the road and deliberately attracted the hostile fire to himself. Remaining in his exposed position, he delivered accurate rifle fire. After neutralizing the machine gun on the left side of the road, he directed fire at the gun on the right. When enemy shelling at the rear of the column ceased, he valiantly covered his men as they moved to new positions, seeking cover for himself only after the last man had withdrawn. Entered the Service from Duty, Virginia.

LAWRENCE A. BUTLER, 39583979, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. During an attack against a well-fortified town, a four-man enemy bazooka team delayed the advance of a platoon of Company C. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Butler, an automatic rifleman, exposed himself to the hostile fire in an attempt to eliminate the bazooka team. As he entered a barn and prepared to open fire on

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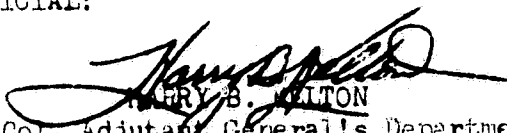
the hostile group, an enemy self-propelled gun crew fired four shells into the barn and forced him to withdraw. Entering the barn a second time, he obtained a clear field of fire and, skillfully operating his automatic rifle, killed two of the enemy soldiers, wounded one and forced the other to flee. His bold and aggressive action eliminated a serious threat to the safety of his companions and enabled his platoon to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Scotsdale, Arizona.

CLIFFORD MARCUM, 35770773, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. While crossing open, snow-covered terrain, a combat patrol was stopped by heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the front and both flanks, and the order to withdraw was given. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Marcum opened fire with his automatic rifle and remained in position, without cover or concealment, for two hours to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the patrol. Only when all elements of the patrol had left the hazardous area and the casualties had been evacuated did Private First Class Marcum withdraw. While returning to his unit, he spotted a seriously wounded comrade and carried him under machine gun and sniper fire to the safety of the friendly lines. His valor and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Williamson, West Virginia.

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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER -

NO. 99

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
- Corrected Commendation For Exceptionally Meritorious Conduct.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

KENNETH B. LANCE, 6296679, Private, Medical Detachment, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 August 1944 in France. During an attack against stubbornly defended enemy positions on a hill, one company of the 3d Battalion was surrounded by hostile troops and suffered heavy casualties. Private Lance, a company aid man, worked in and around the command post under heavy enemy fire, skillfully dressing wounds and administering emergency treatment to the wounded. While he was treating a patient in the hayloft of the command post building, a mortar shell crashed through the roof, painfully wounding him. Before he was wounded, 44 casualties had been treated and evacuated without a single loss of life. Private Lance died of wounds received during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Ruby McCulluch (mother), Route #2, Ruby, Texas.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

Serial No. Amend. by SO 122-7 Apr. 1945
* HUGH W. ROBERTS, JR., 0388746, Major, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When his task force encountered enemy troops advancing in an attack, Major Roberts swiftly established a defense. From an exposed position he spotted two German self-propelled guns only 50 yards away. He skillfully reorganized his task force and led a bold counterattack, destroying one of the guns and forcing the other to withdraw. He then directed an encircling maneuver and, exposing himself to hostile fire, led his men in clearing the stubbornly resisting enemy from all the houses in the area. As a result of his daring and aggressive leadership, 45 hostile soldiers were killed and 150 were captured. Entered the Service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Serial No. amend. by SO 122-7 Apr. 1945
* JOSEPH BELLONTE, 0128387, Captain, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 November 1944 in France. During a night attack, Company G encountered an enemy road block protected by riflemen and was temporarily held up. Captain Bellonte ordered a tank dozer to remove the debris while he led his rifle elements in clearing the wooded area on both sides of the road. Upon observing an enemy armored vehicle, he made his way to his supporting tanks and ordered the

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tank commander to open fire on the vehicle. Then, moving back across the dangerous area, he directed his riflemen in engaging an enemy bazooka team. As a result of his bold and aggressive personal leadership, the enemy vehicle was destroyed, the bazooka team was forced to flee in disorder, and his company was able to continue forward to its objective. Entered the Service from Niagara Falls, New York.

ROBERT F. BAXTER, 11114378, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in France. When his platoon leader was wounded during an attack against a strongly fortified enemy town, Sergeant Baxter immediately assumed command and swiftly reorganized the men who had been scattered by heavy artillery and machine gun fire. For four hours he personally led his platoon in the bitter house-to-house fighting which culminated in the rout of the enemy and the seizure of the town. In order to direct the attacks of his various squads and the movement of the supporting tanks, he courageously exposed himself to the intense enemy fire. His personal valor and his aggressive leadership contributed materially to the capture of the important town. Entered the Service from Boston, Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN J. APLIN, 20805420, Staff Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 7 to 10 December 1943 in Italy. Sergeant Aplin was assigned the mission of leading a three-man patrol in infiltrating the hostile defenses to determine enemy strength and disposition and to contact British troops on the left. Under cover of darkness, he skillfully guided his men through the hostile positions and set up an observation post. He then led his men into a nearby enemy town and secured valuable information concerning the effectiveness of friendly artillery fire. While one of his men returned to the company with the information, he remained on duty at the observation post. On 9 December he contacted the British unit and, with his knowledge of the location and strength of the enemy, assisted a combat patrol in clearing and securing the town. Entered the Service from Canyon, Texas.

JOHN L. BUWA, 32989650, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 November 1944 in France. When Company G's advance was delayed by an enemy strong point, Private First Class Buwa, a member of the machine gun section, was assigned the mission of leading a group of riflemen to smash the hostile resistance. He was leading his men across rugged, densely wooded terrain when the enemy opened fire with small arms. Because heavy brush obscured his field of fire, Private First Class Buwa stood up in the face of the hostile fire and swept the enemy positions with fire from his light machine gun. At the same time, he shouted words of encouragement to his men as they assaulted the strong point. His bold and aggressive action resulted in the capture of five enemy soldiers and the rout of the hostile force. Entered the Service from South Bend, Indiana.

THOMAS CARLOSINO, 32989655, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. In order to reach its objective, the 1st platoon had to cross an open field which had barbed wire strung across it. Although enemy observation was excellent and the field was covered by hostile artillery and machine gun fire, Private First Class Carlosino volunteered to go out alone and cut the wire. He crawled forward under heavy machine gun fire over approximately 45 yards of flat, exposed terrain

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and, in spite of the hazards involved, succeeded in cutting the barbed wire. By his calmness and courage, he enabled his platoon to continue its advance and reach its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JOSEPH KOZAK, 33685874, Private First Class, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Kozak, an assistant gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, was guarding his gun position when the enemy launched a determined counterattack. The position became the target for self-propelled gun fire, and both Private First Class Kozak and the gunner were wounded by a shell explosion. In spite of the pain of his wound, he helped his companion continue firing the gun. When the weapon could no longer be fired effectively, he moved to a new position and opened fire with his side-arm. By his aggressiveness and determination, he inflicted many casualties on the enemy and helped delay the attack. Entered the Service from Leetsdale, Pennsylvania.

ELLIS D. TUCKER, 38356049, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 December 1944 in France. When his unit was counterattacking to retake an important hill, Private First Class Tucker located an enemy machine gun which was holding up the advance. Acting on his own initiative, he opened fire with his rifle. Firing as he advanced, he moved across exposed terrain straight towards the hostile gun. When he was within close range of the weapon, he killed the gunner with a well-aimed shot. The remainder of the gun crew, startled by his aggressive action, fled in disorder. By his quick-thinking and daring, Private First Class Tucker killed one enemy soldier, eliminated a dangerous position and enabled his unit to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Fayetteville, Arkansas.

REX HARRISON, JR., 38185102, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. During an enemy artillery barrage, Private First Class Harrison, an aid man, was informed that a wounded soldier was lying in open terrain several hundred yards beyond the friendly defenses. Alternately running and crawling he reached the designated area but did not find the casualty until he had searched for almost an hour under mortar and sniper fire. While he was carrying his patient, with the aid of an infantryman, a sniper's bullet pierced his collar, but he continued to the safety of the friendly lines. His intrepid deed was responsible for saving the life of a wounded comrade and was a source of great inspiration to those about him. Entered the Service from Shreveport, Louisiana.

ALEXANDER G. PENDLETON, 31381094, Private, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in France. When battle conditions made it necessary for his squad to withdraw, Private Pendleton and his squad leader opened fire on enemy machine gun positions to enable their comrades to withdraw across the exposed area. When the squad leader was wounded, Private Pendleton remained in position and, although he received a painful leg wound, continued firing until all the men had withdrawn. Then, carrying his injured comrade with him, he braved the heavy enemy machine gun fire to reach his platoon's position. His display of courage and intrepidity was a fine example to all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from Greenwich, Connecticut.

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ORLAND D. HUBBLE, 38025855, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 in France. While crossing a stretch of open terrain, two members of the assault platoon were wounded by hostile fire. Private Hubble, an aid man, voluntarily ran through heavy rifle and machine gun fire to administer first aid to the casualties. While treating the injured riflemen, he was wounded by small arms fire. In spite of the pain of his wound, he remained in the exposed position, comforting the injured soldiers. When the intensity of the enemy fire decreased, Private Hubble encouraged one of the men to leave the area and personally carried the more seriously wounded soldier across the dangerous terrain to a place of safety. His courageous action, performed at the risk of his own life, assured the injured soldiers of medical attention and prompt evacuation. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

III. CORRECTED COMMENDATION FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT. So much of General Orders 97, this Headquarters, dated 16 April 1944, as commends GEORGE E. VOSBURGH, 32745572, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

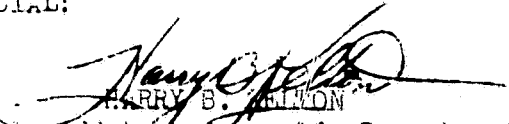
"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-55, the following named individual is commended for exceptionally meritorious conduct:

"GEORGE E. VOSBURGH, 32283708, Private, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for exceptionally meritorious conduct on 21 and 22 January 1944 in Italy. Private Vosburgh and his companions remained on duty for 24 hours under frequent enemy shells to control traffic from the express highway to the crossing sites of a strategic river. Their effective supervision and tactful but forceful action kept the large volume of vehicles moving freely and without congestion. Their courage, physical stamina and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon themselves and their organization. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York."

By command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 98

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Posthumous Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star - Missing in action.....III
- Award of Silver Star.....IV

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ISAAC M. CLARK, 36066125, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. When the enemy laid down a heavy artillery and mortar concentration on the 2d Platoon's road block position, the gunner on a 57mm gun was killed and several crew members were wounded, leaving two guns unmanned. Observing the action from another position, Corporal Clark dashed across 200 yards of open terrain under heavy small arms and mortar fire to reach one of the guns. Two German machine guns opened fire on his position. Loading and aiming the 57mm gun by himself, he fired a tree burst directly over one of the machine guns, killing the two gunners and neutralizing the weapon. Still subjected to fire from the remaining machine gun, Corporal Clark fired a second tree burst which killed the crew members and silenced the weapon. His outstanding courage, coolness under fire, and aggressive vigor were an inspiration to all members of his company. He was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Grace Clark (Mother), 1101 Heloert Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

CHARLES R. GANT, 34890507, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 and 15 September 1944 in France. Assigned the mission of supporting rifle elements in attacking a town, Private First Class Gant, gunner in a machine gun squad, entered a building and set up his weapon in a window which faced the main street. Spotting two enemy soldiers approaching his position, he wounded one with an accurate burst and, after a brief exchange of fire, forced the other to flee. Almost immediately, he saw an enemy officer and two enlisted men moving cautiously down the street. Suddenly opening fire, he killed the officer and drove back the two startled soldiers. Although he was subjected to heavy machine gun and antitank fire, he valiantly remained in position and continued firing on the hostile troops. Private First Class Gant, was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Bernice L. Gant (Mother), Route #1, Burnett Cove, North Carolina.

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BEN L. BRAY, 38581429, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. When enemy infantry elements, supported by tanks, launched an attack from the rear, Private First Class Bray, an automatic rifleman, opened fire on the hostile troops from the window of a house. Although he became the target for heavy small arms fire, he maintained his post by the window and continued firing into the attackers. One of the hostile tanks fired at the house and scored a direct hit with the second round, severely wounding Private First Class Bray. When the order to withdraw was given, he refused to be evacuated, insisting that his comrades leave him to save themselves. His heroic sacrifice, which cost him his life, was a source of great inspiration to all the members of his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Mae Bray Smith (Mother), General Delivery, Portales, New Mexico.

GERALD A. BULLIS, 32035464, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 13 and 14 December 1944 in France. When his company was employed as an infantry unit, Private Bullis volunteered to occupy a forward outpost within a few yards of the hostile positions. Although the unit on his company's right flank was forced to withdraw in the face of a determined enemy attack, Private Bullis remained steadfastly in position and skillfully directed his company's fire into the flank of the attacking troops. His quick-thinking and aggressiveness contributed materially to the repulse of the assault. On the following morning, during a heavy artillery barrage, Private Bullis maintained his post until he was seriously wounded. Unwilling to imperil the litter bearers, he worked his way across the shelled area to a place of cover where they could reach him without danger to themselves. On the following day he died of his wounds. His valor and determination were a source of great inspiration to the members of his organization. Next of kin: Mr. Hulbert Bullis (Brother), Tuscarara Street, Lewiston, New York.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

ARTHUR TRUMAN, 35443467, Corporal, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 October 1944 in France. When it became necessary to reconnoiter and clear a minefield so that artillery units could occupy the area, Corporal Truman and a companion volunteered to make the hazardous reconnaissance. In spite of intermittent mortar shelling, they carefully observed and taped off the mined sections of the field. After the reconnaissance was successfully completed, they directed a mine clearing detail in removing the mines. Ignoring the mortar fire, they worked calmly and skillfully until one of the mines was detonated. Both Corporal Truman and his comrade were mortally wounded by the explosion. Their heroism and devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to the members of their organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Annie L. Truman (Mother), 119 Church Street, Beckley, West Virginia.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry:

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RAYMOND A. HOPKINS, 36241736, Corporal, Battery A, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 in France. Corporal Hopkins was driving the radio jeep for his battery's forward observer who was operating with the leading elements of an infantry battalion. When an enemy ambush party suddenly opened fire with machine guns and rifles, he and his officer left the vehicle and took cover in a nearby ditch. Heavy enemy fire forced infantry elements to withdraw, and the radio jeep was endangered. Realizing the necessity for getting the radio to a point where it could be used to adjust fire on the enemy, Corporal Hopkins unhesitatingly left his covered position and, running through small arms fire to his jeep, drove it a safe distance down the road. While he attracted the enemy fire, the officer, who had sprained an ankle, was able to escape down the ditch. As a result of Corporal Hopkins quick-thinking and courageous action, the forward observer was able to adjust effective artillery fire on the hostile strong point, enabling the infantry troops to resume their advance. Corporal Hopkins was reported missing in action from a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Hopkins (Mother), 926 Blaine Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

IV. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

CHARLES E. O'BRIEN, 02055984, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When enemy troops started to close in on the factory building occupied by his platoon, Lieutenant O'Brien spotted five hostile soldiers behind a shed preparing to rush the platoon's position. As the enemy soldiers started forward, Lieutenant O'Brien moved to an exposed position under small arms fire and threw a fragmentation grenade into their midst. This aggressive action killed one of the enemy, wounded another and forced the other three to surrender. By his splendid courage, Lieutenant O'Brien discouraged other enemy troops in the vicinity and broke up a hostile counterattack. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

WILFRED O. ALFORD, 38628472, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Alford was assigned the mission of leading a combat patrol, composed of a reinforced squad, to destroy two houses which were being used by the enemy for defensive positions and shelter. He skillfully guided his men across mined terrain to the objective. As the patrol approached the houses, the enemy opened fire with rifles, machine guns and antitank grenades. Undaunted by the strong resistance, Sergeant Alford led his men in assaulting the hostile positions. Hurling hand grenades as they charged, he and his men completely routed the hostile force. Sergeant Alford's aggressive leadership was responsible for capturing three enemy soldiers, killing one, wounding another, and securing the important objective. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

RUSSELL E. PIERCE, 35719228, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. During the 1st Platoon's attack against a tactically important hill, Sergeant Pierce, acting squad leader, led the 3d Squad in protecting his unit's right flank in the advance up the hill. Heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire temporarily delayed the attackers. Spotting several soldiers who had become separated from their own squad, Sergeant Pierce swiftly organized them into his squad and skillfully

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deployed his men in an assault formation. After an intense fire fight which lasted for 30 minutes, he led his men in charging the hostile positions. As a result of his aggressive leadership, his squad seized five enemy dugouts, killed five of the hostile soldiers and captured eight. Entered the Service from Terre Haute, Indiana.

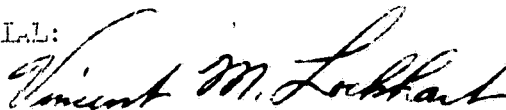
BARTON PRICE, 38036794, Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. As squad leader of a heavy machine gun squad, Sergeant Price was assigned the mission of protecting Company H's right flank in the defense of an important town. When the enemy counter-attacked, he personally operated the gun, delaying the attackers with his effective fire. A self-propelled gun scored a hit on his gun position, and he and his assistant gunner were both wounded. Despite intense pain, Sergeant Price continued firing and prevented the enemy from extending his area of infiltration. When the section on his right had been overrun and his machine gun could no longer be used effectively, he opened fire on the enemy with a rifle from a second-story window. By his aggressiveness and determination, he contributed materially to limiting the enemy's area of penetration. Entered the Service from Palestine, Texas.

DOMINICK PAZZAGLINI, 32945261, Private First Class, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. When the building which housed the mortar observation post was destroyed by fire from an enemy self-propelled gun, the sergeant observer started back to the aid station. Private First Class Pazzaglini, a radio operator, crawled out of the rubble with his radio intact and, seeing that the self-propelled gun was still firing on the friendly troops, began directing mortar fire on the enemy gun. Although no cover was available and he was completely exposed to the hostile fire, he adjusted the mortars with such accuracy that the enemy gun was forced to withdraw. By his courage and determination, he eliminated a serious threat to a rifle company and enabled the unit to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Lindisport, New York.

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ORIGINAL ORDER # 228C

NO. 97

Award of Purple Heart.....	I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....	II
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I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

MERLAN A. CETTO, 31005973, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945. Entered the Service from Worcester, Massachusetts.

CLARENCE W. WITT, 20814573, Corporal, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 2 February 1945. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

EUGENE J. RAMSDEN, 36714092, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery C, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 15 March 1945. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES H. HILYER, JR., 34195014, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 16 March 1945. Entered the Service from Atlanta, Georgia.

EVERETT C. CHENIAE, JR., 36713506, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 5 February 1945. Entered the Service from Centralia, Illinois.

WANCE L. CLUTTER, 35758177, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945. Entered the Service from Centralia, West Virginia.

HOWARD F. DAVIS, 37696808, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Ottumwa, Iowa.

MICHAEL P. DE CAPRIO, 32679807, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANK B. BALLARD, 33443987, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 4 February 1945. Entered the Service from Berda, Virginia.

PHILIP D. MAZZONE, 32725290, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 3 February 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

HYMAN C. ROSENBERG, 32331314, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 18 February 1945. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

HAROLD S. BARTON, 35093400, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from Wilkinson, Indiana.

JERRY L. DI LEFANIA, 32808990, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

WOODROW J. BODING, 37053456, Private, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, 18 February 1945. Entered the Service from Overland, Missouri.

ALONZO BOWLING, 35658554, Private, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion, 5 February 1945. Entered the Service from Lothau, Kentucky.

ALBERT D. GALLANT, JR., 31064953, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944. Entered the Service from Providence, Rhode Island.

THURMAN W. GARRIS, 6968859, Private, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, 1

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December 1944. Entered the Service from Kinston, North Carolina

GEORGE B. HARVEY, 31467406, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945. Entered the Service from East Hartford, Connecticut.

JOSEPH J. HUBAL, 32952252, Private, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 19 December 1944. Entered the Service from Trenton, New Jersey.

WILLIAM M. WANN, 34924978, Private, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 January 1945. Entered the Service from Johnson City, Tennessee.

ROBERT H. MICHL, 36780236, Private, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 5 December 1944. Entered the Service from Newton, Illinois.

WILLIE A. POOLE, 34990004, Private, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944. Entered the Service from Springfield, Tennessee.

ALFRED W. SCARTOZZI, 36576700, Private, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

SAMUEL C. KUHLMAN, 35172124, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Battery (then Battery A), 443d AAA Bn Battalion (SP), 21 February 1943, Tunisia. Entered the Service from Columbus, Indiana.

WALTER JANKIGA, 36890265, Private, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Dearborn, Michigan.

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III. RESCISSION. 1. So much of General Orders 61, this Headquarters, dated 10 March 1944, as awards a Purple Heart to Corporal CARL MC CLENDON, 38036207, is rescinded as a duplication.

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2. So much of Section I, General Orders 214, this Headquarters, dated 28 June 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to HARRY BUFLESON, 34593638, Private, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded as a duplication.

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3. So much of General Orders 318, this Headquarters, dated 1 September 1944, as awards a Purple Heart to MICHAEL P. DE STEFANO, 32920131, Private First Class, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded as a duplication.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 96

ORIGINAL ORDER

Award of Silver Star.....I
 Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....II
 Corrected Award of Silver Star.....III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action.

JOSLPH P. KIMBLE, 01313902, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 October 1944 in France. When Company C was forced to withdraw from an untenable area, Lieutenant Kimble noticed the absence of his company commander and, without hesitation, returned to the scene of the battalion to search for him. While advancing through a shelled area, he encountered an enemy forward observer party. He engaged the Germans in a fire fight, killing five of them and dispersing the rest. He continued forward and found the company commander severely wounded and exposed to enemy artillery fire. While he was administering first aid, a nearby shell burst threw him over a bank and caused severe internal injuries. Despite his pain and the danger of the hostile shelling, he completed the treatment of his injured comrade and carried him to a position in the rear. After reporting to his battalion commander, Lieutenant Kimble finally reached the limit of his endurance and collapsed. His valor and dauntlessness were a source of great inspiration to his men. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM M. HEARN, 01319207, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. Assigned the mission of leading his platoon to attack an enemy-held house, Lieutenant Hearn discovered that the approaches to the building were heavily mined. Exposing himself to hostile machine gun, machine pistol and bazooka fire, he made a personal reconnaissance of the dangerous area to select a safer route for his platoon. During the assault which followed, Lieutenant Hearn was wounded by a shell fragment. In spite of intense pain, he remained with his platoon and continued directing its fire. As a result of his intrepid and aggressive leadership, 30 enemy soldiers were captured, ten were killed, five machine guns, three machine pistols and two bazookas were destroyed and the hostile force was completely routed. Entered the Service from College Park, Georgia.

CHARLIE H. CARTER, 01180842, Second Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action from 9 to 11 December 1944 in France. By adjusting accurate artillery fire on the hostile troops, Lieutenant Carter, a forward observer with a rifle company, was largely responsible for the repulse of five strong enemy attacks. In spite of small arms fire and hostile shelling, he maintained his post and, when the attackers advanced to within hand grenade

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range of the company's defenses, brought artillery fire to within 25 yards of the friendly troops. In addition to a superior performance of his regular duties, he acted as a rifleman, helped treat and evacuate the wounded, and, when the company's wire lines were disrupted, maintained communications over his radio. His valiant and aggressive actions enabled the company to hold its position in the face of the enemy onslaughts. Entered the Service from Sylacauga, Alabama.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ROBERT F. SPENCER, 01298148, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in France. As the battalion was attacking, the enemy launched a strong counterattack, infiltrating Company H's positions and disorganizing the 1st and 2d Platoons. The platoons, scattered by the enemy, suffered heavy casualties and lost four machine guns. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Spencer, the company executive officer, started reorganizing the platoons. Covering a distance of approximately 3000 yards, he entered areas overrun by hostile troops and braved artillery, mortar, machine gun and sniper fire in his heroic efforts to reorganize his company. He rallied groups of men, secured new machine guns, and directed the squads to advantageous firing positions. As a result of his daring initiative and brilliant leadership, the machine gun platoons of Company H were able to furnish effective support to the battalion's attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and enabling friendly troops to attain their objective. Entered the Service from Charlestown, Indiana.

RUSSELL R. HOLSTER, 01998716, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 in France. The 2d Battalion seized a strategically important town, but, before adequate defense positions could be established, a large hostile force launched a determined counterattack. The riflemen were forced to withdraw in the face of a numerically superior enemy, and intense small arms fire threatened to disorganize the friendly troops. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Lieutenant Holster, the leader of a mortar platoon, unhesitatingly assumed command and swiftly organized a group of approximately 50 riflemen. Skillfully deploying his men in strategic positions in a school yard and surrounding houses, he directed both rifle and machine gun fire into the midst of the attackers with devastating accuracy. Undaunted by the hostile fire, he encouraged the men to hold their ground. As a result of his initiative and aggressiveness, the assault was repelled in his sector of the town. Entered the Service from Midland, Texas.

WENDELL E. TANKERSLEY, 20803599, First Sergeant, Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Tankersley was in position with his command post group behind the company lines when a large force of enemy riflemen, supported by two machine guns, infiltrated the unit's right flank and launched a determined attack against the command post. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, he left the cover of his fighting hole in order to organize a defense. Moving through machine gun and rifle fire, he went from one position to another, encouraging his men to hold their ground in the face of the enemy onslaught. When the supply of ammunition was exhausted,

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Sergeant Tankersley collected additional ammunition from the dead and seriously wounded and redistributed it among his men. During almost the entire 30 minutes of the attack, he was exposed to fire from the hostile troops. As a result of his aggressive leadership, his small group killed 15 of the enemy soldiers, wounded many more, and repelled a numerically superior hostile force. His intrepidity and resourcefulness were a source of great inspiration to his men. Entered the Service from Waelder, Texas.

ROY L. THUT, 33435228, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 in France. When his platoon's advance was stopped by sniper and bazooka fire from an enemy strong point, Sergeant Thut opened fire with his light machine gun to cover two of his men in flanking the position. Although he was completely exposed and subjected to heavy enemy fire, he determinedly remained in position and continued firing into the midst of the hostile force. Sergeant Thut's valiant and aggressive action, at the risk of his life, enabled his men to outflank the strong point and led to the capture of 47 SS troops and Gestapo officers and men. Entered the Service from Farrell, Pennsylvania.

THOMAS BATALEAS, 32611106, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. After scattering enemy infantry elements which had surrounded his machine gun positions, Sergeant Bataleas, leader of a light machine gun section, covered his men in moving to alternate positions. He then discovered that an enemy group had set up a machine gun to his rear, thereby endangering a nearby rifle platoon. He picked up his machine gun, slung a belt of ammunition over his shoulder and single handedly assaulted the enemy machine gun position. In spite of heavy hostile fire, he killed the three soldiers manning the gun and neutralized the weapon. He then rejoined his men and skillfully directed their fire, contributing materially to the rout of the hostile force. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

EMEL BELL, 34926968, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. While clearing a group of houses in the Northwest section of a strongly fortified town, Private First Class Bell found a grenade launcher and some grenades left behind by the enemy. Exposing himself at a window of the house just captured, he fired grenades into the next building, forcing the hostile soldiers to withdraw. After the last house in the area had been taken, he spotted a hostile force advancing toward his platoon. With the help of another automatic rifleman, he fired into the midst of the enemy, killing many and delaying their advance. When an enemy soldier fired a rifle grenade at him, Private First Class Bell swiftly opened fire and shot the hostile grenadier. After nightfall, when the attackers forced the platoon to withdraw to new positions, he and his companion braved heavy small arms fire to remain behind and cover their unit's withdrawal, enabling their comrades to establish a new defense. Entered the Service from Blue Springs, Miss.

RICHARD L. CALLIHAN, 35779670, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. During Company C's attack against a strongly fortified town, Private First Class Callihan was assigned the mission of leading his squad to clear the first house. When he and his men were subjected to enemy rifle fire, he fired into the fighting holes in

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front of the house and killed two of the hostile soldiers. He hurled a hand grenade into the doorway; and, as he attempted to enter the building, an enemy machine gun opened fire, wounding one of the squad members. After withdrawing with his squad to evacuate the casualty, Private First Class Callihan moved forward again to assault the machine gun position. Although he was painfully wounded by enemy bazooka fire, his valiant actions enabled another squad to seize the house. Entered the Service from Greenup, Kentucky.

III. CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR. So much of Section III, General Orders 40, this Headquarters, dated 20 February 1945, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to VALERIAN L. PRZYGOCKI, 36595033, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

"VALERIAN L. PRZYGOCKI, 36595033, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 in France. As a member of the litter squad which volunteered to evacuate a wounded man from an exposed position, Tec 5 Przygocki left his companions in a place of comparative safety and started toward the casualty. Although fired on by an enemy machine gun, he continued across 30 yards of open terrain, picked up the injured soldier and, without assistance, carried him back through the hostile fire to the nearest place of cover. He was joined by the other members of his litter squad and, with their help, evacuated the seriously wounded man. His personal bravery in performing this heroic deed inspired both the respect and confidence of the riflemen. Entered the Service from Bay City, Michigan."

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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER # 246

NO. 95

Award of Bronze Star medal.....I
Corrected award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star medal.....II

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

ROBERT G. MATTOX, 0313543, Captain (then First Lieutenant), 142d Infantry Regiment, 5 to 8 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hollywood, California.

DAVID AZRIEL, 01299318, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

RICHARD R. WHITESIDE, 0400389, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, 31 May and 11 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Belmont, Massachusetts.

ROBERT S. KAYLOR, 33231040, First Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 12 and 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

MARIO M. CARFI, 32817744, Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 10 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

CARL E. DELAVAN, 20815903, Corporal, Headquarters Battery, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 24 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

KELPH D. SIDES, 20814041, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 8 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Memphis, Tennessee.

JAMES C. PLUMMER, 20804422, Private First Class, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, 26 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from May, Texas.

LAWRENCE M. TURNER, 16062639, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 22 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Howell, Mich.

LEO D. KOUGH, 33767457, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Saltillo, Pa.

HERBERT C. ANDREWS, 6891034, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

CONRAD BYLINS, 37707583, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Denver, Colorado.

FRANK S. SZCZESNY, 36321336, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 18 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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CHARLIE A. UPTON, 39858834, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 18 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cottonwood, Arizona.

CLIFFORD A. PALM, 37281283, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 18 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Wannaska, Minnesota.

JOHN E. BALOG, 33247719, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 18 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in combat operations:

WALTER L. HUNN, 0482727, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 16 February 1944 to 7 February 1945, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Chillicothe, Ohio.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

HAROLD C. TIDD, 35277123, Staff Sergeant, Military Police Platoon, 36th Infantry Division, 15 August to 21 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Mount Vernon, Ohio.

JOSEPH S. CARTER, 33231306, Private First Class, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 November to 16 December 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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II. CORRECTED AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. So much of General Orders 3, this Headquarters, dated 2 January 1945, as awards an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal to CHARLES E. JONES, 33275691, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

"CHARLES E. JONES, 33275691, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 23 May to 27 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Denbo, Pennsylvania."

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Award of Silver Star.....I
Corrected Award of Silver Star - Missing in Action.....II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JAMES P. SWEENEY, 0516259, Captain, Chaplains Corps, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1945 in France. When the enemy laid a heavy artillery concentration on the 1st Battalion's forward command post, a direct hit demolished the battalion switchboard dugout. Although the effectiveness of the shellfire was increased by tree bursts, Chaplain Sweeney ran across the dangerous area to rescue the soldiers within the dugout. He began removing debris from the position and, in spite of the danger from the heavy shelling, worked tirelessly to free the wounded men. Two of the soldiers had been fatally wounded but Chaplain Sweeney succeeded in rescuing the third casualty and supervised his evacuation to the aid station. His courageous and gallant action materially aided in saving an injured man's life. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

ORVILLE S. BRAUN, 01293001, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When the battalion command post was attacked by enemy tank and infantry elements, Lieutenant Braun, executive officer of Company L, led the support platoon into position on the enemy's flank. Exposing himself to hostile tank fire, he worked his way across the dangerous area to the battalion command post, bringing a wounded member of a friendly tank crew with him. Grasping the situation, he quickly returned to his men and led them in a counterattack against the numerically superior enemy. Under Lieutenant Braun's bold and aggressive leadership, his platoon killed approximately 12 hostile soldiers, captured 15 and destroyed an enemy tank, successfully driving back the attackers. Entered the Service from Evansville, Indiana.

WILLIAM BANDORICK, 6810570, First Sergeant, Company .., 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 October 1944 in France. While crossing a dangerous area to re-join their unit, Sergeant Bandorick and his company runner were subjected to small arms fire from an undetermined number of enemy troops. As the runner attempted to withdraw, he was wounded in the left leg by automatic rifle fire. Sergeant Bandorick crawled to his injured comrade and started dragging him to a covered position. When the enemy again opened fire, he killed one of the hostile soldiers with a well-aimed shot. Finally reaching the cover of a ditch, he administered emergency treatment and then, securing litter bearers

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supervised the immediate evacuation of the wounded soldier. His courageous action, at the risk of his own life, assured his comrade of prompt medical attention. Entered the Service from Scranton, Pennsylvania.

JAMES L. TYLER, 37605336, Technical Sergeant, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 and 22 January 1945 in France. When enemy troops infiltrated a wooded area in an attempt to penetrate the 2d Battalion's defenses, Sergeant Tyler, a platoon sergeant in Company E, led 13 men to clear the sector. Upon contacting the hostile force, he directed his men to firing positions and moved forward under small arms fire to the ditch which sheltered the enemy. He opened fire with his sub-machine gun and, although a soldier near him was killed by the hostile fire, he remained determinedly in position until he could move his men forward under cover of a mortar barrage. Superior enemy fire power forced the group to withdraw. In the absence of his platoon leader, Sergeant Tyler assumed command, and organized the platoon in a hasty defense and, during the ensuing enemy attack, skillfully maneuvered his men in driving back the hostile troops. Largely as a result of his bold and aggressive leadership, 45 of the enemy were killed or wounded and 163 were captured. Entered the Service from Hornersville, Missouri.

DOUGLAS K. HILL, 38050548, Technical Sergeant, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 June 1944 in Italy. As acting leader of the 2d Platoon, Sergeant Hill was supporting a rifle platoon when an enemy counterattack forced the rifle elements to withdraw. The rifle platoon leader became a casualty, and confusion threatened the group. Exposing himself to small arms and mortar fire, Sergeant Hill rallied the disorganized riflemen and, after restoring order, directed both platoons in a successful withdrawal to more advantageous positions. From this new defense, Sergeant Hill killed and wounded many of the hostile soldiers with fire from his sub-machine gun. Under his bold and aggressive leadership, the platoons repelled the counterattack and retook their original positions. Entered the Service from Forth Worth, Texas.

ROBERT M. DRUMMOND, 38039826, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, for gallantry in action on 4 February 1945 in France. During a heavy concentration of enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, Tec 3 Drummond unhesitatingly left his covered position to aid a wounded comrade. Exposing himself to machine gun and rifle fire and hostile shelling, he ran across 50 yards of open terrain under direct enemy observation to reach the injured soldier. After administering first aid, he improvised a litter while still under fire, and without assistance he slowly dragged the wounded man back to a position of cover. By his magnificent courage under the most dangerous conditions, he saved the life of an injured soldier. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

JOHN V. EGENBERGER, 37439399, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. Tec 4 Egenberger was painfully wounded when his tank was knocked out by self-propelled gun fire. The tank burst into flames and the crew was ordered to dismount and seek cover. While running from the tank, Tec 4 Egenberger looked back and saw his tank commander sprawled over the burning turret. He immediately ran back across the exposed area, freed the injured soldier from the tank and carried him through the artillery and mortar barrage to safety. He again braved the shellfire to

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secure an aid man and refused treatment for his own wounds until he had assisted in administering first aid to the tank commander. His courageous action, at the risk of his own life, was responsible for saving the life of a wounded comrade. Entered the Service from Des Moines, Iowa.

EDWIN A. RACKOW, 38036505, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. When the enemy laid down a heavy artillery and mortar concentration on the 2d Platoon's road block position, the gunner on a 57mm gun was killed and several crew members were wounded, leaving two guns unmanned. Observing the action from another position, Corporal Rackow dashed across 200 yards of open terrain under heavy small arms and mortar fire to reach one of the guns. While subjected to fire from two hostile machine guns, he spotted a column of approximately 25 enemy soldiers advancing to strengthen the attacking force. Loading and firing the gun by himself, he killed several of the enemy, wounded eight and completely disorganized the others. By his skill and aggressiveness, he contributed materially to the repulse of an enemy attack. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

ROBERT S. McCAMMON, 39286623, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. While Company A was occupying a defensive position on the outskirts of an important town, Private First Class McCammon, first gunner in a light machine gun squad, was assigned the mission of manning an outpost on a road leading into the town. The outpost, consisting of the single machine gun and crew and four supporting riflemen, was attacked by a numerically superior force of hostile troops. Although exposed to mortar and small arms fire, Private First Class McCammon swiftly put his machine gun into action against the enemy, sweeping the attackers with accurate bursts of fire. The hostile force concentrated heavy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire against his position, but he bravely maintained his post and continued manning his gun. During the intense fire fight, he killed or wounded approximately 25 of the enemy soldiers. His aggressiveness and determination were largely responsible for the repulse of the hostile assault. Entered the Service from Temple, Oklahoma.

CHAMBERS F. BRYSON, JR., 39286609, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. A combat patrol from Company G was assigned the mission of clearing a wooded area of enemy resistance. Private First Class Bryson, a company aid man, accompanied the patrol. Advancing across an open stretch of terrain, the friendly troops were suddenly subjected to rapid bursts of machine gun fire from a group of buildings, and two of the patrol members were seriously wounded. Confronted with superior fire power, the patrol was forced to withdraw to more secure positions, leaving the two casualties in the hazardous area. Acting on his own initiative, Private First Class Bryson valiantly faced the heavy hostile fire to aid the two men. With great difficulty he carried one of the injured soldiers across the fire-swept terrain to a place of safety. Then, working his way to the other casualty, who had been mortally wounded by the hostile fire, he remained with him until he died. Private First Class Bryson then returned to the first wounded man and, still braving the bursts of machine gun fire, assisted in evacuating him from the area. Entered the Service from Pasadena, California.

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JESSE M. PHIPPS, 37129953, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 in France. When hostile troops attacked the strong point occupied by a heavy machine gun squad, the acting squad leader hesitated to open fire. Although his duties were those of ammunition carrier, Private First Class Phipps, realizing the seriousness of the situation, manned the gun and fired into the midst of the attackers. To obtain a better field of fire, he moved the gun forward to a more exposed position which was in full view of the enemy. In spite of hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire, he remained determinedly with his gun, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. By his daring, aggressive action, he was largely responsible for the repulse of the attack. Entered the Service from Greenville, Missouri.

II. CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. So much of Section II, General Orders 412, this Headquarters, dated 23 October 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to PAUL J. THRIFFILEY, JR, 0446406, Second Lieutenant, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry:

PAUL J. THRIFFILEY, JR., 0446406, Second Lieutenant, 93d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 4 June 1944 in Italy. Lieutenant Thriffiley, forward observer for Battery B, was advancing with the task force which his unit was supporting when his half track was subjected to heavy small arms and automatic fire and the lead vehicle of the task force was attacked by two enemy tanks. He immediately stopped his half-track and directed his men to take cover in a ditch beside the road. Fully aware of the danger involved, Lieutenant Thriffiley stood erect to observe the tanks, running back and forth between his radio in the vehicle and the position from which he could observe in order to adjust artillery fire on the tanks. Again exposing himself to the hostile small arms and tank fire, he returned to the radio to give the order to cease firing when short rounds endangered friendly personnel in the area. By his cool daring and steadfast devotion to duty, he forced the enemy tanks to withdraw and enabled the task force to continue its advance. Next of kin: Mr. Paul J. Thriffiley, Sr., 31 Alard Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana.

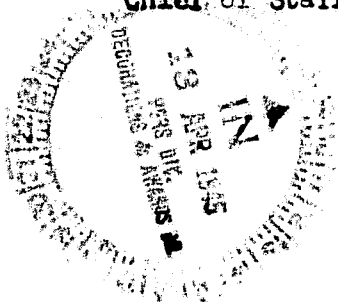
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NO. 93

Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
Award of Silver Star.....II

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual of the French Army for gallantry in action:

Aspirant CAMILLE GIRARD, du 1^{er} Chasseurs d'Afrique, French Army, for gallantry in action from 17 to 19 December 1944 in France. A unit of the 5th DB, designated Combat Command 5 les Chasseurs D'AFRIQUE, spearheaded the allied attack on an important enemy stronghold. Aspirant Girard and his comrades were responsible for the planning and execution of the critical operation: Braving artillery and antitank gun fire, they directed armored elements across rugged terrain to the town, overrunning the hostile positions and killing, wounding or capturing the entire enemy garrison. Almost immediately they directed their tanks toward another enemy-held town and, by firing into the rear of the hostile defenders, contributed materially to the capture of more than 400 prisoners. Despite heavy casualties, Aspirant Girard and his comrades led their men in the face of stubborn resistance to overwhelm the enemy in a third town.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the French Army for gallantry in action:

- Capitaine HENRI CHARLES GASPARD d'AVOUT d'UERSTLEDT, du 1^{er} Chasseurs d'Afrique.
- Capitaine MARIE GUY BERTELLIN, du 1/R.M.L.E.
- Capitaine JULIEN KARZLOFF, du 1^{er} R.C.A.
- Capitaine JESUS LOUIS MARIE JOSEPH DE MASSON, de l'E.M. du C.C.5.
- Capitaine JEAN XAVIER MAURICE DU MOUSTIER de CANCHY, du 1^{er} Chasseurs d'Afrique.
- Capitaine CHARLES ALEX ANDRE GRAND d'ESNON, du 1/R.M.L.E.
- Capitaine JEAN DUTILH, du 1^{er} Chasseurs d'Afrique.
- Capitaine MARIE de ROUX, du 1^{er} Chasseurs d'Afrique.
- Capitaine GILES BIZE, du 96th Genie.
- Capitaine FERNAND CASSAN, du 1/96th Genie.
- Capitaine GREGORY, du 1/96th Genie.
- Capitaine GUY, du 1/R.M.L.E.
- Capitaine B. IGNIERE, du 1^{er} Chasseurs d'Afrique.
- Capitaine CIRILLI, du 1/R.M.L.E.
- Capitaine SAU, du 1/R.M.L.E.
- Capitaine MONT, du 1/R.M.L.E.
- Capitaine H, du 1/R.M.L.E.

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Lieutenant Colonel **MARCEL FAURE**, du 1*Chasseurs d'Afrique.
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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 92

ORIGINAL ORDER - 4/21

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....II

1. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

ROBERT J. CALVIN, 0322175, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, 30 May 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Pasadena, Texas.

CLARENCE C. KRISTIANSEN, 01645734, First Lieutenant, 36th Signal Company, 26 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

IRWIN G. SHAPIRO, 01173774, Second Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 3 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM J. CHAMBERS, 37066079, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, 4 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Webster City, Iowa.

LUTHER J. MATLOCK, 36037290, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 27 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

WILLIAM D. CHILTON, 20616024, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 28 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

WINTON Y. ROBERTS, 36173958, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Midland, Michigan.

JERRELL E. GIERLATH, 38060599, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company, 26 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Seagraves, Texas.

BOYD K. LAMB, 20800540, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Signal Company, 26 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

ROBERT L. COBURN, 35210838, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Nonchalanta, Kentucky.

JAMES D. DYE, 34876655, Private First Class, Company H, 141st Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from New Albany, Miss.

ROBERT C. KLINE, 33509858, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

LEONARD MORENO, 39021351, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 23 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, Calif.

WILFRED J. MORIN, Jr., 37744786, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Pittsburg, Kansas.

LIND W. SALMELA, 37549951, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 27 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wadena, Minnesota.

MARCO S. TERCLINO, 38065538, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 28 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Balmorhea, Texas.

ELORY B. FREEMAN, 34820797, Private, 36th Signal Company, 26 August 1944,

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France. Entered the Service from Austell, Georgia.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

RICHARD A. DANZI, 01822375, Major, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 26 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chevy Chase, Maryland.

GEORGE BLITSCHUL, 01109922, First Lieutenant, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

REYNOLDS L. RODGERS, 01288125, First Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 26 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Erie, Pennsylvania.

MAYNE C. GRIFFITT, 20817954, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

JOHN P. MORLARITY, 12123780, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 10 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

ROY J. JACKSON, 20816048, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 28 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from San Antonio, Texas.

ANDREW F. LITTLE, 20816033, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 28 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Stockdale, Texas.

HEROLD L. MICHEL, 12055432, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, 3 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Niagara Falls, N. Y.

ARTHUR J. SASIN., 32236847, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROLAND R. SHELTON, 34705282, Private First Class, Company C, 11th Engineer Combat Battalion, 27 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Red Bay, Alabama.

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NO. 91

ORIGINAL ORDER

Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
Award of Bronze Star Medal - Missing in action.....II
Award of Bronze Star medal.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

PHILIP DI CARLO, 31147912, Private First Class (then Private), Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 10 December 1943, Italy. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary DiCarlo (Mother), 280 Providence Street, West Warwick, Rhode Island.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for heroic achievement in combat:

JOSEPH H. JACOBSON, 12110945, Sergeant (then Technician Fifth Grade), Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944, France. Next of kin: Mrs. Esther Jacobson (Mother), 630 Garden Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

III. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

WOODROW W. ALDER, 20815560, First Sergeant, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Marshall, Texas.

JAMES L. COOK, 38036418, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Merkel, Texas.

BERT D. HODGE, 32637343, Technical Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 8 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

WYNDELL M. ROWE, 20848757, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 24 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

WYNE C. GRIFFITT, 20817954, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 19 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Bailey, Texas.

FRANK J. RUSSILLO, 32222318, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Flushing, New York.

ALVIN C. O'BRIEN, 31101422, Sergeant, Company C, 753d Tank Battalion, 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bridgton, Maine.

SALVATORE LANGOTTI, 35847621, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Lumberport, West Virginia.

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LESTER J. BOODRY, 36236455, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 24 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Tipler, Wisconsin.

JOSEPH P. DE MARCO, 33780062, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 and 13 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FRANCISO W. ESTRADA, 38442056, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Demins, New Mexico.

GARETH S. FORD, 39143086, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Susanville, California.

SUMNER W. GAY, 31387142, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cranston, Rhode Island.

JAMES M. JORDAN, 34725344, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Jacksboro, Tenn.

JOSE G. LANZA, 39289251, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 24 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from San Diego, California.

IRVIN E. PINTCKL, 36984295, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from St. Joseph, Mich.

GEORGE B. SARTOR, 20807661, Private First Class, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, 21 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas

CHARLES W. SCHWARZ, 32799238, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Middle Village, Long Island, New York.

FRANKLIN R. TOMPKINS, 35004087, Private First Class (then Private), Company F, 142a Infantry Regiment, 9 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Circleville, Ohio.

JACK H. WATSON, 34811989, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Russellville, Ala.

LILLIE E. WHITESIDE, 39311151, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, 1 to 9 December 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Buxton, Oregon.

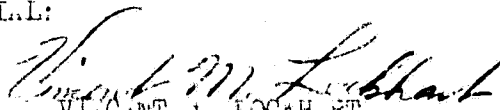
LEIS D. HARLOW, 33545512, Private, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Mineral, Virginia.

LANCE E. HOOK, 33512702, Private, Battery C, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 15 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER

NO. 90

Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
 Award of Air Medal.....II
 Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Air Medal.....III

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

MANUEL N. MARTINEZ, 38026217, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Robstown, Texas.

JOHN P. DARROW, 37352347, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 753d Tank Battalion, 21 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Colorado Springs, Colorado.

JOHN T. HARTWELL, 42012399, Sergeant, Company F, 141st Infantry Regiment, 4 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Montclair, New Jersey.

HERMAN W. GILBERT, 20815059, Corporal, Battery C, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 17 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Weatherford, Tex.

LEROY J. ZIMMER, 37147109, Private First Class, Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 2 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Montrose, South Dakota.

II. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

JOHN N. GREEN, 0333369, Lieutenant Colonel, headquarters, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 25 December 1943 to 23 February 1945, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Abilene, Texas.

PHILIP A. CHOCKLEY, 01177328, First Lieutenant, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 4 October 1944 to 16 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Shelbyville, Tennessee.

BERNARD BERKOWITZ, 32058053, Corporal, Battery A, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 29 January to 26 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - AIR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

RAYMOND F. KENT, 01176092, First Lieutenant, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 1 December 1944 to 8 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Boston, Massachusetts.

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JOSEPH M. DENAS, O1173585, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 15 November to 22 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from South Fork, Pennsylvania.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

CHARLES E. MC MURRAY, O307461, Captain, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 15 October to 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a third Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fourth Air Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

HUGH H. WIZE, O1184697, First Lieutenant, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 14 January to 19 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Sabotha, Kansas.

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fifth Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

R. LEIGH C. TAYLOR, JR., O359275, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 6 October to 7 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Charlottesville, Virginia.

STANLEY M. PAUKSTA, O1691596, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 27 September to 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

5. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a seventh Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the eighth Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

EDWARD R. MAI, O2056284, First Lieutenant, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 5 January to 15 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Wakeeny, Kansas.

ARTIE F. SVOBODA, O1180360, First Lieutenant, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 18 December 1944 to 9 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ellsworth, Kansas.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 89

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

MILNE R. JONES, 39922811, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 31 October to 5 November 1944 in France. Private Jones volunteered to assist his squad leader in establishing an observation post in a building 500 yards in front of friendly lines. Although the house was under enemy observation and was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar concentrations, he remained in position for four days and three nights. Utilizing both wire and radio communications, he and his companions skillfully adjusted artillery and mortar fire on all targets, destroying numerous hostile buildings and two horse-drawn vehicles and forcing two self-propelled mounts to withdraw. In spite of heavy enemy shellfire, he valiantly maintained his position until a direct hit set the house on fire. A rescue party was unable to reach him, and Private Jones was killed in action. Next of kin: Mrs. C. M. Jones (Mother), Route #3, Blackfoot, Idaho.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry:

ROBERT D. SMITH, 39716671, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 31 October to 5 November 1944 in France. Private First Class Smith volunteered to assist his squad leader in establishing an observation post in a building 500 yards in front of friendly lines. Although the house was under enemy observation and was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar concentrations, he remained in position for four days and three nights. Utilizing both wire and radio communications, he and his companions skillfully adjusted artillery and mortar fire on all targets, destroying numerous hostile buildings and two horse-drawn vehicles and forcing two self-propelled mounts to withdraw. In spite of heavy enemy shellfire, he valiantly maintained his position until a direct hit set the house on fire. A rescue party was unable to reach him, and Private First Class Smith was reported missing in action. Next of kin: Mrs. Mae Smith (Mother), Route #1, Box 9, Santa Paula, California.

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III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

TRAVIS SMITH, 20848763, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. When the enemy laid down a heavy artillery and mortar concentration on the 2d Platoon's road block position, the gunner on a 57mm gun was killed and several crew members were wounded, leaving two guns unmanned. Observing the action from another position, Sergeant Smith swiftly collected three men and dashed across 200 yards of open terrain under heavy enemy small arms and mortar fire to the guns. Swiftly placing a man at each gun, he moved to an exposed position and began directing their fire. Although subjected to fire from two hostile machine guns, he continued to direct accurate fire, which neutralized both weapons, disorganized a column of enemy troops, and enabled the defending forces to successfully repel the enemy attack. Entered the Service from Bangs, Texas.

RICHARD L. NICHOLS, 37721094, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 and 3 February 1945 in France. As radio operator for the battalion executive officer, Private First Class Nichols braved hostile small arms fire to accompany the officer during an attack through densely wooded terrain. On the following day, while he was operating his radio at the battalion command post, the building which housed the command post was subjected to point blank fire from two enemy tanks. Although the command post personnel sought cover in the cellar, Private First Class Nichols remained steadfastly in position and continued receiving and transmitting messages important to the success of the attack. The tanks' large guns scored eight direct hits on the house, and machine gun fire was heavy and almost continuous; but Private First Class Nichols courageously maintained the vital communications and contributed materially to the success of the attack. Entered the Service from Bethany, Missouri.

IV. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

WILHELM C. STREICHER, 0380653, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1945 in France. While the 2d Battalion was engaged in an intense fire fight on its left flank, enemy infantry elements and three tanks prepared to assault the battalion from the right front. Aware of the seriousness of the threat, Lieutenant Streicher worked his way through heavy small arms fire to the two tank destroyers which were supporting his company. He skillfully maneuvered the tank destroyers into advantageous positions from which they delivered effective fire on the enemy tanks. Lieutenant Streicher encouraged the crews of the tank destroyers to remain in position in spite of direct fire from the tanks, and his inspiring leadership was responsible for the destruction of two of the tanks and the elimination of the threat to his battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

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2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

SHELBY SPEIGHTS, 02006899, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When enemy troops threatened to overrun Company B's defenses, Sergeant Speights, a platoon leader in Company C, advanced with his men down a mined road under heavy enemy artillery fire to help drive back the attackers. Approaching a hostile observation post through a wooded sector, he braved heavy automatic weapons fire to direct elements of the platoon into more advantageous firing positions. After killing or wounding all the members of the observation post group, the platoon advanced to attack the well-camouflaged positions occupied by the main body of the enemy. Exposing himself to machine gun and automatic weapons fire, Sergeant Speights moved to the front of his men and directed them in firing against the hostile force. Spotting five enemy soldiers feigning death, he immediately opened fire and frustrated their attempt to ambush the platoon. Largely as a result of his skillful and aggressive leadership, 37 of the enemy were killed and 30 were captured without a single casualty to the platoon. Entered the Service from Poplarville, Mississippi.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a third Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fourth Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

SHELBY SPEIGHTS, 02006899, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 November 1944 in France. When an enemy patrol attacked elements of the 3d Platoon, Sergeant Speights, a squad leader, immediately went forward to take command of the situation. As he approached the battle area, he was suddenly attacked by the enemy patrol leader. Although unarmed, he wrested the rifle from his assailant and, using the rifle as a club, killed him. The loss of their leader disorganized the hostile soldiers, and Sergeant Speights swiftly rallied his men to repel the attack. As a result of his aggressive leadership, six of the enemy were killed, several others were wounded and the remainder forced to withdraw. Entered the Service from Poplarville, Mississippi.

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fifth Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

SHELBY SPEIGHTS, 02006899, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Speights, acting guide of the 3d Platoon of Company C, was assigned the mission of establishing an outpost 300 yards beyond his platoon's position to protect the battalion's left flank against enemy infiltration. He advanced to the designated area and placed his four men in defensive positions in a house. During the night, a large hostile force stealthily surrounded the outpost and cut the communication line to the remainder of the platoon. Discovering the perilous situation, Sergeant Speights led his men in an assault against the

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enemy troops in an attempt to rejoin his unit. Upon regaining contact with the platoon command post, he immediately directed accurate artillery fire on the hostile force, disorganizing and delaying the attackers. Then, acting without orders, he guided four tanks through heavy small arms and artillery fire to a favorable position and there directed their fire on enemy strong points. As a result of his daring and resourcefulness, the hostile attempt to infiltrate the battalion's flank was frustrated and an enemy assault was repelled. Entered the Service from Poplarville, Mississippi.

5. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ROY W. BIEGALSKI, 01305530, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. When a Company F platoon was overrun by enemy attackers, Lieutenant Biegalski led a squad of his antitank platoon through heavy small arms and mortar fire to outflank the hostile troops. Under his skillful and aggressive leadership, the squad assaulted the enemy with small arms fire and hand grenades, and Lieutenant Biegalski personally killed two of the hostile soldiers. As a result of his bold action, the small group completely routed the larger enemy force, inflicting heavy casualties and repelling the attack. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

NICHOLAS M. BOZIC, 01998715, Second Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. When Company B's recently captured position was subjected to an unusually severe heavy artillery barrage, the seriously depleted unit was threatened with disorganization, and the men began to withdraw. Leaving the protection of his fighting hole, Lieutenant Bozic, the artillery forward observer, braved the hostile shellfire to stop the riflemen from retreating. While shells crashed around him, he rallied the soldiers and directed them back to their former positions. By his courageous and bold action in time of crisis, Lieutenant Bozic prevented a withdrawal and enabled the company to maintain its line. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 88

ORIGINAL ORDER # 1007

Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

✓ WINFRED E. WEEMS, 20817930, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 20 December 1944, France. Next of kin: Mr. Odis E. Weems (Father), 4015 Hilltop Street, Dallas, Texas.

FELIXINO L. CARRASCO, 38036478, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Next of kin: Mrs. Lonjina Lopez (Mother), 301 Ash Street, Abilene, Texas.

GIENN R. CORRION, 36986022, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Next of kin: Mrs. Ethel Daigeau (Mother), 1707 N. Birney, Bay City, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

WILLIAM A. ADAMS, 38607512, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 26 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Snyder, Texas

JOSEPH C. SMITHSON, 34733262, Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bluff City, Tennessee.

ALFRED W. WINDHAM, 20813497, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Amarillo, Texas.

ALFRED M. WARREN, 36823726, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4-6 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Laurium, Michigan.

AUGUSTINE D. DININO, 32929833, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 7 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

STEWART BISKUP, 33885576, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Monaca, Pennsylvania.

DONALD E. BROWN, 37364456, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wray, Colorado.

WALTER THORN, 35084225, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Rangoon, West Virginia.

WILLIAM L. SMITH, JR., 32280209, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat

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Battalion, 20 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Niagara Falls, New York.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

DICKINSON O. COLLINSON, 01015453, First Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, 6 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Arcadia, Wisconsin.

LOYD L. PATTERSON, 20817980, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 20 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

ARVIL R. MOORE, 38037197, Corporal, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Denison, Texas.

GROVER C. DAVIS, JR., 34450557, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 20 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Graham, North Carolina.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

HOWARD H. NIX, 20810981, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Garrison, Texas.

CHARLES L. BRADDY, 37209023, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 20 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Manhattan, Kansas.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a third Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fourth Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

JAMES E. ROBERSON, 01703000, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 25 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hillsboro, Texas.

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RICHARD G. LITTIER, 35297696, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bloomdale, Ohio.

LEON L. O'BRYANT, 35925996, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Canton, Ohio.

RICHARD L. ORIOL, 38502941, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

ARNOLD H. JOHNSON, 35873573, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Baxter, Kentucky.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

LOWELL D. PENNEY, 37472119, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Petersburg, Nebr.

HARRY BURLISON, 34593638, Private First Class, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hughes, N. C.

MURRAY H. WEINSTEIN, 32975543, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, 1 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

6. Kd IV. RESCISSION. ✓ So much of Section III, General Orders 467, this Headquarters, dated 12 December 1944, as awards a Bronze Star Medal to LUIE M. PLUMMER, 38297536, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded as a duplication.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 86

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

RICHARD M. REULAND, 0480406, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in France. When hostile troops threatened to overrun the defenses of his seriously depleted company, Lieutenant Reuland took one of the supporting Cannon Company mounts and, exposing himself to enemy artillery, mortar and nebelwerfer fire, personally led it into position to fire on hostile targets. Despite his perilous position, he remained with the mount and directed fire on an enemy machine gun crew and riflemen who were attacking his platoons. Only when the hostile targets had been neutralized did he lead the mount back to reestablish contact with his company. Although he was seriously wounded during the engagement, his bold and fearless leadership inspired his men to fight with renewed aggressiveness, repelling the attack and capturing 80 prisoners. Entered the Service from Aurora, Illinois.

ALVIS JEFFREY, 01998722, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. When a strong enemy counter-attack penetrated Company C's defense and disrupted communications within the unit, Lieutenant Jeffrey, exposing himself to heavy rifle and machine gun fire, skillfully employed his platoon to protect the company's exposed flank. He then made a personal reconnaissance of the dangerous area to contact other elements of Company C. After the hostile attackers had been driven back, Lieutenant Jeffrey led his platoon through bitter house-to-house fighting to clear the remainder of the stubbornly defended town. His aggressive leadership and personal courage were largely responsible for the rout of the hostile force. Entered the Service from Quitman Wood, Texas.

LOUIS M. CICCOTTI, 32370376, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 17 to 19 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Ciccotti was assigned the mission of leading a patrol into a town to hold the right flank as his company prepared to attack. When hostile infantry opened fire with machine guns and rifle grenades, killing one man, he set up his position in a house. He held this position for two full days without food and water and under repeated enemy assaults. During the second night, crawling the first 100 yards, he led his men to elude the encircling enemy and returned to his company with information regarding the disposition of hostile troops. By skillful leadership he was able to accomplish his mission and return with information of great value to his company in their attack. Entered the Service from Rome, N. Y.

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MARTIN A. WOLFE, 32294323, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 August 1944 in France. The mortar section of Company D moved forward to relieve a task force and to support rifle elements in attacking a regimental command post. When he reached the designated area, Sergeant Wolfe, forward observer for the section, discovered that friendly riflemen had occupied all the fighting holes evacuated by the enemy. Although he was not afforded any protection from the hostile small arms and mortar fire, he valiantly remained in position to adjust mortar concentrations on the enemy force to within 75 yards of his own position, blasting a hostile dugout in the vicinity. His accurate shellfire forced the command post group to surrender, and his skill and bravery resulted in the capture of 150 enlisted men and 14 officers. Sergeant Wolfe's intrepidity and aggressiveness were a constant source of inspiration to all who witnessed his heroic deeds. Entered the Service from Catskill, New York.

FELIX HAVERES, 32902322, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 February 1945 in France. While returning at night for reinforcements to assist his platoon in an assault, Private First Class Havéres detected the presence of enemy troops to the rear of his unit. Sending his companion on to secure the reinforcements, he crawled cautiously to the edge of a fighting hole, jerked a German rifle out of the enemy's reach and threw three hand grenades into the position. He then fired three clips of rifle ammunition into the general area and forced the surrender of five enemy soldiers, two of whom were wounded. By his outstanding valor and aggressiveness, he captured the advance guard of an infiltrating force and prevented an attack against his platoon's rear. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

CARLETON S. MOCK, 37485069, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 August 1944 in France. When his platoon leader and platoon sergeant were both seriously wounded during the operations on D-day in Southern France, Private Mock unhesitatingly assumed command of the platoon. Displaying great courage and leadership in the face of enemy fire, he reorganized the group and led it forward in the attack. When the platoon was fired on by an enemy machine gun in a pillbox, he led his bazooka team forward and after scoring six hits on the emplacement, he and two companions assaulted the enemy machine gun killing two hostile soldiers and capturing six prisoners. By his courageous actions and display of leadership his platoon was able to continue the attack and a strong enemy position was destroyed. Entered the Service from Springview, Nebraska.

JAMES RAZEK, 35069883, Corporal (then Private First Class), Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. When Company L was surrounded by numerically superior enemy troops, Private First Class Rzek and one companion were assigned the mission of restoring communications to battalion headquarters. They had reached a ruined building when an enemy machine gun suddenly opened fire from a house 30 yards to the front, and Private First Class Rzek's comrade was killed by the first burst. Private First Class Rzek returned the hostile fire with his carbine and remained in his exposed position until, after killing four enemy soldiers and wounding several others, he had expended his entire supply of ammunition. A second hostile machine gun opened fire, and Private First Class Rzek withdrew in order to locate another route to battalion headquarters. He worked his way across the hazardous

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area to the battalion command post and completed the wire line, successfully establishing communications. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ALFRED M. WILLIS, 38518597, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 October 1944 in France. When Company E was stopped by heavy enemy fire, Private First Class Willis, first scout of the 2d Platoon, heard the sound of soldiers digging approximately 150 yards away. Acting on his own initiative, he crawled cautiously forward under machine gun and sniper fire and located an enemy antitank crew digging in their gun. Opening fire with his rifle, he killed one of the enemy soldiers, wounded a second and forced the remaining eight to surrender. After marching his prisoners back to his unit's position, he returned to the hostile gun and, with his platoon leader's assistance, destroyed it with a grenade. His quick-thinking and aggressiveness were responsible for eliminating a serious threat to the safety of his company. Entered the Service from Ruston, Louisiana.

DOMINICK B. CHIONO, 33763466, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in France. While Private First Class Chiono was attached to a rifle company platoon, the building which housed the unit was attacked by an enemy tank at short range. Heavy fire inflicted several casualties in the house and adjacent courtyard, and Private First Class Chiono administered aid to the wounded despite the continuing fire. When his platoon was forced to withdraw by a superior enemy force, he went to the aid of a wounded man in the exposed courtyard and carried him 100 yards across an open field to a position of comparative safety. Here he directed the evacuation of the wounded under severe enemy shellfire. By his courage and skill in the face of great personal danger Private First Class Chiono succeeded in administering first aid to many wounded and in evacuating them to safety. Entered the Service from Crenshaw, Pennsylvania.

JOHN C. BAUM, 15107288, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 November 1944 in France. Private First Class Baum, a radio operator for Headquarters Company, was temporarily attached to Company E during operations against enemy defenses on the crest of a mountain. While returning to his unit, he learned that Company E's radio had failed. Rejoining the company, he maintained communications for the leading elements throughout the day. At nightfall, he braved enemy shellfire to accompany a small group 500 yards beyond the company's objective. When he and his companions encountered a hostile strong point, he crawled forward under machine pistol fire and hurled hand grenades into the position. His bold and aggressive action resulted in the capture of eight enemy soldiers. Entered the Service from South Bend, Indiana.

MICHAEL G. FELDBAUER, 33434180, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Feldbauer manned his light machine gun in defense of the 2d Platoon's sector along the east bank of a canal. When hostile troops threatened to encircle the friendly positions, the platoon leader ordered the machine gunners, as well as his own men, to withdraw. Although he had only half a belt of ammunition left, Private First Class Feldbauer climbed to the bank of the canal, stood in full view of the enemy less than 200 yards away, and fired into the midst of the attackers. In spite of hostile small arms fire, he remained in position and fired all of his remaining rounds, pinning the enemy to the ground

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and enabling the platoon to effect a successful withdrawal. His valor and aggressiveness were a source of great inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Entered the Service from St. Marys, Pennsylvania.

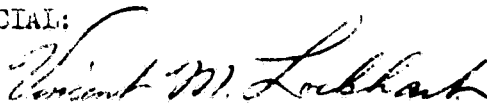
JOHN E. FINNERTY, 35060979, Private First Class, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. While laying wire lines, a soldier from Battery B left the road to take a short cut to his unit and, at a point approximately 15 yards from the road, stepped on an anti-personnel mine. Fully aware that the entire area was mined, Private First Class Finnerty courageously ran to the aid of the injured soldier. While he was applying a tourniquet to the casualty's shattered leg and placing him on a litter, another soldier who had entered the minefield exploded a second mine, and Private First Class Finnerty was painfully wounded by hurtling fragments. Neglecting his own wounds, he skillfully applied a tourniquet to the second casualty. Medical personnel reached the area, and three more soldiers exploded mines. Although wounded by fragments from three explosions, Private First Class Finnerty continued to work, administering emergency treatment to his injured comrades and carrying the wounded from the hazardous area. Imperilled by the exploding mines and weakened by his own wounds, he never faltered in performing his self-imposed mission until all the casualties had been evacuated from the minefield. Only then would he allow the aid men to treat his own painful wounds. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

OMER YOUNKIN, 35627415, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Younkin was a member of a light machine gun section assigned the mission of supporting a combat patrol in its advance through hostile territory. While moving across a small draw, the patrol was subjected to small arms and artillery fire and was forced to withdraw to high ground. Spotting a rifleman who had been seriously wounded and left behind during the withdrawal. Private First Class Younkin seized a sub-machine gun and ran back to rescue his comrade. While exposed to hostile fire, he killed two of the enemy soldiers. Reaching the injured man he carried him 300 yards through direct small arms fire up the hill to safety. His courageous and unselfish action, at the risk of his own life, was a source of great inspiration to all who witnessed the deed. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

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APO #36, U. S. Army

15 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 85

ORIGINAL ORDER 9 M!

Award of Purple Heart.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....II

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART: 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

WILFORD D. JONES, 0464769, First Lieutenant, 36th Quartermaster Company, 15 February 1945. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

EVERETT W. DOANE, JR., 31208346, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 27 October 1944. Entered the Service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

MARSHALL R. WILLIAMS, 19169609, Technician Fifth Grade, 36th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop (Mcz), 26 August 1944. Entered the Service from Medford, Oregon.

WILLIAM P. BRADY, JR., 32296149, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 2 February 1945. Entered the Service from Astoria, Long Island, New York.

GILBERT R. FRIEDMAN, 33844200, Private First Class, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 March 1945. Entered the Service from Norfolk, Virginia.

BENNIS AULTMAN, 34834122, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, 28 November 1944. Entered the Service from Macon, Georgia.

ALBERT E. MC CALLA, 20321573, Private, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, 27 November 1944. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

CHESTER C. HOGAN, 38036359, Private, Battery A, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 2 February 1945. Entered the Service from Eastland, Texas.

LOUIS GATTERLER, 37400349, Private, 36th Signal Company, 22 August 1944. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

BERNARD C. NORWICK, 36824307, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 12 February 1945. Entered the Service from Baldwin, Wisconsin.

HAROLD W. THOMPSON, 37672642, Sergeant, Company G, 12 February 1945. Entered the Service from Waterloo, Iowa.

HERBERT E. DAVIS, 36843395, Private First Class, Company K, 1 March 1945. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

EDWARD M. JABLONSKI, 33623494, Private First Class, Company H, 14 February 1945. Entered the Service from Swedesburg, Pennsylvania.

HENRY C. KAEPFNER, JR., 35219325, Private First Class, Company H, 14 February 1945. Entered the Service from Columbus, Ohio.

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JOHN A. KASPER, 35927184, Private First Class, Company K, 14 February 1945. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

FRANK C. MILLER, 34815633, Private First Class, Company F, 13 February 1945. Entered the Service from Gadsden, Alabama.

JEROME V. PILLUS, 33626145, Private First Class, Company C, 2 March 1945. Entered the Service from Owingsburg, Pennsylvania.

HARLEY N. RHOADES, 31973970, Private First Class, Company K, 12 February 1945. Entered the Service from Dawsonville, Georgia.

RICHARD S. MORAN, 36474384, Private, Company G, 6 March 1945. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

WILLIAM H. HEATHERINGTON, 35229856, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 27 February 1945. Entered the Service from Bellaire, Ohio.

LUKE MILLER, 38036986, Technician Fifth Grade, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1945. Entered the Service from Pilot Point, Texas.

BURA C. KEENER, 34398699, Private First Class, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1945. Entered the Service from Steele, Alabama.

MICHAEL WACKO, 42023751, Private First Class, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 March 1945. Entered the Service from Endicott, New York.

JOHN W. PETERS, 13066824, Private First Class, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 March 1945. Entered the Service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

DAVID HANSEN, 32130086, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 February 1945. Entered the Service from Buffalo, New York.

JOSEPH FRIDAY, 33247476, Corporal, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 1 December 1944. Entered the Service from Tyler, Pennsylvania.

EUGENE E. MC DONALD, 36173910, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 4 February 1945. Entered the Service from Coldwater, Mich.

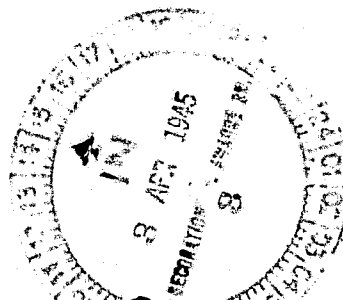
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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER 2

NO. 84

- Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
- Posthumous Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Missing in Action.....III
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....IV

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

FRANK J. RUZBACKI, 33691735, Staff Sergeant (then Private), Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 25 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE J. WILSON, 20815648, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Battery, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, 4 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Marshall, Texas.

RALPH R. STEIG, 32984956, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 16 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

HAROLD J. MUSCHEK, 33591917, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Penna.

DANIEL C. CAMPBELL, 33885577, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Hookstown, Penna.

EDWARD C. MURRAY, 33792393, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Penna.

LAWRENCE BURCH, 37511738, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Springfield, Mo.

RUSSELL W. CROW, 37540536, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Paris, Missouri.

GEORGE WELTEROTH, 33503955, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Waynesboro, Penna.

MATTHEW F. RUGGIERO, 32598373, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

EWEL BELL, 34926968, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Blue Springs, Mississippi.

PATRICK J. O'CONNOR, 32797775, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York. V

JOSEPH VOELKER, JR., 33422497, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Hazzard, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD L. CALLIHAN, 35779670, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Greenup, Kentucky.

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2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

ADRIAN G. HERMAN, 37176832, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 28 November to 7 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wankato, Minnesota.

ETHELD MERRICK, 35466891, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, 28 November to 7 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Naomi, Kentucky.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for heroic achievement in combat:

CLAUDE R. HOWELL, 36973219, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Next of kin: Mrs. Vivian Howell (Wife), 816 North 6th Street, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for heroic achievement in combat:

CURTIS D. HAIL, 01691705, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 25 August 1944, France. Next of kin: Mrs. Sadge C. Hail (Mother), 502 Linder, Houston, Texas.

IV. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

ROGER L. TURNEY, 36738852, Technical Sergeant, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, 6 to 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Rockford, Ill.

CHESTER ROZMIERSKI, 32595430, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 25 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

JOE A. GONZALES, 38579689, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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**HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #36, U. S. Army**

14 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 83

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

MILTON E. PAVELKA, 01016049, First Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Tacoma, Washington.

JOHN B. YALRICH, 01310957, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 10 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Kansas City, Kansas.

WILLIAM R. WRIGHT, 12065904, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, 22 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

CAMPBELL TULLOS, 38052311, Staff Sergeant, Service Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, 17 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Centralia, Texas.

NORMAN C. CURNUTT, 38342433, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 28 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Canadian, Texas.

AUGUST P. YOUNGER, 38009241, Staff Sergeant, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brighton, Colorado.

OSCAR L. LARRIMORE, SR., 6394169, Sergeant, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Savannah, Georgia.

CHARLES W. HUNGERFORD, 20843732, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Big Spring, Texas.

LELAND F. THOMPSON, 20848761, Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Thrifty, Texas.

ARTHUR J. RORKE, 32319197, Technician Fourth Grade, Company D, 753d Tank Battalion, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDWARD C. KOPP, 35014866, Technician Fourth Grade, Company D, 753d Tank Battalion, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Jeromesville, Ohio.

CLEMENT W. HEUMILLER, 37147100, Corporal, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 29 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Montrose, South Dakota.

GROVER H. NELSON, 38020938, Technician Fifth Grade, Company D, 753d Tank Battalion, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

WILLIAM P. MOORE, 38060552, Technician Fifth Grade, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 25 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Memphis, Texas.

J. D. HATLEY, 20817955, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 3 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Point, Tex.

CARL B. SCOTT, 35295013, Private First Class, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 2 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from McGuffey, Ohio.

ROBERT D. BELCHER, 33647751, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Grundy, Virginia.

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RALPH D. ESIAN, 35062098, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 1 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

ADAM J. SZYMANOWSKI, 32301437, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 8 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Carteret, New Jersey.

J. D. CHARLES, 20816427, Private First Class, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 16 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

FLOYD E. JONES, 37353602, Private First Class, Company D, 753d Tank Battalion, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Paonia, Colorado.

JACK GREENFIELD, 32481903, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 15 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lakewood, New Jersey.

ALBERT H. MASSNER, 38026266, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Corpus Christi, Texas.

ELMER P. SCHLAC, 36236602, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Merrill, Wis.

DOCTOR W. EVANS, 20505196, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Sweetwater, Texas.

HENRY B. THREADGILL, JR., 34900764, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Memphis, Tennessee.

RALPH R. GRUPICO, 42091924, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Watertown, New York.

CRVILLE A. AMUNDSON, 39212143, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bemidji, Minnesota.

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12 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER

NO. 81

Award of Bronze Star Medal, Missing in Action.....I
Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....III

I. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL, MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 500-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for heroic achievement in combat:

ROBERT F. MERGENER, 36239410, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 19 January 1945, France. Next of kin: Mrs. Bernice Mergener (Wife), 2596 South Howell Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

LESLIE I. BROWN, 32835625, Technical Sergeant (then Private), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Livonia, New York.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSTON, 38037219, Staff Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 20 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Van Alstyne, Texas.

OWEN F. ZILMERMAN, 37163656, Sergeant, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 19 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minn.

RONALD R. KRAMER, 37592770, Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, 19 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Austin, Minnesota.

HOMER E. BLANKENSHIP, 35266965, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 25 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Louisa, Kentucky.

EUGENE J. DRZEWIECKI, 35294424, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 21 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Toledo, Ohio.

ARLIE STALANS, 34498341, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 25 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Blaine, Tennessee.

CARL F. PETERS, 12106256, Private First Class (then Private), Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Trenton, New Jersey.

JOHN P. COMPAGNA, 35753915, Private First Class, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, 25 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Follansbee, W. Va.

MARTIN T. STANTON, 31356055, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts.

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JOHN G. KELLEY, 35065596, Private, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 21 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in action:

WERNER L. LARSON, 0252222, Lieutenant Colonel, 443d Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion (SP), 15 August 1944 to 4 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Highland Park, Illinois.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious service in direct support of combat operations:

DAVID J. SCOTT, 0580449, Captain, 13th FID (attached Headquarters 36th Infantry Division), 24 March 1944 to 26 February 1945, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Falls Church, Virginia.

BILLY R. MILLER, 20817519, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 9 September 1943 to 11 October 1944, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Port Arthur, Texas.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

ASA L. HAYS, 20816596, Corporal, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 19 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

ANTHONY B. MIGLIORISI, 33396282, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 20 January 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

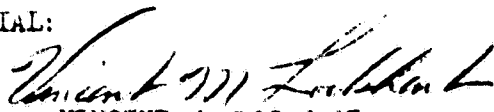
ASA L. HAYS, 20816596, Sergeant, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 30 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

CLARENCE A. KRAUSE, 38026421, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 5 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Shiner, Texas.

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AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the 2d Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 14th Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

- FRANCIS CULOTTA, 01320437, First Lieutenant, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- GARLAND F. JONES, 20809645, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 5 February 1945. Entered the Service from Elmott, Texas.
- WILLARD J. STOLZER, 37187951, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 23 November 1944. Entered the Service from Festus, Missouri.
- JAY E. WILSON, 20807337, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 8 February 1945. Entered the Service from Clifton, Texas.
- MICHAEL P. GUIDICE, 33429059, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 21 January 1945. Entered the Service from Latrobe, Pennsylvania.
- CHESTER C. MEYER, 36820877, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 20 December 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- THOMAS Z. NICHOLSON, 34129203, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 7 December 1944. Entered the Service from Mountain Rest, South Carolina.
- EDWARD L. BOLLINGER, 37487186, Sergeant, Company A, 9 February 1945. Entered the Service from Brownville, Nebraska.
- ALLEN J. HAYEK, 17120073, Sergeant, Company B, 5 December 1944. Entered the Service from Clarkson, Nebraska.
- CHARLES F. LOMAX, 34287264, Sergeant, Company M, 1 December 1944. Entered the Service from Decaturville, Tennessee.
- EILDON D. LONG, 38037294, Sergeant, Company D, 15 December 1944. Entered the Service from Telephone, Texas.
- LEONARD E. RICE, 20807859, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 2 February 1945. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.
- BERNARD K. WALLIN, 36680523, Sergeant, Company L, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Rockford, Illinois.
- MAURICE R. WIERY, 35914584, Sergeant, Company L, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Niles, Ohio.
- JOHN T. ALEXANDER, 20807363, Private First Class, Company A, 17 January 1945. Entered the Service from Rusk, Texas.
- CARL H. BARTON, 33536166, Private First Class, Company H, 12 December 1944. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.
- ANTHONY J. CANCELLEIRE, 32789672, Private First Class, Company A, 17 January 1945. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.
- JOHN C. HILL, 18080961, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Anna, Texas.
- ANDREW S. KOVACK, 35920086, Private First Class, Company I, 6 December 1944. Entered the Service from Masury, Ohio.

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WILLIAM H. KRAUTER, 32826073, Private First Class, Company D, 16 December 1944. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JACK E. McCUE, 33428955, Private First Class, Company E, 3 February 1945. Entered the Service from Munhall, Pennsylvania.

KENNETH F. MAFFITT, 35144089, Private First Class, Company K, 20 November 1944. Entered the Service from Gary, Indiana.

CHARLES J. MARKMAN, 36734681, Private First Class, Company A, 25 November 1944. Entered the Service from Oak Park, Illinois.

STANLEY E. OWENS, 33760130, Private First Class, Company M, 14 November 1944. Entered the Service from Wilmore, Pennsylvania.

ANDREW L. PEDEN, 20361623, Private First Class, Company L, 12 January 1945. Entered the Service from Ivor, Virginia.

OTTO M. SCHOEN, 36319055, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 24 November 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JAMES A. THOMPSON, 34573147, Private First Class, Company C, 8 February 1945. Entered the Service from Royston, Georgia.

JUNIUS B. ANDERSON, 34651155, Private, Company A, 9 December 1944. Entered the Service from Manning, South Carolina.

WILLIAM BALDWIN, 12226671, Private, Company K, 21 November 1944. Entered the Service from Roosevelt, Long Island, New York.

VINCENT CARGUELLO, 32836291, Private, Company I, 9 December 1944. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

CIPRIANO CASTILLO, 38499739, Private, Company I, 30 November 1944. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

BRONISLAW CHOLAWA, 32445015, Private, Headquarters Company, 24 November 1944. Entered the Service from Beacon, New York.

ODIS M. KILLOUGH, 20807636, Private, Headquarters Company, 5 January 1945. Entered the Service from Coolidge, Texas.

JOSEPH RIBEIRO, JR., 31386915, Private, Company I, 1 December 1944. Entered the Service from West Warwick, Rhode Island.

WALTER B. SHLAVES, 42051733, Private, Company B, 7 December 1944. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JOHN H. SMART, 33656539, Private, Company A, 11 November 1944. Entered the Service from Danville, Virginia.

JOSEPH B. YUNAS, 32919112, Private, Company D, 21 December 1944. Entered the Service from Trenton, New Jersey.

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NO. 79

AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations-600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

FLINIO MANTONE, 01014003, First Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, 8 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES W. HENSON, 01692571, Second Lieutenant (then Sergeant), 143d Infantry Regiment, 26 to 29 August 1944, France. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

ROBERT BURKETT, 01692514, Second Lieutenant, 753d Tank Battalion, 15 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Valdosta, Georgia.

WILLIE L. THOMAS, 14022242, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 753d Tank Battalion, 15 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Holly Springs, Mississippi.

EDWIN GJERISTAD, 38054474, Technician Third Grade, Medical Detachment, 753d Tank Battalion, 11 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

JOSEPH MATKO, 35277142, Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, 26 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bridgeport, Ohio.

JAMES R. BERRYHILL, 34921965, Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Johnson City, Tennessee.

JOHN F. MULLENIX, 36055344, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 6 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Paris, Illinois.

GEORGE J. NELSON, 33266276, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private), Headquarters Battery, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 13 September 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN J. DRAGAN, 33848585, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 18 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Kingston, Penna.

JOSEPH P. BOGEN, 32217208, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 9 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

WILLIAM A. OWENS, 33821780, Private First Class (then Private), Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 31 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Fairfax, Virginia.

PETER P. CACCAVALLA, 32876675, Private First Class, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ozone Park, N. Y.

DAVID A. SPIERING, 33204398, Private First Class, Battery B, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 5 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Greensboro, Maryland.

MARTIN F. SALUGA, 33393150, Private First Class, Headquarters Battery, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 8 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

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JOSEPH J. GERACI, 34150901, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 26 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from New Orleans, La.

ROBERT C. TIJERINA, 20801396, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Von Ormy, Texas.

GEORGE W. WOODS, 34544196, Private First Class, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Lake Wales, Florida.

RICHARD E. DOMI, 38628258, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 to 6 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

GEORGE J. MONTGOMERY, 34339775, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Vinemont, Alabama.

NORBERT S. FRANK, 36833583, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, 22 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Redwood Falls, Minnesota.

HARRY J. DAILEY, 42092811, Private First Class, Company D, 753d Tank Battalion, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Rochester, New York.

ORVIS BERNARD, 35691533, Private, Company B, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Jamestown, Kentucky.

VICTOR MEDINA, 37353099, Private, Company D, 753d Tank Battalion, 15 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Blanca, Colorado.

DAVID C. SWEET, 32373088, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Utica, New York.

B. Q. EVANS, 20805184, Private, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Sweetwater, Texas.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in action:

First Lieutenant MAX JUSTES, French Army, 16 to 20 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

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Award of Purple Heart.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....II

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

FELIX HAVERES, 32902322, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 18 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

JOHN F. ADAMS, 32209938, Sergeant, Company D, 1 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

EDGAR G. VOISINE, 31221626, Technician Fourth Grade, Antitank Company, 27 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ft. Kent, Maine.

JAMES D. BLONDET, 33475146, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 2 March 1945, France. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

JOHN W. DAUGHERTY, 6991279, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 28 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

EDWARD L. FORD, 20807986, Private First Class, Company D, 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Temple, Texas.

LE ROY R. KERNS, 37363490, Private First Class, Company C, 26 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Greeley, Colorado.

JUAN O. OCHOA, 38341320, Private First Class, Company M, 19 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Spur, Texas.

LLOYD C. STERN, 35060243, Private First Class, Company C, 28 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

V. G. VAN KERREBROECK, 36685679, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 26 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Mineral, Ill.

BERT O. EVANS, 34774146, Private First Class, Company B, 12 February 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Sparta, North Carolina.

DONALD G. RAY, 34739927, Private, Antitank Company, 23 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Oneida, Tennessee.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

HARVEY W. FARRIS, 20807624, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, 27 February 1945. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

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ELMER S. WARD, 01683477, Second Lieutenant, 21 January 1945. Entered the Service from Ivanhoe, Texas.

GEORGE ANDRASI, 33058942, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 8 December 1944. Entered the Service from Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

VIRGIL L. ECKLES, 35277214, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 3 February 1945. Entered the Service from Cowen, Virginia.

JOSEPH J. SINGLETON, 35548985, Staff Sergeant, Company D, 16 December 1944. Entered the Service from South Bend, Indiana.

WESLEY C. RANKIN, 35051661, Sergeant, Company E, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Elyria, Ohio.

JAMES G. MACHERAS, 33216896, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Detachment, 27 August 1944. Entered the Service from Lynchburg, Virginia.

HERBERT D. BENNETT, 34734603, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 31 October 1944. Entered the Service from Huntingdon, Tennessee.

V JAMES F. FRANKLIN, 34822332, Private First Class, Company F, 6 December 1944. Entered the Service from Blue Ridge, Georgia.

HAROLD R. HIRT, 35547493, Private First Class, Company K, 20 December 1944. Entered the Service from Lima, Ohio.

HARVEY W. FARRIS, 20807624, Private, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 26 February 1945. Entered the Service from Mexia, Texas.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the fifth Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JAMES P. CASEY, 31383557, Private First Class, Company F, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Newport, Rhode Island.

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a fifth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the sixth Purple Heart is awarded to the following named individual of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JAMES P. CASEY, 31383557, Private First Class, Company F, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Newport, Rhode Island.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 77

ORIGINAL ORDER

- Posthumous Award of Bronze Star Medal.....I
- Award of Bronze Star Medal.....II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze Star Medal.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for meritorious service in combat operations:

ERNEST VANIER, 32575225, Private, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 9 July 1943 to 1 December 1944, Sicily, Italy and France. Next of kin: Mr. William Vanier (Brother), 39 Homestead Avenue, Cohoes, New York.

II. AWARD OF BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

ROBERT L. NIES, 01683445, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

JOE G. COPELAND, 20848684, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Santa Anna, Texas.

ALVIN J. MYERS, 37705008, Technical Sergeant, Company H, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Alamosa, Colorado.

GAYE PARE, 19166856, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Kelso, Washington.

STANLEY SZCZEPANEK, 36129275, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Centerline, Mich.

OSCAR E. OLLIER, 36690566, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, 10 September 1944, France. Entered the Service from Morrisonville, Illinois.

WILLIE L. RISINGER, 38685191, Sergeant (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, 15 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Paris, Texas.

HAROLD HOOVER, 36105472, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

ROBERT H. STUHR, 36174384, Corporal, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 15 October and 14 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

BERNARD F. BESECKER, 33503883, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 22 December 1943, Italy. Entered the Service from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

DONALD L. BIRCH, 35547835, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, 11 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Tiffin, Ohio.

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DENZIL A. BOARD, 35834435, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 8 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Akron, Ohio.

HENRY J. EHMER, JR., 42031834, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 26 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Flushing, New York.

CARPOLL MILLER, 38051135, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Lake Charles, Louisiana.

WILLIAM WILSON, 35560669, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Mason, Ohio.

ARTHUR P. CERESINA, 32759413, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Trenton, New Jersey.

ANTHONY T. ROGALSKI, 6667533, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Fort Hayes, Ohio.

JUDAS E. LEVI, 35902076, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, 4 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Rushville, Indiana.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for heroic achievement in combat:

RAYMOND F. SIMONS, 35754415, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, 2 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from New Cumberland, West Virginia.

STEVE A. WHISDOSH, 33430353, Sergeant, Company K, 142d Infantry Regiment, 5 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Norvelt, Pennsylvania.

HUGO SCOPPA, 32394837, Sergeant, Reconnaissance Company, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 25 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

FRANK KUREJWA, 31332777, Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from New Haven, Connecticut.

JAMES TANOS, 13200356, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Penna.

JOSEPH CASONE, 42136742, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

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NO. 76

Award of Purple Heart.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Purple Heart.....II

I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

JOHN GURECKI, 33321170, Sergeant, Company A, 30 January 1945. Entered the Service from Chester, Pennsylvania.

ASA L. HAYS, 20616596, Sergeant, Company A, 28 January 1945. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

ALLEN O. BRIDGES, 20817059, Technician Fourth Grade, Company A, 2 February 1945. Entered the Service from Kerrville, Texas.

RAY F. CAVIER, 37146456, Corporal, Company A, 8 January 1945. Entered the Service from Wagner, South Dakota.

DOYLE W. DAGENHART, 34032153, Private First Class, Company C, 13 January 1945. Entered the Service from Mt. Holly, North Carolina.

WILLIS R. WEBSTER, 38060842, Private First Class, Company A, 2 February 1945. Entered the Service from Texola, Oklahoma.

PAUL J. NAGY, JR., 35046523, Private, Reconnaissance Company, 6 November 1944. Entered the Service from Madison, Ohio.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in Italy:

VIRGIL L. ECKLES, 35277214, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 19 February 1944. Entered the Service from Cowen, Virginia.

WILLIAM G. BULLINS, 34674372, Corporal, Medical Detachment, 21 January 1944. Entered the Service from Randleman, North Carolina.

CLAUD W. CALHOUN, 18193943, Private First Class, Company M, 9 February 1944. Entered the Service from Duncan, Oklahoma.

FRED A. SEBAN, 36320150, Private First Class, Company M, 11 February 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

JOSEPH ROCCO, 33777015, Private, Company C, 12 February 1944. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

CHARLES R. HENRY, 32301742, Technician Fifth Grade, Service Battery, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 24 February 1945. Entered the Service from New Brunswick, New Jersey.

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DANIEL N. CALAMARI, 36622753, Private First Class (then Private), Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 15 December 1944. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

FLOYD J. WALSEY, 16062600, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, 22 February 1945. Entered the Service from Bay City, Michigan.

L. B. TILLMAN; 34445956, Private First Class, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 9 February 1945. Entered the Service from Moultrie, Georgia.

PAUL J. REESE, 36983640, Private, Company K, 143d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Marion, Illinois.

CLETUS P. SCHNEIDER, 36839752, Private, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, 9 November 1944. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BENJAMIN SPITZ, 32274197, Private, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, 17 December 1944. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOSEPH R. O'BRYAN, 35484581, Sergeant, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Gethsemane, Kentucky.

FLOYD R. YOUNG, 37146886, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hubbell, Nebraska.

FRANK S. SHINALL, 35719403, Private First Class, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, 28 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Kuttawa, Ky.

CHARLES M. LEE, 31321432, Private First Class, Company M, 143d Infantry Regiment, 10 June 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from South Portland, Maine.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Third Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

ISADORE STEIN, 01179214, First Lieutenant, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 2 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

GUENTHER A. FEHLBERG, 35569603, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, 29 May 1944, Italy. Entered the Service from Hammond, Indiana.

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NO. 75

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
- Posthumous Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

NELSON W. LE SIEUR, 37400186, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 20 June 1944 in Italy. As Company B, advancing in a column, moved up a hill, a group of enemy soldiers suddenly opened fire with an automatic weapon and rifles. The company was pinned to the ground, unable to return the hostile fire. Fearlessly exposing himself, Sergeant LeSieur crawled from his position into a thicket 15 yards away in an attempt to flank the enemy emplacement on the hill above. After moving cautiously through the underbrush to a spot from which he could direct effective fire on the hostile strong point, he determined the exact position of the automatic weapon and killed the gunner with a well-aimed shot. His effective fire completely disorganized the enemy soldiers and forced them to flee. His quick-thinking and daring enabled his company to continue its advance and seize its objective. Sergeant LeSieur was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph E. LeSieur (Father), Portage Des Sioux, Mo.

HARRY U. OESTERLEN, 33135347, Private First Class, Company B, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 October 1944 in France. When it became necessary to reconnoiter and clear a minefield so that artillery units could occupy the area, Private First Class Oesterlen and a companion volunteered to make the hazardous reconnaissance. In spite of intermittent mortar shelling, they carefully observed and taped off the mined sections of the field. After the reconnaissance was successfully completed, they directed a mine clearing detail in removing the mines. Ignoring the mortar fire, they worked calmly and skillfully until one of the mines was detonated. Both Private First Class Oesterlen and his comrade were mortally wounded by the explosion. Their heroism and devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to the members of their organization. Next of kin: Mr. Fred Oesterlen (Father), 2106 East Berges Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOSEF C. DINE, 0418284, Captain, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 September 1944 in France. Company F was assigned the mission of

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clearing enemy resistance from a well-defended town. Skillfully maneuvering his company in eliminating hostile road blocks along the route of advance, Captain Dine led his men through small arms, mortar and artillery fire to the outskirts of the town. The assault platoon occupied a house on the edge of town and was subjected to heavy machine gun, rifle and mortar fire from a building approximately 200 yards to its front. In spite of the hostile fire, Captain Dine worked his way forward to the leading platoon in order to determine the situation. He personally adjusted effective mortar fire on the hostile positions and directed his platoon in eliminating the enemy strong point and in killing a large number of hostile soldiers. His personal courage and brilliant leadership were responsible for attaining the company's objective and were a source of great inspiration to his men. Entered the Service from Worcester, Mass.

LEON G. PIERCE, 01180296, First Lieutenant, 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 29 September 1944 in France. Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, was assigned the mission of defending an important hill. Lieutenant Pierce, artillery forward observer attached to the company, courageously established his position with the forward infantry outpost in order to render more effective artillery support. When a large hostile force launched a strong attack, he began directing artillery fire on the enemy troops. Although he was subjected to artillery and mortar shelling, he remained in his exposed position and brought the fire closer as the hostile soldiers advanced. The attackers drove forward, sweeping the area with small arms and automatic weapons fire. Undaunted by the intensity of the fire fight which raged around him, Lieutenant Pierce adjusted artillery shelling to within 50 yards of his own position. He maintained his post for two hours, directing accurate artillery fire on the enemy until the assault was repelled. His skill and courage were responsible for inflicting heavy casualties on the hostile force and contributed materially to the repulse of the attack. Entered the Service from Honoraville, Alabama.

MORTON BEERMAN, 32992178, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Beerman was assigned the mission of leading an eight-man patrol, supported by a tank, in attacking hostile positions which had delayed the advance of two rifle companies. As he and his men started across a field subjected to heavy artillery, small arms and bazooka fire, the gun on the friendly tank jammed, leaving them without fire support. Although intense fire was directed at him and his patrol, Sergeant Beerman rallied his men and pressed forward in the attack. Skillfully maneuvering his men, he directed them in laying down a base of fire which neutralized the hostile weapons. Moving bravely from man to man, Sergeant Beerman kept his squad under control and led the group overrunning the enemy positions. As a result of his daring, aggressive leadership, 27 of the hostile soldiers were captured and many others were killed or wounded. Entered the Service from Bronx, New York.

OLIVER P. CONNOLLEY, 36321182, Technical Sergeant, Company M, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. During an attack against a well-fortified enemy town, Sergeant Connolley, platoon sergeant of the 2d Platoon, led a section of heavy machine guns in support of the rifle troops. By skillfully placing his guns in advantageous firing positions, he contributed materially to the capture of the battalion objective. The enemy counterattacked the unit's defenses, and a self-propelled gun scored a direct hit on the building which housed Sergeant Connolley's machine gun positions. A

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gunner was killed and several crew members were wounded. Sergeant Connolley swiftly moved the gun to another position and opened fire on the enemy attackers, killing seven, wounding approximately fifteen, and stopping the attack in his sector. His gallant actions, in the face of heavy enemy fire, contributed materially to the repulse of the assault. Entered the Service from Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.

DALE E. MORRES, 39411835, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Carson City, Nevada.

MILTON E. GELLERMANN, 38558197, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Kerrville, Texas.

for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. These men, members of the 2d Platoon of Company K, were the contact men between their own unit and Company E, which was on the extreme right flank. When a large hostile force launched a determined attack against the left flank of Company E, they supported the unit with effective fire. The company's flank was overrun by enemy soldiers, and the 2d Platoon of Company K was forced to withdraw to a better defensive position. The above men voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal. By attracting the hostile fire to themselves and by preventing the enemy troops from reorganizing and pressing the attack, they relieved the pressure on their own platoon and on Company E's flank. After maintaining their hazardous positions for over an hour, they braved direct small arms fire to rejoin their unit.

HAROLD J. MUSCHEK, 33591917, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. While clearing a group of houses in the Northwest section of a strongly fortified town, Private First Class Muschek killed two enemy bazooka men who were delaying his platoon's advance and, with his accurate fire, destroyed a second bazooka which was aimed at his companions. Continuing forward, he killed two snipers and skillfully supported his platoon in seizing the remaining houses. After the last house in the area had been taken, he spotted a hostile force advancing toward his platoon. With the help of another automatic rifleman, he fired into the midst of the enemy, killing many and delaying their advance. After nightfall, when the hostile attackers forced the platoon to withdraw to new positions, Private First Class Muschek and his companion braved heavy enemy small arms fire to remain behind and cover their unit's withdrawal, enabling their comrades to establish a new defense. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WILLIE E. CRABTREE, 34884956, Private First Class, Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 in France. When Company E's attack was delayed by stubborn enemy resistance, Private First Class Crabtree, an automatic rifleman, voluntarily worked his way to the right flank of the hostile strong point and opened fire with his weapon. Then, spotting an abandoned machine gun, he crawled to the gun position and delivered rapid bursts of machine gun fire into the midst of the hostile force. As a result of his bold action, the enemy soldiers were disorganized and the friendly troops were able to push forward and seize their objective. His quick-thinking and courage enabled the attacking unit to complete its mission without sustaining a single casualty. Entered the Service from Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

BONIFAICO A. MARQUIS, 38583228, Private First Class, Company L, 141st Infan-

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try Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 November 1944 in France. During an attack against a well-defended road junction, the leading platoon was pinned down by heavy fire from an enemy tank. Acting entirely on his own initiative, Private First Class Marquis, an automatic rifleman with the platoon, crawled approximately 175 yards under intense machine gun fire to a rock formation within 25 yards of the tank. He immediately put his weapon into action, delivering rapid bursts of fire at the tank and forcing it to button up. Although he became the target for point blank enemy fire, he remained in position and continued manning his automatic rifle until he had expended his entire supply of ammunition. He then returned to his platoon and, after securing more ammunition, once again made the perilous trip to his vantage point behind the rocks. He continued to harass the tank, greatly reducing its effectiveness and enabling his comrades to maneuver out of its field of fire, until it was forced to withdraw. Entered the Service from Vaughn, New Mexico.

III. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

ALLEN PHILLIPS, 35253124, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. The squad of which Sergeant Phillips was leader was the forward element in his company's attack upon a town. While working his squad up through heavy enemy artillery fire to a position from which they could attack, he was hit by an enemy rifle bullet. Although severely wounded he remained to point out enemy positions to his company commander, who was thereby enabled to direct mortar and machine gun fire. Sergeant Phillips subsequently died of his wound. By his courageous devotion to duty he materially aided his company in destroying enemy resistance and continuing its advance. Next of kin: Mrs. Nora Phillips (Mother), RR #1, Waddy, Kentucky.

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NO. 72

Award of Air Medal.....I
Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Air Medal.....II

I. AWARD OF AIR MEDAL. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, the Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

CLARENCE C. NEWSOM, 01167141, Captain, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 30 November 1944 to 16 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Coffee Springs, Alabama.

NORVIN F. RAQUE, 01178298, First Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 9 June to 18 November 1944, Italy and France. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

NORMAN S. FRIEDMAN, 01179404, First Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 22 September 1944 to 1 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Exeter, New Hampshire.

JOSEPH M. BROOKS, 20815325, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 29 September to 5 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

WILLIAM A. ADAMS, 34114679, Corporal, Battery B, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 28 December 1944 to 26 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - AIR MEDAL. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

FRANK A. EIFLER, 01168652, First Lieutenant, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 28 November 1944 to 2 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Roxbury, Massachusetts.

JOSEPH M. BROOKS, 20815325, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery A, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 9 November to 16 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Corsicana, Texas.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Third Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

HUGH H. MIZE, 01184697, First Lieutenant, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 26 November 1944 to 13 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Sabetha, Kansas.

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EDWARD J. INGRAM, 01185067, First Lieutenant, 59th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 21 October 1944 to 1 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Booneville, Indiana.

MONTE R. LEE, 2081357, Technician Fourth Grade, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 10 December 1944 to 29 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Lubbock, Texas.

3. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a fifth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Sixth Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

EDWARD R. MAI, 02056284, First Lieutenant, 36th Division Artillery, 28 September 1944 to 5 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wakeeny, Kansas.

JACK MARTIN, 01691871, Second Lieutenant, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 3 September to 12 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Memphis, Tenn.

4. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Sixth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Seventh Air Medal is awarded to each of the following named individuals for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight:

MAX B. BENJAMIN, 01182512, First Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 29 October to 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wichita, Kansas.

EDWARD R. MAI, 02056284, First Lieutenant, 36th Infantry Division Artillery, 6 November 1944 to 5 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Wakeeny, Kansas.

ARTIE F. SVOBODA, 01180360, First Lieutenant, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 21 October to 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Ellsworth, Kansas.

JOHNNY R. HENDLEY, 02056285, First Lieutenant, 131st Field Artillery Battalion, 29 October to 24 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

JACK MARTIN, 01691871, Second Lieutenant, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, 14 October to 10 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Memphis, Tenn.

RAYMOND E. BIBB, 01691874, Second Lieutenant, 132d Field Artillery Battalion, 26 October to 24 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Nashville, Tennessee.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action.

ROBERT F. BAXTER, 11114278, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 11 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CORDELL D. COOK, 38037075, Technical Sergeant, Antitank Company, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Bonita, Texas.

DAVID ARVIZU, 36880612, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 23 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Pigion, Michigan.

BILLY J. BASKIN, 20848350, Staff Sergeant, Antitank Company, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

CLARK C. CAMPBELL, JR., 20808962, Staff Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Itasca, Texas.

JACK T. DAILY, 34807064, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 27 October 1944, France. Entered the Service from Oneonta, Alabama.

JOHN L. GARDNER, 36059772, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ashland, Illinois.

LESTER M. GILLESPIE, 37540242, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 5 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Yates Center, Kansas.

ROLLAND W. FOULSON, 35919801, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 15 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Shrave, Ohio.

JOHN F. SULLIVAN, 31369385, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 18 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

ELSWORTH D. TATE, 36365398, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

BYRON L. AYERS, 35877064, Sergeant, Company A, 9 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Dayton, Ohio.

HOWARD R. FRANCIS, 38401475, Sergeant, Company M, 12 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Orlando, Oklahoma.

JOHN S. HALKO, 31338714, Sergeant, Company I, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

PETE HOUSOS, 35842105, Sergeant, Company B, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Canton, Ohio.

RICHARD R. KLEVEN, 16068123, Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 22 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

WILLARD LEWIS, 36649512, Sergeant, Company I, 25 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Elmwood Place, Ohio.

WILLIAM R. SELLERS, 34895612, Sergeant, Company B, 21 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Sylva, North Carolina.

PAUL A. BROOKS, 15076823, Technician Fourth Grade, Cannon Company, 17 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Woodsfield, Ohio.

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JAMES A. CLEMENTS, 2080403, Technician Fourth Grade, Service Company, 27 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Aquilla, Texas.

LEON E. CRY, 20848340, Technician Fourth Grade, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 18 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hubbard, Texas.

RICHARD SHEDRICK, 32238743, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from West New York, New Jersey.

NEAL J. HENDRICKSON, 32388210, Corporal, Company M, 19 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from West Englewood, New Jersey.

ROBERT MARICH, 35160739, Corporal, Company D, 16 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Gary, Indiana.

JAMES RAZEK, 35069883, Corporal, Company L, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

WAYNE H. ACKERTAN, 31320090, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 25 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Gray, Maine.

WILLIAM E. JUREK, 20608236, Technician Fifth Grade, Cannon Company, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

EDWARD W. MC CURDY, 34545201, Technician Fifth Grade, Headquarters Company, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Jay, Florida.

CHARLES E. MACLARY, 12012112, Technician Fifth Grade, Company M, 9 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Charlestown, Maryland.

ALFRED T. MILNE, 31115414, Technician Fifth Grade, Antitank Company, 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Barre, Vermont.

ELVIN F. ROBINSON, 20809835, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from West, Texas.

ARTHUR T. SCHAEFFRICK, JR., 31380443, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 24 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Middletown, Connecticut.

SEAN L. ARMUJO, 38351507, Private First Class, Company A, 12 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from San Antonio, New Mexico.

LAWRENCE J. BELT, 35763261, Private First Class, Company K, 14 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Wheeling, West Virginia.

ERVAN BREEDEN, 34989169, Private First Class, Company A, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from New Market, Tennessee.

GLENN C. BUGBEE, 35749762, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Belington, West Virginia.

JAMES P. BURGER, 33946592, Private First Class, Company A, 22 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

DARVIN L. CAMPBELL, 33521548, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 1 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Richmond, Virginia.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 70

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is rosthumbously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

RAYMOND L. HALL, 38628253, Private First Class, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Hall was a gunner in a heavy machine gun section assigned the mission of supporting a forward rifle platoon in defending the outskirts of a tactically important village. A large hostile force launched a violent attack with infantry troops supported by artillery and tanks. Braving artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class Hall calmly manned his post, directing deadly bursts of machine gun fire into the midst of the attackers. As the charging enemy approached, the rifle elements withdrew from the untenable area and reorganized in a more advantageous position. The machine gun section was completely surrounded by hostile troops, and the communication lines were shattered by the artillery shelling. Although faced with almost certain death or capture by the enemy, Private First Class Hall valiantly remained in position. He continued delaying the hostile onslaught with his effective machine gun fire until he was mortally wounded. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary A. Hall (Mother), Route #1, Grand Prairie, Texas.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

HOMER W. STANSELL, 34089007, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. During an attack against an enemy strong point on the top of a hill, the 1st Platoon of Company I smashed the hostile outposts but was delayed by grazing machine gun fire from a well dug-in position. Sergeant Stansell, the platoon guide, volunteered to lead a patrol of five men, supported by a tank, in an attempt to eliminate the gun emplacement. Ordering his men to furnish covering fire, he approached the hostile position alone and hurled all of his grenades at the weapon. Then, fearlessly exposing himself to rapid bursts of fire, he stood up and fired a magazine of submachine gun ammunition at the enemy gunner. After withdrawing to reorganize his men, Sergeant Stansell moved forward again and, in the face of direct hostile fire, hurled a new supply of grenades at the machine gun emplacement. Suddenly 25 enemy soldiers jumped from their fighting holes and

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charged the small group. Sergeant Stansell dauntlessly held his ground and, standing erect in full view of the attackers, delivered accurate bursts of submachine gun fire into their midst. With the assistance of supporting fire from the tank, he repelled the assault, killing or wounding half of the hostile force. Entered the Service from Somerville, Georgia.

ORVAL V. WILMOT, 39338165, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in France. In order to consolidate positions, it was necessary for Company G to take and secure a small knoll on the left which was occupied by the enemy. Sergeant Wilmot volunteered to lead a patrol to the hill. He and his men had advanced 100 yards when they were subjected to heavy machine gun and mortar fire from positions on the knoll. By creeping and crawling forward, Sergeant Wilmot led his patrol to a sunken road and approached to within 75 yards of the hostile emplacements. Skillfully deploying his men, he directed fire on the enemy in order to attract their fire and locate their positions. Spotting two enemy soldiers on his left, he worked his way forward under the hostile fire and, by hurling four hand grenades in rapid succession, killed both of them. After determining the location of enemy positions on the knoll, he reorganized his patrol and led it back toward his company, capturing a prisoner on the way. With information furnished by Sergeant Wilmot and the additional information obtained from the prisoner, Company G was able to eliminate the hostile strong point and secure the hill. Entered the Service from Creswell, Oregon.

EARL B. THORNTON, 35776260, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 December 1944 in France. During Company B's attack against fanatically defended enemy positions, the leader of Private First Class Thornton's squad was seriously injured, and all but two of the squad members were killed or wounded. Immediately assuming command, Private First Class Thornton collected several men from an adjoining company and swiftly organized them into an effective combat unit. While the remainder of his company was pinned down by heavy small arms and mortar fire, he led his squad forward in a daring maneuver against the hostile positions. Bravely exposing himself, he skillfully directed his men in silencing a machine gun which had imperilled his entire company. Then, after returning the soldiers to their units, he moved back to the fire-swept area and assisted in evacuating several seriously wounded men. By his daring resourcefulness and aggressive leadership, he eliminated a serious threat to the safety of his company and enabled the unit to move into more advantageous positions. Entered the Service from Huntington, West Virginia.

DONALD F. PLASKI, 36809766, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 June 1944 in Italy. Private First Class Plaski, gunner in a machine gun squad, advanced with his company in an attack against stubbornly defended enemy positions on an important hill. As the attackers pressed forward, they were subjected to a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, and Private First Class Plaski was wounded by shell fragments from a nearby explosion. Although dazed by the concussion and suffering intense pain, he continued forward to his squad's objective. Spotting a group of hostile soldiers in a draw, he crawled to a firing position and put his gun into action. Sweeping the enemy with rapid, accurate bursts of fire,

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he killed several and forced the remainder to flee in disorder. While he and the other members of his squad were digging their gun emplacement, enemy artillery scored a direct hit on the position, killing the squad leader and assistant gunner. Private First Class Plaski unhesitatingly assumed command and skillfully reorganized the squad. Only after seeing that his men were occupying advantageous firing positions and were amply supplied with food and ammunition would he consent to be evacuated. His aggressiveness and courage contributed materially to his unit's success in the attack. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM VAN MILLIGAN, 36612180, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 September 1944 in France. When Company A's advance was stopped by strong enemy resistance, members of the unit established a defensive position to meet a hostile counterattack. The company area was subjected to a heavy artillery barrage followed by a determined assault by enemy infantry. Company A suffered numerous casualties and was ordered to withdraw from the untenable position. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, Private First Class Van Milligan voluntarily moved forward to a point beyond the friendly troops and opened fire with his automatic rifle to cover their withdrawal. Although he became the target for direct small arms and mortar fire, he determinedly maintained his exposed position, sweeping the crushing enemy with rapid, accurate bursts of fire. He succeeded in delaying the attackers until his company had established new defenses. He then rejoined his squad and accompanied it on a flanking maneuver which resulted in the elimination of three enemy positions. Entered the Service from South Nolland, Illinois.

JOSEPH A. LO GUIDICE, 32303543, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. A large hostile force launched a determined attack against the sector defended by the 1st Platoon of the Antitank Company. The enemy directed rapid bursts of machine gun fire along the street where one of the company's trucks was parked. While the remainder of his squad fought with rifles from the comparative safety of a house, Private First Class LoGuidice courageously left his covered position and ran through direct hostile fire to the truck. Calmly operating the machine gun mounted on the vehicle, he swept the hostile troops with accurate fire. Although he became the target for heavy enemy fire, he remained in position and continued manning the weapon until a ruptured cartridge caused a stoppage. Ignoring the heavy small arms fire, he skillfully removed the cartridge and again began operating the machine gun. His effective fire destroyed three enemy machine gun nests, wounded one hostile soldier and killed ten. His courage and aggressiveness were the determining factors in repelling the enemy assault. Entered the Service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

ROBERT T. ALCOTT, 32637592, Private First Class, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 September 1944 in France. During an enemy counterattack, when the building which housed the 1st Battalion Command Post was set afire by machine gun tracer bullets, a temporary command post was hastily established in a ditch beside the road. Private First Class Alcott, runner for Company A, volunteered to return 200 yards to the burning house and tap in a wire in order to establish communications with regimental headquarters. Alternately crawling and running under direct machine gun and artillery fire, he reached the wire head, established the line and returned to the ditch. When

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artillery shelling shattered the line, Private First Class Alcott again volunteered to establish the vital communications. Moving across a half mile of shell-blasted terrain, he swiftly repaired the break. He was returning to his unit when he spotted a wounded soldier lying in an open field exposed to the hostile fire. Aware of the casualty's urgent need for medical attention, he helped the injured man through heavy machine gun and artillery fire to the comparative safety of a ditch and then, without assistance, carried him almost a mile to the aid station. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

GAYE H. PARE, 19166856, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. As acting leader of the 2d Platoon, Sergeant Pare led his men in clearing a street strongly held by enemy troops. Skillfully coordinating the movements of the 1st Platoon with his own unit, he led his squads from one house to another with such rapidity that the startled enemy was unable to recover from the surprise of the assault. After three houses had been taken, he spotted five enemy soldiers in a machine gun emplacement and, with the aid of a comrade, captured them before they could fire a shot. While preparing to attack the last house, he was wounded by an enemy grenade. Refusing to be evacuated, he directed his men in taking the house and in spite of heavy fire, adjusted artillery and mortars on the enemy to eliminate the danger of a counterattack. His valor and aggressiveness was largely responsible for the rout of the enemy and the capture of approximately 50 prisoners. Entered the Service from Kelso, Washington.

CHARLES W. LEADINGHAM, 33715052, Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When Company B was threatened by a large scale enemy counterattack, the 3d Platoon of Company C, in which Sergeant Leadingham led the 2d Squad, advanced down a mined road under hostile artillery fire to help drive back the attackers. Upon learning the enemy's exact location, Sergeant Leadingham, after killing two of the hostile soldiers, led his squad with other elements of the platoon in overwhelming an observation post in a wooded sector. During the attack against the well-camouflaged positions of the main force of the enemy, he braved machine gun and automatic weapons fire to direct his men in reducing a machine gun emplacement which was endangering the platoon. He personally killed two more hostile soldiers during the fire fight. His aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of the attack in which 37 of the enemy were killed and 30 captured without a single casualty to the 3d Platoon. Entered the Service from Monaca, Penna.

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AWARD OF PURPLE HEART

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 143d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action:

JOHN C. FLOWERS, 3666335, Private First Class, Company L, 6 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Fort Worth, Texas.

WILLIAM A. GILCRIST, 32938472, Private First Class, Company M, 22 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Pleasantville, New York.

EDWIN GILES, 32239394, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 1 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Rutherford, New Jersey.

JOSEPH J. GILLESPIE, 33782046, Private First Class, Company E, 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH B. GRIPP, 35707201, Private First Class, Company L, 14 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Louisville, Kentucky.

JAMES D. HILL, 34311795, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Monroe, North Carolina.

MILTON R. JACOBS, 37585097, Private First Class, Company K, 10 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

RAYMOND R. LEFRANCOIS, 20111006, Private First Class, Company M, 6 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from South Grafton, Massachusetts.

HARRY S. LOOS, 32383851, Private First Class, Company A, 28 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Astoria, New York.

ALBERT J. MC ELHANEY, 34561873, Private First Class, Company E, 5 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Opelika, Alabama.

DOMINIC MARCHETTI, 37157011, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 11 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

ROBERT V. MARTINEZ, 99269446, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 25 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

GEORGE M. MAYZIK, 36819020, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 16 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

HERSCHELL H. (LORRISITT) SR., 34040736, Private First Class, Antitank Company, 31 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Moultrie, Georgia.

JAMES N. MOYER, 33016360, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 13 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Burnham, Pennsylvania.

CLARENCE F. OSBORNE, 33635338, Private First Class, Company D, 16 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Richmond, Virginia.

CARL F. PECORA, 36104929, Private First Class, Company A, 4 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Rochester, New York.

JOHN W. PETERS, 13066324, Private First Class, Company A, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Elizabethton, Tennessee.

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EUGENE W. REYNOLDS, 35068939, Private First Class, Company K, 31 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hur, West Virginia.

HOWARD W. ROBINSON, 36548316, Private First Class, Company A, 12 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Fayville, Michigan.

CARL E. RUBERT, 36716205, Private First Class, Company B, 1 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Belvidere, Illinois.

LEROY D. SADDLER, 33882555, Private First Class, Company F, 3 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Tilghman, Maryland.

ARTHUR J. SASINA, 32236847, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 14 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

ROSARIO SCORDAFAGLIA, 32926001, Private First Class, Company K, 27 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Hackensack, New Jersey.

ROBERT L. SHERMAN, 32930785, Private First Class, Company L, 16 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Jamestown, Kentucky.

JESSE E. SHULATE, 33660047, Private First Class, Cannon Company, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Galax, Virginia.

SALVATORE A. SIDOTI, 34518208, Private First Class, Company B, 8 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Cleveland, Ohio.

HUGH T. STUBBLEFIELD, 3920134, Private First Class, Company L, 19 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Parker, Arizona.

PAUL N. VANCE, 35407440, Private First Class, Company A, 9 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Springfield, Ohio.

HAROLD M. WARNER, 33149339, Private First Class, Company B, 21 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from New Bloomfield, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD W. WASSIL, 33609398, Private First Class, Company A, 25 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Jessup, Pennsylvania.

ALFRED M. WILLIS, 38518597, Private First Class, Company E, 21 January 1945, France. Entered the Service from Ruston, Louisiana.

RAYMOND B. WILLIS, 31386994, Private First Class, Company I, 12 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from Providence, Rhode Island.

DAVID E. WILSON, 34996540, Private First Class, Company K, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Zionville, North Carolina.

KENIOUS R. YOUNG, 33822108, Private First Class, Company K, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Raven, Virginia.

TERSO BAIONI, 39143242, Private, Company L, 1 December 1944, France. Entered the Service from San Francisco, California.

VINCENT CARGUELLO, 32838291, Private, Company I, 30 November 1944, France. Entered the Service from Syracuse, New York.

JAMES C. FARBER, 34736145, Private, Cannon Company, 10 February 1945, France. Entered the Service from Clinton, Tennessee.

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GENERAL ORDERS

NO. 68

Award of Silver Star.....	I
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I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

CARL T. ENGEL, 35277274, Staff Sergeant, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 June 1944 in Italy. While attacking a group of farm buildings under sniper fire, Sergeant Engel's squad was cut off from the remainder of the platoon by hostile troops. Sergeant Engel charged the building from which the snipers were firing and, by hurling a hand grenade into the position, killed one and captured five. He then exposed himself to hostile fire in order to direct his men in firing on the counterattacking enemy. In the ensuing fight, 27 hostile soldiers were killed and 43 were captured. After securing the buildings, the platoon attacked an enemy-held hill to the rear. Heavy tank fire drove them back and wounded the platoon leader, but Sergeant Engel assumed command and led the men in two more assaults. Throughout the engagement, his bold and aggressive leadership was a source of great inspiration to his men. Entered the Service from Orient, Ohio.

ALBERT V. MARTINEZ, 39289381, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 December 1944 in France. During an attack against an enemy-held town, Company E was assigned the mission of reducing a well-defended road block. Sergeant Martinez advanced in the assault with his platoon which had been reduced to a single light machine gun. Because all the platoon gunners had been killed or wounded, he himself manned the remaining weapon. As the rifle squads charged the road block, he furnished excellent overhead fire, supporting his comrades in destroying the enemy strong point. He then carried his machine gun into the town and assumed a firing position in a building which afforded observation over the hostile section of town. With small arms, artillery and bazooka fire directed at him, Sergeant Martinez watched an artillery piece, pulled by a truck, approach his position and stop near his window. As the enemy crew dismounted and prepared to move the gun into a firing position, he opened fire with his machine gun, delivering rapid, accurate bursts into the midst of the hostile force. He killed and wounded four of the enemy soldiers and destroyed the gun and its ammunition by setting them afire. Entered the Service from San Diego, California.

J. P. JOHNSTON, 20817963, Sergeant, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Greenville, Texas.

EDWARD W. LUDWIG, 33301159, Private, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Donora, Pennsylvania.

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for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. An infantry battalion to which these men were attached was preparing to attack a town known to be held by the enemy in great strength. They volunteered to check the road into town for concealed mines, despite the fact that it was under enemy observation. They advanced down the road, clearing two antitank mine road blocks, and were within 200 yards of the town when the enemy opened fire with small arms and mortars, wounding Private Ludwig and forcing them to withdraw. As a result of the courageous action of the above men the tanks were able to give the infantry direct fire support in their successful attack on the town.

HERMAN N. KING, 34275186, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Corinth, Mississippi.

RAYMOND W. MOHLEY, 38415126, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

THOMAS E. HERNANDEZ, JR., 34544026, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Entered the Service from Lakeland, Florida.

for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. Friendly infantry elements were withdrawing to better defensive positions, and these men were assigned the mission of destroying a bridge to prevent enemy armor from following. The bridge was under mortar fire which cut their demolition lines; and consequently, they had to wait until all friendly troops had crossed before wiring the charges. After the infantry had withdrawn, they worked calmly, under heavy shellfire and enemy observation, to complete their mission. Although hostile tanks were operating within 300 yards of the bridge and enemy infantry elements were only a short distance away, the above men successfully demolished the bridge, preventing enemy armor from following the friendly troops.

CHARLES W. HEAL, 39725795, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. An infantry attack had been halted by enemy machine gun fire; and, while crossing 150 yards of open terrain to destroy the gun, a soldier was wounded. Despite the machine gun fire and heavy concentrations of enemy tank and artillery fire falling in the area, Private First Class Heal crossed the open space to administer first aid and evacuate the man. On two more occasions he crossed the field to evacuate wounded. His outstanding courage resulted in the prompt evacuation of three seriously wounded soldiers and was probably responsible for saving their lives. Entered the Service from Altadena, California.

ORVILLE A. AMUNDSON, 39212143, Private First Class, Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 February 1945 in France. During an attack against a well-defended town, Private First Class Amundson, a radio operator with Company E, was separated from the remainder of the headquarters group. He contacted the assault platoons and, setting up his radio in a house on the outskirts of town, relayed messages between the company command post and battalion headquarters. The building, also occupied by rifleman, was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar, antitank and bazooka fire and was finally surrounded by the enemy. Private First Class Amundson continued operating his radio, personally adjusting artillery fire on the hostile troops. Only after all other friendly troops in the town had become casualties and enemy soldiers had charged the house and destroyed his radio did Private First Class Amundson escape. His determination and devotion to duty reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Bemidji, Minnesota.

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HOWARD G. BARNER, 34926997, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Thyatira, Mississippi.

ERNEST L. HARPER, 35848454, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Trout, West Virginia.

for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. Enemy troops attacked across an open field in an attempt to seize the houses on the street held by the 2d Platoon. These men, protecting the platoon's right front, immediately opened fire and drove back the attackers as they moved across the clearing. Although they became the target for heavy machine gun fire, they determinedly maintained their position and continued firing. When the hostile soldiers moved to the flank and secured a house in another platoon's sector, the above men were subjected to crossfire from two enemy machine guns. Undaunted, they held their ground and, killing ten of the enemy and wounding others, protected their platoon against the assault.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

HERBERT A. LOREE, 36173672, Corporal, Company C, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. Friendly infantry elements were withdrawing to better defensive positions, and Corporal Loree and three comrades were assigned the mission of destroying a bridge to prevent enemy armor from following. The bridge was under mortar fire which cut their demolition lines; and, consequently they had to wait until all friendly troops had crossed before wiring the charges. After the infantry had withdrawn, they worked calmly, under heavy shellfire and enemy observation, to complete their mission. Although hostile tanks were operating within 300 yards of the bridge and enemy infantry elements were only a short distance away, Corporal Loree and his companions successfully demolished the bridge, preventing enemy armor from following friendly troops. Corporal Loree was wounded while performing this deed. He was killed in action on the following day. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah J. Loree (Mother), 10177 South State Street, Otisville, Michigan.

FRANK WILLIAMS, 33666870, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 in France. While advancing as lead scout in front of his squad, Private Williams was fired on by an enemy machine gun. Without hesitation, he charged the gun emplacement and, in silencing the weapon, killed one hostile soldier and captured another. Although wounded during the action, he refused to go to the aid station and continued leading the attack. Private Williams died of wounds received in a subsequent engagement. His valor and aggressiveness reflect great credit upon himself and his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Farmer (Mother), River Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

FRANK WILLIAMS, 33666870, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for

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gallantry in action on 7 October 1944 in France. The 1st Platoon of Company G was advancing toward its objective when it was stopped by fire from enemy snipers. Spotting one of the snipers, Private Williams courageously exposed himself in order to obtain a clear field of fire. In spite of enemy small arms fire, he moved to an advantageous position and opened fire on the hostile soldier. As he killed the sniper, he was seriously wounded by the second sniper and died later the same day. His outstanding gallantry and devotion to duty were a source of great inspiration to all the members of his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Julia Farmer (Mother), River Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

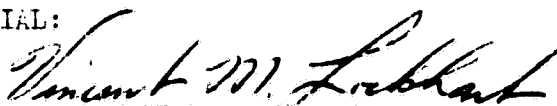
III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a second Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the third Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action.

JESSE J. DOERING, 37485118, Staff Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. Sergeant Doering was acting leader of the 3d Platoon during his company's attack on a town. After deploying his men, he moved forward across open terrain with the lead scout. One of the enemy, firing a machine pistol from the first house, held up the unit's advance. Taking careful aim, Sergeant Doering killed the hostile soldier with his rifle. So skillful was his leadership that, in the face of small arms and mortar fire, his platoon took its objective, destroyed an enemy antitank gun, killed and wounded approximately 15 of the enemy and captured 20. Entered the Service from Dallas, South Dakota.

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NO. 67

Award of Silver Star.....I
Corrected Award of Silver Star.....II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

LAVERN W. MAXWELL, 0497312, Captain, 686th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. One of the tank destroyers of Company C was disabled by a direct hit from enemy artillery, but the destroyer's gun was still in working condition. Infantry troops in the vicinity were planning an assault against an enemy-held town, but insufficient armored support prevented them from launching the attack. After making a careful reconnaissance of the hazardous area, Captain Maxwell, commanding Company C, volunteered to man the gun in the disabled tank destroyer and cover the infantry's advance. Although the enemy artillery had zeroed in the destroyer and was attempting to destroy it completely, Captain Maxwell ran across shell-blasted terrain to the vehicle and, with one of his men, operated the gun. He fired 30 rounds at hostile strong points, setting one building afire and inflicting irreparable damage on the enemy. While artillery shells crashed around him, he continued firing until he had expended his entire supply of ammunition. Largely as a result of his effective fire, the infantry troops were able to gain a foothold in the important town. Entered the Service from Galesburg, Illinois.

WALTER E. RIDENHOUR, 34679259, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Ridenhour, a squad leader in Company G, was assigned the mission of defending a 400 yard gap on the company's left flank. When the attacking enemy gained a sector of the woodland which the battalion was defending, Sergeant Ridenhour realized that the darkness made it impossible to close the gap by covering it with fire. Acting entirely on his own initiative, he swiftly organized his squad and led a daring attack against the hostile troops. The startled enemy withdrew into an open field where friendly machine guns inflicted heavy casualties. By his quick-thinking and aggressiveness, Sergeant Ridenhour eliminated a serious threat to his company. Entered the Service from Richfield, North Carolina.

GILBERTO GONZALEZ, 38561310, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. When an enemy tank, supported by two other tanks firing from a nearby road junction, attacked a house occupied by a squad of the 1st Platoon, the squad was forced to withdraw. Private First Class Gonzalez, the assistant squad leader,

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secured a bazooka and, with a companion, returned to the abandoned house. Entering the building, he and his comrade exposed themselves to fire from the tank, now only 25 yards away, in order to reach an advantageous position. Opening fire, they scored a direct hit on the turret, killing the enemy machine gunner, and disabling the tank. By his courage and aggressiveness, Private First Class Gonzalez helped eliminate a serious threat to the safety of his unit. Entered the Service from Falfurrias, Texas.

BORIS SHATKYVICH, 31189598, Technician Fourth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from New Haven, Connecticut.

PAUL MANGUM, 38039744, Technician Fifth Grade, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

GEORGE H. MUSE, 33288540, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

WALTER A. KELLER, 33230311, Private First Class, Company C, 111th Medical Battalion. Entered the Service from Temple, Pennsylvania.

for gallantry in action on 20 November 1944 in France. When a combat patrol crossed a river and advanced into enemy territory, one man was killed and three others wounded by hostile fire. The above men, members of a litter squad, rode in a medical jeep as far as the mined bank of the river. Willingly risking their own lives to rescue the injured soldiers, they courageously forded the swollen stream and, braving direct machine gun and rifle fire from hostile positions, worked their way across 800 yards of flat, exposed terrain to the spot where the casualties were lying. After administering expert first aid treatment, they placed the most seriously wounded man on their litter and started back across the fire-swept area. Although they were the targets for heavy small arms fire, they pressed determinedly forward to the river bank. Waist deep in water, they struggled for 15 minutes against the rapid, swirling currents of the stream before they finally reached the medical jeep on the opposite bank. As a result of the courage and selflessness of the above men, a seriously injured soldier was evacuated to safety where he received prompt medical attention.

MILTON CAGAN, 31143595, Corporal, Company C, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. Corporal Cagan's tank destroyer was disabled by a direct hit from enemy artillery, but the destroyer's gun was still in working condition. Infantry troops in the vicinity were planning an assault against an enemy-held town, but insufficient armored support prevented them from launching the attack. When his company commander arrived in the area, Corporal Cagan voluntarily accompanied him on a hazardous forward reconnaissance. After determining the situation, he and his commanding officer volunteered to man the gun in the disabled tank destroyer and cover the infantry's advance. Although enemy artillery had zeroed in the destroyer and was attempting to destroy it completely, Corporal Cagan ran across shell-blasted terrain to the vehicle and, with his company commander, operated the gun. He fired 30 rounds at hostile strong points, setting one building afire and inflicting irreparable damage on the enemy. While artillery shells crashed around him, he continued firing until he had expended his entire supply of ammunition. Largely as a result of his effective fire, the infantry troops were able to gain a foothold in the important town. Entered the Service from New Haven, Connecticut.

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GEORGE E. FIDLER, 33832110, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in France. Under cover of darkness, approximately 60 enemy soldiers infiltrated into a recently captured town and placed a machine gun in position to fire at the 3d Platoon Command Post. As Private First Class Fidler, a jeep driver bringing a hot meal to the command post, approached the area, the enemy launched a savage assault. From a position of cover, Private First Class Fidler spotted two of the hostile soldiers attempting to steal his vehicle. He swiftly attacked them, hurling hand grenades and firing his pistol as he ran, and succeeded in killing one and wounding the other. Almost immediately the enemy began blasting the area with a heavy artillery barrage. Private First Class Fidler ran toward his jeep in the face of direct machine gun and rifle fire, but, before he reached it, the vehicle was disabled by direct hits. Undaunted, he continued forward to the jeep and rescued a bazooka from the damaged vehicle. Aware that enemy machine guns placed at the exits of the platoon command post had prevented the soldiers from leaving the position, Private First Class Fidler courageously crawled across 50 yards of open street toward the command post. Although his bazooka had been damaged by a shell fragment and failed to operate, he valiantly remained in the fire-swept area and attracted the enemy's attention while friendly troops opened fire and forced the hostile group to withdraw. Entered the Service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

FRANK F. CAPPOLA, 32898818, Private First Class, Company D, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in France. At dusk Private First Class Cappola was guarding his heavy machine gun, emplaced near a strategically important crossroads, when his position was subjected to heavy artillery and mortar concentrations. Enemy infantry elements, firing machine pistols and rifles, charged his emplacement. He operated his machine gun unaided until the hostile soldiers attacked from the rear and his line of fire was cut off by piles of rubble. Determinedly maintaining his position, he hurled hand grenades into the midst of the enemy soldiers only 5 yards away. He inflicted several casualties on the hostile group and forced the remainder to withdraw. By his courage and aggressiveness, he repelled a counterattack and saved a vital crossroads position. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

PAUL W. GREGG, 35148002, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 August 1944 in France. One platoon of Company G, crossing an open field was subjected to hostile machine gun, artillery and tank fire. Private First Class Gregg recrossed the field under fire to direct the other three platoons along a covered route. Faced by a numerically superior enemy, Company G established a defensive position. From a vantage point, Private First Class Gregg helped direct artillery fire which silenced two enemy mortars. Later, when a large hostile force counterattacked the company defense and the order to withdraw was given, he risked capture to help a wounded comrade and was among the last to leave the untenable position. Because there was no contact with battalion headquarters, he led a patrol through hostile territory to contact the battalion commander and obtain vitally needed supplies for his unit. Throughout the entire engagement he distinguished himself by his resourcefulness and intrepidity in performing many hazardous assignments. Entered the Service from Gary, Indiana.

II. CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR. So much of General Orders 42, this Headquarters, dated 21 February 1945, as awards a Silver Star to TRUJILLO JESUS, 38441737, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, is rescinded

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and the following substituted therefor:

✓ "Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

OK "JESUS TRUJILLO, 38441737, Private First Class, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 October 1944 in France. Private First Class Trujillo, an acting squad leader, advanced at the extreme point of his company, moving across high ground which overlooked an important enemy stronghold. After advancing 1000 yards, the company was ordered to halt and organize a defensive position. Private First Class Trujillo occupied an outpost in advance of the other elements of his company and remained constantly on the alert throughout the night for enemy patrol action. When a group of hostile soldiers approached his position, he cleverly tricked them into advancing into a trap. The enemy patrol moved unwittingly toward friendly soldiers waiting in well-concealed positions. Although he was exposed to small arms fire from his own men as well as from the enemy, Private First Class Trujillo bravely ordered his men to open fire. As a result of his resourcefulness and courage, the hostile patrol was completely disorganized, two of the enemy soldiers were killed, one was captured and several were wounded. Private First Class Trujillo was seriously injured during the engagement and was forced to be evacuated. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas."

By Command of Major General DAHLQUIST:

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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER # 66

NO. 66

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
- Corrected Award of Silver Star - Posthumous.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-75, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

FRANK J. BELTER, 36833083, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. While attacking well-fortified houses in an enemy-held town, friendly troops were halted by heavy machine gun fire from the left flank. Sergeant Belter volunteered to lead his squad across open, fire-swept terrain into a group of houses from which they could deliver fire on the enemy's rear. Fully aware of the danger involved, he started to advance across the open space. While running toward his objective, Sergeant Belter was killed by the machine gun fire. His heroic action inspired his comrades to renewed aggressiveness against the hostile force. Next of kin: Mrs. Lela Belter (Wife), 729 1st Avenue North, Park Falls, Wisconsin.

ELDON B. KELLER, 35894681, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Keller was a member of a heavy machine gun section supporting the 2d Platoon of Company B in the defense. Enemy troops overran the 3d Platoon positions and attacked the 2d Platoon from the rear. Although the hostile force was firing machine guns and rifles from a distance of only 100 yards, Private First Class Keller and two companions left their well dug in position and moved across open terrain, through the heavy small arms fire, to a new position which afforded a better field of fire. Swiftly putting the machine gun into action, they delivered effective fire into the midst of the attackers, checking their advance and eventually forcing them to withdraw. By their courage and aggressiveness, Private First Class Keller and his comrades prevented the enemy from overwhelming the platoon's defenses. Private First Class Keller was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret G. Keller (Wife), Rt. #5, Elkhart, Indiana.

JOHN LYNCH, 36688599, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. As scouts in the 2d Platoon during an attack against an important hill, Private First Class Lynch and a companion led the way up the densely wooded slope. Through the thick mist that covered the hill, they spotted four enemy soldiers preparing to fire an antitank gun at the advancing platoon. Moving swiftly, Private First Class Lynch and his comrade charged the hostile gun position and, in spite of small arms fire from enemy soldiers emplaced further up the hill, captured ten prisoners before their platoon arrived. As a result of their quick-thinking and boldness, the company was able to seize its objective with little resistance. Private First Class Lynch was killed in action during a subsequent engagement.

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Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Lynch, (Mother), 18 South Kildare Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

RICHARD H. ZOROMSKI, 36680970, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 February 1945 in France. During an attack against a well-defended enemy town, the squad leader and scouts of the 1st Squad of the 1st Platoon were trapped in a shed by hostile machine gun fire. Realizing the urgency of freeing his comrades, Private First Class Zoromski stepped forward and, exposing himself to the enemy fire, began operating his automatic rifle. He killed two of the hostile soldiers with his accurate fire, and the other squad members routed the remainder of the enemy with hand grenades. While performing this valiant deed, Private First Class Zoromski was mortally wounded by the hostile fire. His heroic sacrifice was a source of great inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Anna Ostrowski, (Mother), 1119 Marthas Lane, Stevens Point, Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

BERNHARDT J. MEIER, 0378498, Captain, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 in France. Captain Meier, Battalion S-3, was following closely behind B Company during a night attack. When the enemy opened fire with small arms, the company became partially disorganized. Captain Meier moved through the company, reorganizing squads and platoons, and skillfully placed the men in advantageous positions. His calmness under fire restored confidence in the men and enabled the company to take and hold its objective. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JAMES G. EBERHARDT, JR., 01061104, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. Lieutenant Eberhardt, leader of the 2d Platoon, was assigned the mission of bringing up the left flank during his company's attack on high ground. About half way up the hill the platoon was halted by heavy small arms fire from dug-in positions. Lieutenant Eberhardt, despite the hostile fire, immediately led his platoon in a flanking maneuver by which they assaulted the hostile positions. By his skill and courage he led his men through to their objective and materially aided them in killing four of the enemy and capturing at least fifteen. Entered the Service from Tampa, Florida.

RALPH J. IANNIELLO, JR., 02055283, Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 October 1944 in France. The 1st Platoon, with Sergeant Ianniello in command, was in position on the crest of a hill with the hostile emplacements only 40 yards away. Sergeant Ianniello and several riflemen attempted to advance. Moving forward through heavy machine gun and mortar fire, Sergeant Ianniello fired his bazooka at the enemy. He suffered severe burns from his weapon and was struck in the face by shell fragments. In spite of intense pain, he continued to advance, firing rifle grenades into the midst of the hostile group and forcing the enemy machine gunners to flee. Throughout the entire engagement, he distinguished himself by his personal bravery and his aggressive leadership. Entered the Service from Mount Vernon, New York.

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RALPH E. CAIN, 35750633, Technical Sergeant, (then Staff Sergeant), Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

STUART O. STUMP, 33047962, Private First Class, Company D, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Honaker, Virginia.

for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. These men were members of a heavy machine gun section supporting the 2d Platoon of Company B in the defense. Enemy troops overran the 3d Platoon positions and attacked the 2d Platoon from the rear. Although the hostile force was firing machine guns and rifles from a distance of only 100 yards, the above men left their well dug in position and moved across open terrain, through the heavy small arms fire, to a new position which afforded a better field of fire. Swiftly putting the machine gun into action, they delivered effective fire into the midst of the attackers, checking their advance and eventually forcing them to withdraw. By their courage and aggressiveness, these men prevented the enemy from overwhelming the platoon's defenses.

PERSHING E. FREEMAN, 33503886, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. While returning from a combat mission, the 2d Platoon of Company B encountered an enemy patrol, and the 2d Squad was ordered to outflank the hostile group. As the Squad advanced, it was pinned down by enemy small arms fire. Observing that the squad was in difficulty, Sergeant Freeman, the platoon sergeant, worked his way through hostile fire to the squad, firing his sub-machine gun as he advanced. After expending all of his ammunition, he secured an automatic rifle from one of the squad members and, standing up in the face of the enemy fire, led the squad in an assault. As a result of his aggressive leadership, the hostile patrol was routed, four of the enemy soldiers were killed and one was wounded. Entered the Service from Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

MARTIN F. ROBINSON, 37615900, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Robinson, acting platoon leader, was assigned the mission of bringing up the right flank during his company's attack on high ground. About half way up the hill the platoon encountered heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire and engaged the enemy in a fire fight which lasted approximately 30 minutes. During this time Sergeant Robinson skillfully controlled the advance of his platoon, although it was frequently necessary to exposed himself to the enemy fire. By his skill and courage he led his men through to their objective and materially aided them in killing eight of the enemy and capturing fourteen. Entered the Service from Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

GEORGE LUCAS, 33764685, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 September 1944 in France. As scouts in the 2d Platoon during an attack against an important hill, Private First Class Lucas and a companion led the way up the densely wooded slope. Through the thick mist that covered the hill, they spotted four enemy soldiers preparing to fire an antitank gun at the advancing platoon. Moving swiftly, Private First Class Lucas and his comrade charged the hostile gun position and, in spite of small arms fire from enemy soldiers emplaced further up the hill, captured

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ten prisoners before their platoon arrived. As a result of their quick-thinking and boldness, the company was able to seize its objective with little resistance. Entered the Service from Scalp Level, Pennsylvania.

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III. ^{to change} CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR - POSTHUMOUS. So much of Section I, General Orders 56, this Headquarters, dated 1 March 1945, as awards a Silver Star to THOMAS A. VOLTERO, 31301199, Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

"THOMAS A. VOLTERO, 31301199, Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1944 in France. Company G was assigned the mission of attacking stubbornly defended positions on important high ground. Sergeant Voltero, advancing at the head of his men, led the assault squad of the 3d Platoon. An enemy machine gun suddenly opened fire, sweeping the area with rapid bursts and inflicting heavy casualties on the attackers. Aware of the necessity for immediate, aggressive action, Sergeant Voltero, moving under direct enemy observation and machine gun and sniper fire, crawled to the rear of his platoon and obtained a grenade launcher. He returned to his original position and, while his squad remained pinned to the ground, crawled dauntlessly forward to a point within 50 yards of the hostile gun emplacement. Although he was the target for heavy, direct fire, he took careful aim and fired two rounds into the enemy position, completely destroying the machine gun. His quick-thinking and daring saved his unit from suffering many casualties and enabled the company to hold its position. Sergeant Voltero was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Alexander Voltero (Brother), 48 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts."

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NO. 65

- Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Silver Star.....II
- Corrected Award of Silver Star.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

R. B. BRYANT, 20816424, Technician Fifth Grade, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 in France. When Battery B was subjected to heavy counterbattery fire, personnel in the area were ordered to take cover. Hearing the cries of an injured soldier, Tec 5 Bryant unhesitatingly left his place of safety and ran across the shelled area to aid his comrade. Just as he reached the wounded man, he was mortally wounded by hurtling shell fragments. His outstanding act of heroism, motivated by compassion for an injured comrade, was a source of great inspiration to his fellow soldiers. Next of kin: Mrs. Jacel Marie Bryant (Wife), 2425 Dell Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

DAVID A. WILLIAMS, 37730313, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8-9 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Williams was assistant leader of a squad during his company's house-to-house attack on a town. Another squad, while advancing, was pinned down by machine gun and bazooka fire in an area strewn with antipersonnel mines. Private First Class Williams deployed his squad to cover the source of enemy fire, and advanced into the minefield to help the wounded. He set off one mine, but dauntlessly continued on, unwounded. While he was dragging one of the wounded men to safety, he set off another mine which killed him instantly. Next of Kin: Mrs. Addie Winfred Williams (Wife), 119 South Grant Street, Liberal, Kansas.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

LUDRED HUMISTON, 01303992, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 and 4 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Humiston, leader of the 1st Platoon of Company E, was assigned the mission of clearing resistance from a wooded hill covering the approaches to an enemy-held town. Skillfully maneuvering his men through machine gun and rifle fire, he led an assault against the hostile force. In overrunning the positions, he and his men killed seven of the enemy, captured ten and seized three machine guns. Continuing in pursuit of the retreating enemy, Lieutenant Humiston directed his men in driving away the crews of two 20mm guns which had opened fire on them and captured four mortars which the hostile troops had abandoned. On the following

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day, as a result of his aggressive leadership, his platoon killed approximately 16 more of the enemy and seized a large factory building occupying an important position at the edge of town. Entered the Service from Monterey, California.

JAMES W. BRIDGES, 0447120, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Bridges was leading his platoon in an attack against the left half of a town when the enemy opened fire with small arms, mortars and artillery, delaying the company on his flank. Advancing ahead of his platoon to reconnoiter the area, he spotted 15 enemy soldiers, armed with machine guns, moving across a hill to prepared positions on the left flank of the town. Lieutenant Bridges swiftly opened fire with his carbine, killing and wounding six of the enemy and pinning the remainder to the barren slope of the hill. In spite of hostile fire directed at him, he continued firing at the enemy troops until a friendly tank moved into position and eliminated the threat. His daring initiative and skillful leadership were a source of inspiration to all the men of his platoon. Entered the Service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

STEWART H. LA BARGE, 01290090, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 3 June 1944 in Italy. Company G advanced up a mountainside to within 50 yards of a walled-in castle, well defended by hostile troops, on the summit. Heavy machine gun and mortar fire delayed the unit's advance. Lieutenant La Barge, the company executive officer, crawled across exposed terrain toward the hostile machine gun emplaced near the wall to his left flank. He hurled a hand grenade into the emplacement, killing the gunner and wounding the other crew member. Then, continuing forward, he climbed to the top of the stone wall and, from this exposed vantage point, spotted a second machine gun position. While working his way back to his company to secure additional hand grenades, he was seriously wounded by an enemy grenade. His daring action inspired the members of his organization to renewed aggressiveness against the hostile force. Entered the Service from Spence Falls, New York.

CHARLES L. PEGG, 35367239, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. When Company F was ordered to withdraw from an untenable position, Sergeant Pegg, a platoon sergeant, was without contact with the elements of his platoon dispersed in nearby houses. Leaving the comparative safety of his command post, he braved heavy enemy machine gun and 88mm gun fire to contact each of his squads and relay the order to withdraw. Upon returning to his command post, he administered emergency treatment to several wounded men and then assisted in evacuating the casualties across an open field under hostile fire. He killed an enemy rifleman who attempted to stop him and, at the risk of his own life, helped several injured comrades reach a place of safety. His example of intrepid leadership reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Redkey, Indiana.

REGINALD T. FOX, 38065900, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. Tec 4 Fox was attached to an aid station accompanying an Infantry battalion on attack through a heavily wooded area. When heavy enemy small arms and artillery fire forced the aid station to remain behind with the wounded, he advanced with the battalion on his own initiative and made several trips back with casualties, although it was

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necessary to wade a stream both ways and the area was under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. By his courageous devotion to duty Tec 4 Fox was responsible for the early evacuation of many seriously wounded men. Entered the Service from Happy, Texas.

LOUIE W. KRAMER, 39145332, Private First Class (then Private), Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 in France. Private Kramer was a member of a three-man contact patrol assigned the mission of crossing a mile of enemy territory to relay information to the 1st Battalion. While advancing toward their objective, Private Kramer and his companions suddenly encountered a hostile force of company strength. Although hopelessly outnumbered, they refused to surrender. They directed a large volume of small arms fire into the midst of the enemy troops, inflicting several casualties. Their accurate fire confused the hostile group, and Private Kramer and his comrades seized the opportunity to escape from the hazardous area. During the withdrawal, Private Kramer suffered a painful head wound. Still uncounted, he scorned surrender and, with the assistance of his companions, succeeded in returning to the friendly lines with a valuable report on the enemy dispositions. Entered the Service from Meatsburg, California.

RHEUAL D. BAILEY, 37104677, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 December 1944 in France. Two seriously wounded men from Company C were lying in an exposed position on an open field. Although he was attached to another company, Private Bailey, acting on his own initiative, left his covered position and went to their aid. Running through heavy machine gun and tank fire, he had almost reached the wounded men when a second machine gun opened fire on him. Swiftly administering emergency treatment to both casualties, he ran back to the Company C positions and ordered two men to assist him in evacuating them. Braving the hostile fire, he led the soldiers, who were carrying his patients on improvised litters, safely out of the hazardous area. Private Bailey's quick-thinking and personal courage were responsible for saving the lives of the two wounded men. Entered the Service from Van Buren, Arkansas.

LAWRENCE A. BUTLER, 39583979, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company C was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and taking an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. By employing a three-man rubber boat in establishing a shuttle system, Private Butler, an automatic rifleman in the 2d Squad, and his companions crossed the canal under harassing artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was swiftly reorganized, and missions were assigned to each squad. The 2d and 3d Squads were ordered to secure and hold a powerhouse on the left side of the island and to reduce all enemy strong points along their route of advance. Pressing dauntlessly forward, Private Butler furnished effective support for his squad, operating his weapon against the hostile emplacements and forcing the enemy to withdraw. Upon reaching the last building to be cleared before the squad's final objective, he crawled to an exposed position under heavy rifle and grenade fire and delivered accurate bursts of automatic rifle fire into the midst of the hostile emplacement, driving back the enemy troops. He then moved to the edge of an open field and covered his comrades as they assaulted the powerhouse and captured 40 prisoners. By his skill and courage, he proved of invaluable assistance to his squad in attaining its objective. Entered the

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Service from Mesa, Arizona.

✓ III. CORRECTED AWARD OF SILVER STAR. So much of Section I, General Orders 489, this Headquarters, dated 30 December 1944, as awards a Silver Star to JOHN L. MANNEY, 34844909, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

"Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

✓ "JOHN L. MAUNEY, 34874909, Private, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 September 1944 in France. Company A's advance was delayed by heavy machine gun and rifle fire from the opposite side of a bridge which spanned a small stream. The 1st Platoon was assigned the mission of smashing the hostile strong point. Private Mauney, a scout in one of the assault squads, crossed the stream from a point above the bridge and cautiously advanced through thick underbrush. Spotting an enemy rifleman, he opened fire and wounded him. He then made his way up a ditch beside the road to a position above and behind the machine gun nest. Fearlessly exposing himself to the hostile fire, he hurled hand grenades into the enemy emplacement, silencing the machine gun and its crew. By his quick-thinking and aggressiveness, Private Mauney destroyed an enemy strong point and enabled his organization to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Ripley, Mississippi.

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NO. 64

- Award of Silver Star.....I
- Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....II

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

ELIAN E. VOSS, 36805153, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When Company B was threatened by a large scale enemy counterattack, the 3d Platoon of Company C, in which Sergeant Voss led the 1st Squad, advanced down a mined road under hostile artillery fire to help drive back the attackers. Upon learning the enemy's exact location, Sergeant Voss coordinated his squad with the other two squads in assaulting a hostile observation post in a wooded sector. After reducing the position, he led his men in an attack against the well-camouflaged positions of the main force of the enemy. While directing the fire of his squad, he personally killed five hostile soldiers. His skillful leadership contributed materially to the success of the attack in which 37 of the enemy were killed and 30 captured without a single casualty to the 3d Platoon. Entered the Service from Manawa, Wisconsin.

GERHARD A. MILLER, 36236357, Corporal, Antitank Company, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. While supporting a rifle company in the defense, Corporal Miller, gunner in a machine gun squad, spotted a group of enemy soldiers attempting to flank the unit's position. His effective fire forced the enemy to withdraw to a house approximately 100 yards away. Corporal Miller then led two men across exposed terrain to a small ditch and along the ditch to within a short distance of the building. He directed his men in delivering accurate machine gun fire into the hostile position. As a result of his aggressive action, three of the enemy were killed, several more were wounded, and the remainder were forced to flee. Entered the Service from Watertown, Wisconsin.

WILLIAM J. HUGHES, 39180470, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. During an artillery and mortar barrage, a soldier was helping his three wounded comrades from a disabled tank when the tank suddenly burst into flames and its reserve ammunition began exploding. Realizing the danger to the wounded men, Tec 5 Hughes, an aid man with a rifle company, unhesitatingly left his place of comparative safety and ran across open terrain under heavy shellfire to aid the casualties. After completing three round trips across the shelled area, carrying each of the men to a covered position, he skillfully administered first aid and supervised their evacuation. He again braved the hostile fire to reach two casualties lying beyond the tank and, upon reaching them, discovered that

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both were dead. His courage and devotion to duty inspired the respect and confidence of his comrades. Entered the Service from Tacoma, Washington.

GERALD N. CAMPBELL, 36869253, Private First Class, Company F, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. When his company was ordered to withdraw from an untenable position, Private First Class Campbell moved to an open window in a house and, although he was exposed to hostile small arms and tank fire, remained to cover his unit's withdrawal. When all his comrades had left the area, he rejoined his company. While crossing an ice-covered stream under heavy enemy fire, a wounded soldier broke through the thin ice. Private First Class Campbell unhesitatingly plunged into the icy water and rescued him. Although wounded by an enemy rifleman while crossing an open field, he refused medical treatment and continued helping his injured comrade until they reached a place of safety. His determination and devotion to duty were a source of inspiration to the members of his organization. Entered the Service from Ferndale, Michigan.

ROLLY W. WALKER, 36892759, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. When an enemy tank, supported by two other tanks firing from a nearby road junction, attacked a house occupied by a squad of the 1st Platoon, the squad was forced to withdraw. Private First Class Walker, a member of another squad, approached the abandoned house with a companion in an attempt to deliver bazooka fire on the tank. Entering the house, he and his comrade exposed themselves to fire from the tank, now only 25 yards away, in order to reach an advantageous position. Opening fire, they scored a direct hit on the turret, killing the enemy machine gunner, and left the house just as two shells from the tank crashed through the building. By his courage and aggressiveness, Private First Class Walker helped eliminate a serious threat to the safety of his unit. Entered the Service from Battle Creek, Michigan.

JOSEPH J. EUSTACHEWICH, 42101935, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. The area occupied by Company C was subjected to a heavy mortar barrage; and a nearby tank, receiving a direct hit, burst into flames. Private First Class Eustachewich, a platoon aid man, left his place of comparative safety and swiftly ran across an open field to a wounded man lying beside the tank. Although exposed to mortar and machine gun fire, he carried the casualty 50 yards alone and then, with the assistance of the tank commander, over the remaining 20 yards to a covered position. While searching for litter bearers, Private First Class Eustachewich was knocked unconscious by a shell concussion. Regaining consciousness a few minutes later, he located several riflemen who evacuated the injured soldier. His courageous action, at the risk of his own life, assured the wounded man of prompt medical attention. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

JOHN A. KELLY, SR., 34899116, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Kelly was a member of a machine gun squad assigned the mission of supporting Company G's defenses. During a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, he spotted a group of enemy soldiers forming in preparation for an attack. Realizing that it was impossible to fire from his present position, he voluntarily moved

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his machine gun through direct hostile fire to a vacated automatic rifle emplacement. When an enemy machine gun opened fire on his position, he swiftly put his weapon into action and, with rapid, accurate bursts of fire, wounded several of the crew members and silenced the gun. Later, Private First Class Kelly observed a ten-man patrol approaching the friendly lines. Again opening fire, he killed or wounded all ten of the hostile soldiers. His prompt and aggressive actions enabled his battalion to reorganize and consolidate its defenses. Entered the Service from Elkin, North Carolina.

FREDERICK F. KREIGELSTEIN, 36768678, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Kreigelstein, an aid man with Company I, moved across a wooded area under rifle and machine gun fire to assist a wounded comrade. While he was administering emergency treatment to the casualty, an enemy rifleman opened fire on him from a position behind a tree. Aware of the necessity for aggressive action, Private First Class Kreigelstein, although unarmed, charged the hostile soldier and, using a piece of wood as a weapon, drove him away. As the enemy rifleman ran, he was shot down by a friendly soldier nearby. As a result of Private First Class Kreigelstein's courageous action, his injured comrade was assured of immediate first aid treatment and prompt evacuation. Entered the Service from Maywood, Illinois.

JAMES W. ARNOLD, 37540844, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company C was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and capturing an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. By using a three-man rubber boat in establishing a shuttle system, Private Arnold, a rifleman in the 1st Squad, and his companions crossed the canal under harassing artillery and small arms fire. The platoon was swiftly reorganized, and missions were assigned to each squad. The 1st Squad was ordered to secure the road leading off the opposite end of the island and to reduce hostile strong points along the route of advance. When his squad encountered enemy resistance in a burned factory, Private Arnold worked his way to an advantageous position and delivered accurate fire against the hostile position, assisting materially in driving the enemy from the building. Approaching a strong point in an air raid shelter, he advanced to within a few yards of the dugout and wounded the sentry with his rifle fire. Swiftly moving forward, he hurled a hand grenade into the entrance of the dugout, forcing 26 hostile soldiers to surrender and seriously wounding several others. Driving relentlessly forward, he and his comrades attained their objective in a minimum of time, and the strategically important island was captured by the friendly troops. Entered the Service from Topeka, Kansas.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the Second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

EDWIN RAMBO, 01012296, Captain, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 15 December 1944 in France. Hostile troops infiltrated the friendly lines and cut off a rifle company from the remainder of the battalion. Captain Rambo volunteered to overrun the hostile positions with his tanks so that the beleaguered company could maneuver and destroy the enemy force. Riding in the lead

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tank, he pressed forward through heavy bazooka, small arms and self-propelled weapons fire. He skillfully directed his tanks in firing on the enemy strong points, successfully overrunning the hostile positions and contacting the isolated company. During the action, he captured two enemy soldiers who revealed valuable information concerning the disposition and strength of the hostile force. His skillful and aggressive leadership assured the rifle company of close support and enabled the troops to repel a series of counterattacks. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

ELMER S. WARD, 01683477, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 October 1944 in France. Lieutenant Ward, leader of the 1st Platoon of Company F, was assigned the mission of attacking a strong enemy machine gun position on a wooded hill. He led three attacks against the strong point, advancing ahead of his men in the face of heavy machine gun, machine pistol and rifle fire. On the third attack he weakened the hostile defenses and discovered the weak spot in the enemy line. Swiftly reorganizing his platoon, now depleted by numerous casualties, he led a fourth assault and, inspiring his men by his example of intrepidity, drove forward to seize his objective. Entered the Service from Ivanhoe, Texas.

ROY E. NELSON, 36752493, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When Company B was threatened by a large scale enemy counterattack, the 3d Platoon of Company C, in which Sergeant Nelson led the 3d Squad, advanced down a mined road under hostile artillery fire to help drive back the attackers. Upon learning the enemy's exact location, Sergeant Nelson coordinated his squad with the other two squads in assaulting a hostile observation post in a wooded sector. After reducing the position, he led his men in an attack against the well-camouflaged positions of the main force of the enemy. Braving machine gun and automatic weapons fire, he directed his squad in firing on the enemy troops and personally killed three of the hostile soldiers. His aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of the attack in which 37 of the enemy were killed and 30 captured without a single casualty to the 3d Platoon. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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NO. 63

Posthumous Award of Silver Star.....I
Award of Silver Star, Missing in Action.....II
Award of Silver Star.....III

I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

FRED P. MOTZ, JR., 0463272, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. During an attack, Lieutenant Motz led his platoon through a densely wooded area and over mountainous terrain toward his objective. Eliminating intermittent resistance by skillfully maneuvering elements of his platoon, he had almost reached the objective when he and his men were subjected to heavy small arms, mortar and tank fire. After arranging for supporting fire from the attached tanks, Lieutenant Motz led his men in an assault against the hostile positions. The objective was seized with heavy losses to the enemy. After establishing a strong defense, Lieutenant Motz contacted his commanding officer to report the situation. Upon returning to his platoon, he was instantly killed by an enemy mortar shell. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret A. Motz (Wife), Chatsworth Gardens, Apartment 6D, Larchmont, New York.

DENVIL E. CLARK, 38452792, Corporal, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 31 January 1945 in France. As first scout of the leading squad of his platoon, Corporal Clark was advancing ahead of his squad when the enemy suddenly opened fire with machine guns and rifles directed from positions around a nearby house. While the other members of the platoon were pinned to the ground, he crawled forward under the hostile fire and started cutting a gap in the wire fence which was in front of the enemy emplacements. Locating a small alleyway leading to the machine gun position, he worked his way forward and knocked out the machine gun nest with accurate fire from his rifle grenade launcher. Continuing his advance, he had reached a point 10 yards from the house when a bullet exploded the grenade on his rifle. Corporal Clark was killed in this action. His heroic sacrifice was a source of great inspiration to the members of his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Callie Louise Clark (Mother), Route #1, Patmos, Arkansas.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR, MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver is awarded to the following named individual, missing in action, for gallantry:

JAMES E. HILL, 34872388, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for

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gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in France. The 2d Platoon of Company G had recaptured positions on an important hill when the enemy launched a strong counterattack. Acting on his own initiative, Sergeant Hill, a member of a machine gun crew, braved direct machine gun and rifle fire to move his weapon to an exposed position from which he could fire on the hostile troops. Although he was the target for small arms fire and enemy-hurled hand grenades, he remained steadfastly in position and continued operating his gun with extreme effectiveness until the hostile assault was repelled. His accurate fire eliminated an enemy machine gun and killed three riflemen. Sergeant Hill's intrepidity and determination were a source of great inspiration to the members of his organization. He was reported missing in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mrs. Onnie Wright Hill (Mother), Route 2, Box 45, Port Gibson, Mississippi.

III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN L. CLARK, JR., 01012167, Captain, 753d Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. A heavy artillery concentration preceded a savage enemy counterattack against the positions of an infantry battalion. Personally directing one of his tanks, Captain Clark moved it forward to the sector where the hostile troops were concentrating. Exposing himself to small arms and mortar fire, he skillfully directed the fire of his tank from the turret, inflicting heavy casualties on the hostile force. When he could not longer further the effort with his tank, he dismounted and, although armed only with a pistol, engaged the enemy soldiers in a fire fight, capturing six of them. Largely as a result of his personal courage and aggressive leadership, the assault was repelled. Entered the Service from Dallas, Texas.

WILLIAM O. REPKE, 01692527, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. While defending the north slope of a tactically important ridge, Company B was subjected to a savage attack, and the 3d Platoon was captured by the enemy. In the absence of the leader of the 1st Platoon, Lieutenant Repke, leader of the 2d Platoon, skillfully reorganized the defenses of both units. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, he swiftly made the changes in position necessary to meet the attackers. The hostile troops charged to within 50 yards of his defenses, but Lieutenant Repke refused to surrender. Displaying outstanding resourcefulness and determination, he encouraged his men to maintain their positions, and the hostile assault was repelled. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

BERNARD P. BELL, 34336107, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 February 1945 in France. While advancing across flat, water-covered terrain, Sergeant Bell's platoon was pinned down by machine gun and sniper fire from a wooded area 200 yards away. Aware of the necessity for immediate, aggressive action, Sergeant Bell jumped to his feet and, calling for his men to follow him, pressed forward in the face of the hostile small arms fire, firing his sub-machine gun from his hip as he advanced. Inspired by his example of intrepidity, the platoon members moved forward in the assault. The hostile force was completely demoralized. As a result of Sergeant

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Bell's skillful and aggressive leadership, the platoons' objective was swiftly seized. Entered the Service from Columbiana, Alabama.

BRUNO DIETZ, 38052459, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 in France. While advancing across open terrain in the face of hostile small arms and mortar fire, Company I's advance toward an important enemy stronghold was delayed by heavy fire from a 20mm gun. Realizing the danger of becoming pinned down on the fire-swept terrain, Sergeant Dietz, platoon sergeant of the weapons platoon, swiftly placed a mortar in an advantageous position and opened fire on the enemy weapon. Exposing himself to observe the results of his fire, he operated his mortar with extreme effectiveness and, in spite of the hazards of his position, succeeded in knocking out the 20mm gun. As a result of his skill and aggressiveness, his company was able to continue its advance and seize its objective. Entered the Service from Houston, Texas.

DAVE H. PARE, 19166856, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 September 1944 in France. Following a barrage from a 20mm gun, a large group of enemy riflemen attacked the road block position occupied by Sergeant Pare's squad and another position, held by the other two squads of the platoon, on a nearby highway. Aware that the entire platoon would be surrounded if he withdrew, Sergeant Pare directed his men in maintaining their perilous position until the casualties suffered by other elements of the platoon had been evacuated and the other two squads had withdrawn. He then led his men through heavy machine gun fire to rejoin the platoon. While crossing open terrain, he directed his squad in routing a group of enemy soldiers and, skillfully deploying his men in a group of buildings, forced the hostile attackers to withdraw. His intrepid leadership was a source of great inspiration to the members of his organization. Entered the Service from Kelso, Washington.

LUTHLER K. MOORE, 35806576, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 and 22 January 1945 in France. During a savage enemy attack against his company's position, Sergeant Moore skillfully directed the fire of his own squad, the supporting machine guns and a group of men from the unit on his right. He encouraged the men to maintain their positions in the face of the onslaught and directed them in repelling the assault with heavy casualties to the enemy. A hostile soldier who had feigned death suddenly rolled over and aimed at one of the members of Company G. Sergeant Moore spotted the man and killed him with a single shot. When the enemy launched a second assault and infiltrated to the friendly positions, he and his platoon leader skillfully directed machine gun fire in driving back the attackers. His quick-thinking and aggressiveness contributed materially to the repulse of a large-scale counter-attack. Entered the Service from Crutchfield, Kentucky.

ANDREW SULIN, 33484405, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in France. During an attack against an important enemy stronghold, a platoon sergeant in Company I was killed; and, at the same time, the platoon leader was seriously wounded. The enemy launched a savage counterattack, and heavy small arms and mortar fire threatened to disorganize the friendly troops. Sergeant Sulin, the platoon guide, unhesitatingly

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assumed command and, after swiftly reorganizing the group, directed his men in establishing a strong defensive position. He then carried the injured platoon leader through direct fire to a place of safety and assisted in administering first aid to the wounded members of his platoon. His heroic actions were responsible for stopping a determined enemy assault. Entered the Service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

RALPH G. KINDER, 35702565, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. Private First Class Kinder, a squad leader in the 3d Platoon of Company B, was assigned the mission of leading his men as the scout squad in an attack against a group of enemy-held houses. After hurling hand grenades into the first house, he led his men in charging the building. From six to eight of the hostile soldiers were killed or wounded, and eight were captured. During the engagement, an enemy soldier approached the squad from the rear of the house and opened fire with his machine pistol. Private First Class Kinder killed him with an accurate burst of fire from his sub-machine gun. He then led his men to the next house where 12 more prisoners were taken. His intrepid leadership inspired his men, who were without previous combat experience, to fight with outstanding aggressiveness and attain their objective. Entered the Service from Richmond, Kentucky.

WILLIS C. WATSON, 38025535, Technician Fourth Grade, Battery B, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 16 December 1944 in France. When Battery B was subjected to heavy counterbattery fire, personnel in the area were ordered to take cover. Hearing the cry of a wounded soldier, Tec 4 Watson immediately left his sheltered position in a nearby house and ran across the shell-ed area to aid his comrade. Just as he reached the injured man, he was knocked to the ground and seriously wounded by shell fragments. In spite of the intense pain of his own injury, Tec 4 Watson, crawling across the shell-blasted terrain on his hands and knees, dragged the casualty into the house. His unselfish action, at the risk of his own life, reflects great credit upon himself and his organization. Entered the Service from Bertrua, Texas.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

KENNETH L. IVEY, 01310847, First Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 18 August 1944 in France. Lieutenant Ivey was assigned the mission of leading a combat patrol in clearing enemy resistance from a tactically important valley. When the patrol was suddenly fired upon by machine guns and a 20mm gun, he swiftly directed his men into defensive positions and worked his way forward to reconnoiter the area. Realizing the urgency of silencing the 20mm gun, he placed a mortarman in an advantageous position and ordered him to concentrate his fire on the enemy weapon. After a direct hit destroyed the 20mm gun, Lieutenant Ivey led the assault against the hostile positions and directed his men in overwhelming the enemy. His bold and aggressive leadership resulted in the capture of 87 hostile soldiers and the death of a high-ranking enemy officer. Entered the Service from Susquehanna, Pennsylvania.

BARNEY KOZLOWSKI, 01822586, Second Lieutenant, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. Lieutenant Kozlowski, a platoon leader in Company A, was assigned the mission of supporting an infantry battalion with his tank destroyers. Acting entirely on his own initiative, he moved his tank destroyer into position to clear a road block of felled trees which denied friendly troops the use of the only available supply route. Lieutenant Kozlowski dismounted and, with one of his men, advanced in the face of sniper, mortar and artillery fire to the road block. After skillfully deactivating the explosive charges of the booby-traps, he and his companion began removing the felled trees by attaching a cable to the trunks and to the tank destroyer and directing the vehicle in pulling the trees from the block. Although exposed to hostile fire, he never faltered in performing his self-imposed mission until, with all but five of the trees removed, he was seriously wounded by shell fragments. Entered the Service from Detroit, Michigan.

JIMMIE W. HALLMAN, 20420622, Technical Sergeant, Company F, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 August 1944 in France. As the 2d Battalion neared its objective, enemy infantry and tank elements, supported by heavy artillery and mortar concentrations, launched a determined counterattack. Sergeant Hallman, a squad leader in Company F, swiftly assembled his men and directed them in withdrawing to higher ground. Then, unable to contact the remainder of his platoon, he led his squad toward the battalion objective. Engaging the enemy in an intense fire fight, he and his men destroyed two machine guns, wounded three of the hostile soldiers, killed four and captured ten. Unaware that the

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remainder of the battalion had withdrawn, he held the battalion objective with his squad until relieved by other friendly troops. Entered the Service from Orlando, Florida.

RICHARD K. HUPMAN, 39124034, Technical Sergeant, Company B, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 September 1944 in France. Sergeant Hupman, acting platoon leader, was assigned the mission of leading his platoon on a reconnaissance mission to the bank of a tactically important river. While crossing a flat, barren field which bordered the river bank, he and his men were subjected to grazing fire from enemy machine guns and heavy mortar shelling. Exposing himself to the hostile fire, Sergeant Hupman directed his platoon in withdrawing to the rear of the field. He remained in the hazardous area for two hours and did not seek cover for himself until all his men had reached a place of safety. After nightfall, he moved to the head of his platoon and led his men across the waist-deep, swift-flowing stream and directed them in establishing a road block on the hostile side of the river. Entered the Service from Monterey, California.

ROY E. JONES, 35729958, Staff Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When Company B's defenses were threatened by a large scale enemy attack, the 3d Platoon of Company C, in which Sergeant Jones was the right guide, advanced down a mined road under enemy artillery fire to assist in driving back the hostile force. Entering a wooded area, he and his companions charged an observation post and completely routed the entire enemy group manning the position. During the attack against the well-camouflaged positions of the main body of the enemy, Sergeant Jones, by assuring the squad leaders of full fire support, materially aided in killing 7 of the hostile force, capturing 30 and forcing the remainder to flee. Entered the Service from Columbus, Kentucky.

LEONARD A. OBERMEIER, 35259888, Staff Sergeant, Company E, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. Sergeant Obermeier, a mortar observer, established his observation post in a power plant only 200 yards from hostile machine gun emplacements. He had begun adjusting mortar fire in support of an infantry attack when the enemy laid a heavy artillery barrage on the area. A direct hit almost demolished the building which housed his observation post, shattering the telephone line and severely wounding Sergeant Obermeier. Despite the intense pain of his injury and the heavy shellfire, he swiftly repaired the wire line and, refusing medical attention, continued directing accurate fire on the hostile positions. His skill and courage contributed materially to the success of the infantry assault. Entered the Service from Rockport, Indiana.

FRANK J. BELLUSCIO, 32055780, Staff Sergeant, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Belluscio, a squad leader in his platoon, had his squad in defensive position when enemy infantry attacked, supported by concentrations of mortar and artillery fire. Alerting his platoon by throwing hand grenades and firing his rifle, he then moved, under full observation of the enemy, to one of the machine gun positions and accurately directed their fire. Returning to his platoon he directed so

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devastating a fire as to completely smash the enemy attack. By his alertness and decisive action in the face of heavy fire, an attack designed to endanger the entire battalion's position was repulsed with heavy casualties to the enemy. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

WILLIAM V. KALINAUSKAS, 32268076, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Freehold, New Jersey.

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WILLIAM H. COCHRANE, 32598941, Sergeant (then Private), Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 December 1944 in France. During an attack against an important town, Company G occupied three houses in the center of an enemy road block and established an all-around defense. Spotting hostile troops, Private Cochrane immediately opened fire, tricking them into answering his fire and disclosing their position to friendly tank destroyers. Realizing that the tank destroyers alone could not clear the enemy-held houses nearby, he organized his squad for an assault. Under cover of his companions' fire, he charged one of the houses and, after hurling hand grenades through a window, he entered the house firing his sub-machine gun. As a result of his bold and aggressive action, two enemy soldiers were killed, one was wounded and five were captured. Entered the Service from Jersey City, New Jersey.

JOHN O. SLOAN, 34124861, Corporal, Company A, 636th Tank Destroyer Battalion, for gallantry in action on 30 November 1944 in France. Corporal Sloan, a gunner in a tank destroyer, accompanied his platoon leader in removing a road block of felled trees which denied friendly troops the use of the only available supply route. He dismounted from his tank destroyer and, with his platoon leader, advanced through sniper, mortar and artillery fire to the road block. After skillfully de-activating the explosive charges of the booby-traps, he and his companion began removing the felled trees by attaching a cable to the trunks and to the tank destroyer and directing the vehicle in pulling the trees from the block. Although exposed to hostile fire, he never faltered in performing his important mission until, with all but five of the trees removed, he was seriously wounded by shell fragments. Entered the Service from Woodruff, South Carolina.

WILLIAM V. HOWLAND, 34782870, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. During a strong enemy attack against Company F, the house occupied by Tec 5 Howland, a platoon aid man, received a direct hit from a hostile tank. Although

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painfully wounded himself, he carried five casualties to the cellar of the building and there administered emergency treatment. He then braved heavy machine gun fire to aid an injured soldier lying in the street. When the order to withdraw was given, he again exposed himself to the hostile fire to obtain additional men to assist in evacuating the wounded. He remained in the hazardous position until ordered by his platoon leader to withdraw. As a result of his resourcefulness and personal courage, five injured soldiers were given prompt medical treatment and were safely evacuated. Entered the Service from Coral Gables, Florida.

ERNEST L. CHAVEZ, 39564961, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 February 1945 in France. The 3d Platoon was assigned the mission of flanking a hostile strong point. Private First Class Chavez, an automatic rifleman in the platoon, hurled hand grenades into a cellar occupied by enemy infantrymen. He killed two of the hostile soldiers, wounded three and captured eight. Approaching a second house, he covered his comrades in assaulting the building from the rear. When the enemy attempted to escape from the front of the house, he swiftly opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing two, wounding one and assisting in the capture of twelve. His courage and aggressiveness while he was under sniper and mortar fire, were a source of great inspiration to the members of his organization. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.

JAMES E. SULLIVAN, 36713975, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 January 1945 in France. While advancing across open, snow-covered terrain, a platoon of Company I was subjected to heavy machine gun and rifle fire which forced it to withdraw. Private First Class Sullivan, an aid man with the platoon, assisted the casualties in withdrawing from the untenable position. When he discovered a seriously wounded soldier who was unable to move, he picked him up and, carrying the injured man over his shoulder, began running toward the friendly lines. By running short distances and then hitting the ground, he succeeded in carrying the casualty through heavy small arms fire to safety. His gallant action, at the risk of his own life, inspired the respect and confidence of the supported riflemen. Entered the Service from Logan, Illinois.

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JAMES C. GENTLE, 0296048, Major, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 August 1944 in France. Major Gentle was assigned the mission of leading a task force consisting of Company G and four tank destroyers to reduce enemy fortifications blocking a vital supply route. After completing a reconnaissance of the area under small arms fire, he led the tank destroyers forward to smash an initial road barrier and directed their fire against the strong point. Although he was the target for hostile fire, he personally led his infantry elements in an assault against the enemy position. Swiftly deploying the company, he directed his men in surrounding the fortification without a single casualty to the friendly troops. As a result of his skillful and aggressive leadership, 40 enemy soldiers were captured and the important supply route was opened. Entered the Service from Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.

STANLEY A. MICHALAK, 01316182, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 September 1944 in France. While on a reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Michalak, his runner and a fellow officer were trapped in a house by the forward elements of three enemy companies. As two hostile soldiers entered the house, Lieutenant Michalak and his companions captured one and forced the other to flee. The enemy troops withdrew a short distance and opened fire with automatic weapons, machine guns, mortars and bazookas. Lieutenant Michalak volunteered to remain in position and delay the hostile troops while the other officer escaped with his prisoner and adjusted artillery and mortar fire on the enemy. By his intrepidity and resourcefulness, he contributed materially to the rout of the hostile force. Entered the Service from Dearborn, Michigan.

WILLIAM H. HEATHERINGTON, 35229886, Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 1 February 1945 in France. As the 2d Squad of the 1st Platoon started across a road covered by enemy fire, two of the soldiers were wounded, and Sergeant Heatherington immediately ran to their assistance. Hearing a hostile patrol approaching along the street to his left, he ran forward and, by hurling hand grenades into the midst of the enemy group, wounded one of the soldiers and dispersed the remainder. Then, after crossing and recrossing the road to see whether he would draw fire, Sergeant Heatherington decided it was safe and returned to help carry the wounded men back across the road to a place of safety. His unselfish action, at the risk of his own life, assured his injured comrades of immediate medical attention and prompt evacuation. Entered the Service from Bellaire, Ohio.

ZACK BARACK, 35276036, Staff Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Fort Hayes, Ohio.

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ROBERT K. SINK, 33099371, Sergeant, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment.
Entered the Service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

for gallantry in action on 30 September 1944 in France. These men voluntarily entered a wooded area to eliminate hostile snipers who had been harassing their company. After killing one sniper, they approached a house surrounded by a stone wall. They killed both guards with rifle fire and, swiftly scaling the wall, charged the building, firing their rifles as they ran. Their bold and aggressive action forced the startled enemy command post group within the house to surrender. Four of the enemy soldiers were killed and twelve were captured. The seizure of the building resulted in the cessation of enemy activity in the sector because the officer who had been directing hostilities was among the prisoners. The quick-thinking and daring initiative of the above-named men reflect great credit upon themselves and their organization.

LEWIE R. HOLLAND, 34170306, Sergeant, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. When a large hostile force threatened to overrun the Company B defensive positions, Sergeant Holland, leader of a mortar squad, delivered mortar fire on the enemy troops. Hostile soldiers charged his position, firing rifles and machine guns, but Sergeant Holland remained determinedly with his weapon. In spite of heavy enemy artillery shelling, he calmly manned his mortar and frustrated the attack. Then, as the enemy renewed the attack from the flank, he repelled the second assault with his effective fire, killing six of the hostile soldiers and wounding two. By his skill and courage, Sergeant Holland prevented his company from being overrun by the enemy. Entered the Service from Greens, North Carolina.

JOE F. KOISHOR, 36479305, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Koishor, an automatic rifleman in the 2d Platoon, was occupying an outpost on his unit's left flank when a large hostile force launched a determined attack. Holding his fire until the enemy soldiers were in view, he suddenly opened fire on the startled foe, killing four and wounding four or five others. Although subjected to machine gun and rifle fire, he continued operating his weapon and, even when wounded in the arm, remained in the hazardous position. In spite of the pain of his injury, he loaded magazines for his assistant gunner and, when the weapon jammed, swiftly cleared the stoppage. His valor and determination contributed materially to the repulse of the assault. Entered the Service from Granite City, Illinois.

RALPH E. PACE, 37697310, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Pace, assistant automatic rifleman in the 2d Platoon, was occupying an outpost position on his unit's left flank when a large hostile force launched a determined attack and charged to within 25 yards of the outpost. The automatic rifleman was wounded by small arms fire, and Private First Class Pace began operating the weapon. Delivering rapid, accurate bursts of fire, he killed three enemy soldiers, wounded three and pinned six others to the ground until they were captured. When the automatic rifle jammed, he seized a rifle and continued firing until a comrade cleared the stoppage. Again opening fire with the automatic rifle, he repelled the assault in his sector and secured his platoon's flank. Entered the Service from Muscatine, Iowa.

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GEORGE F. RICHARDS, 31309457, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in France. While delivering a message to his company's forward outpost, Private First Class Richards spotted a group of enemy soldiers infiltrating through the friendly lines and occupying a nearby house. After reporting the information to his company commander, he voluntarily guided several tank destroyers through artillery, mortar and sniper fire to a position near the enemy-held building. After the tank destroyers had blasted the house with accurate fire, Private First Class Richards charged the position under covering machine gun fire and hurled a hand grenade into the building. His bold and aggressive action resulted in the capture of 15 prisoners. Entered the Service from Wakefield, Massachusetts.

CHARLES L. HARRIS, 37580971, Private First Class, Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. When the enemy launched a determined attack against a recently captured town, a large hostile force approached the house defended by Private First Class Harris and two companions. Spotting the enemy, Private First Class Harris swiftly put his automatic rifle into action in a window on the second floor. With his accurate fire, he wounded two hostile soldiers who rushed the house, forced a machine gunner to abandon his weapon and killed an enemy bazookaman. Although exposed to small arms and artillery fire, he remained steadfastly at his post by the window and continued operating his weapon until he was seriously wounded by hurtling shell fragments. His quick-thinking and daring initiative contributed materially to the repulse of the assault. Entered the Service from Park River, North Dakota.

ALLEN E. STERN, 32974966, Private First Class (then Private), Company B, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. The 2d Platoon of Company B had established a defensive position on a hill when a large hostile force launched a determined attack from the flank and rear. Private Stern, a scout in the 1st Squad, was occupying a fighting hole which did not afford a field of fire to cover the hostile troops attacking from the rear. Working his way through heavy machine gun and rifle fire, he reached a position from which he could operate his sub-machine gun against the enemy. As the hostile soldiers pressed forward, he jumped from his fighting hole and stood up in order to fire with greater effectiveness. His intrepid actions inspired his fellow soldiers, and his accurate fire contributed materially to the repulse of the assault in his sector. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

DOMENICK GALLO, 33673240, Private, Company G, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 16 August 1944 in France. When the 2d Battalion's attack against a tactically important, enemy-held hill was delayed by heavy fire, Company G was ordered to assault the hostile positions from the flank. Intense enemy small arms fire halted the leading elements of the company. Aware of the urgency of reducing the strong point, Private Gallo continued determinedly forward while his companions sought cover. Crawling under machine gun and rifle fire, he worked his way to within a few yards of the hostile position. He opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing six of the enemy soldiers, wounding three and capturing one. His bold and aggressive action enabled his company to push forward and attain its objective. Entered the Service from Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

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HUBERT W. AIKIN, 38629354, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 January 1945 in France. After Company C had completed a successful attack on a hill, the enemy directed an artillery and mortar barrage on the area. While leading a litter squad through the shellfire toward a group of injured soldiers, Private Aikin heard enemy machine gun fire to his right. Directing the litter bearers to a place of cover, he investigated and discovered a well-concealed machine gun nest which had been by-passed by the friendly troops. The hostile gunner was directing fire at the crew of a tank destroyer. Private Aikin charged the dug-out and, hurling a hand grenade into the position, wounded the hostile soldier and silenced the gun. He then returned to the litter squad and led it to the spot where his injured comrades were lying. His courage and aggressiveness resulted in the destruction of a machine gun emplacement and were responsible for the prompt evacuation of the wounded soldiers. Entered the Service from Whitesboro, Texas.

VERNON JOHNSON, 35267986, Private First Class, Battery C, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action from 11 to 15 December 1944 in France. While serving as a voluntary member of a forward observer section, Private First Class Johnson helped rescue a wounded infantryman under heavy fire, assisted in operating a forward observation post subjected to severe artillery shelling, and carried urgently needed ammunition to the front line infantry elements. On one occasion, when an enemy tank was firing at the friendly troops, Private First Class Johnson volunteered to climb to an exposed hilltop and locate the tank. In spite of heavy small arms, mortar and artillery fire, he obtained information which enabled friendly artillery to drive away the hostile tank with effective fire. His courageous efforts contributed materially to the maintenance of close artillery support. Entered the Service from Sand Gap, Kentucky.

LOYD O. WELCH, 34890437, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 21 October 1944 in France. Private First Class Welch was the gunner in a machine gun squad supporting an advance through a densely wooded area. When the attack was delayed by heavy enemy fire, he swiftly put his weapon into action and fired into the midst of the hostile force. Although he became the target for machine gun and rifle fire and hand grenades, he continued operating his gun until he had emptied six belts of ammunition. On two occasions he hurled hand grenades at hostile troops who advanced to within ten yards of his position. As a result of his accurate fire, approximately 25 of the enemy were killed or wounded, and the supported rifle company was able to surround the hostile strong point. Entered the Service from Gastonia, North Carolina.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

MERVIN CROSS, 20808199, Technical Sergeant, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

GENE V. MOLINO, 32239187, Corporal, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Newark, New Jersey.

VICTOR R. GRECO, 37378115, Private, Cannon Company, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from St. Louis, Missouri.

for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944 in France. The 2d Platoon of the Cannon Company, supporting infantry elements in an attack, captured a strategically important stronghold and established road blocks in various parts of the village. A large hostile force infiltrated through the friendly lines and attacked one of the howitzers, which was occupying a road block position, with small arms and hand grenades. Attracted by the intense fire fight, these men unhesitatingly left their places of safety at the platoon command post and started to help their outnumbered comrades in the self-propelled gun. Before they could reach the howitzer, the three soldiers were ambushed by three enemy soldiers who covered them with rifles and a machine pistol. Displaying unusual intiduity, they assaulted the attackers, wrenching away their guns and beating them into submission. They immediately joined their beleaguered comrades in the howitzer and contributed materially to the repulse of the hostile assault. As a result of their quick-thinking and courage, one enemy soldier was killed, three were captured, and the attempt to seize the self-propelled gun was frustrated.

FREDERICK A. BANCALARI, 39042112, Staff Sergeant, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Oakland, California.

ROBERT E. HUNTER, 37519842, Private First Class, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from St. Joseph, Missouri.

for gallantry in action on 22 November 1944 in France. Company G had driven to within 200 yards of its objective when it was subjected to intense enemy fire which delayed its advance. The company commander called for both mortar and artillery support, but the observer's radios were out of range. The enemy suddenly launched a violent counterattack. Seizing their rifles, these men, members of the mortar observer team, opened fire on the attackers and, with the men of the rifle company, repelled the assault. After the initial counterattack had been frustrated, the enemy attempted a second assault, penetrating the company

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front and inflicting heavy casualties on the friendly troops. Valiantly exposing themselves, they directed accurate rifle fire into the midst of the hostile force and again contributed materially to the repulse of the attack. After a third assault had been frustrated, the company commander ordered his unit to withdraw to better defensive positions. The above named men courageously volunteered to remain behind and cover the company's withdrawal. They maintained their exposed position and directed fire on the hostile troops, enabling the riflemen to effect a successful maneuver. Only when the last man had withdrawn to safety did they leave the hazardous area and rejoin the company.

FUEL BELL, 34926968, Private First Class, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from New Albany, Mississippi.

FRANK E. CABLE, 33921523, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Rochester, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH VOELKER, JR., 33422497, Private, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Donora, Pennsylvania.

for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company C was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and capturing an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. These men, members of the automatic rifle team of the 1st Squad, covered the other platoon members while they crossed the canal, under harassing artillery and small arms fire, by shuttling a three-man rubber boat back and forth. When the entire platoon had crossed the canal, the unit was swiftly reorganized and missions were assigned to each squad. The 1st Squad was ordered to secure the road leading off the opposite end of the island and to reduce hostile strong points in the nearby buildings. The squad encountered initial resistance in a burned factory. The above men braved direct hostile fire to operate their automatic rifle and furnish effective support for the squad members, forcing the hostile soldiers to withdraw to new positions. Upon approaching an enemy strong point in an air raid shelter, their accurate, rapid bursts of automatic rifle fire enabled the squad to capture 26 prisoners. When the enemy opened fire with a machine gun emplaced in the last building to be cleared, the above named men concentrated heavy fire on the position, killing one soldier, wounding another and enabling their squad leader to destroy the hostile weapon with a hand grenade. Largely as a result of their valor and aggressiveness, the squad's mission was successfully accomplished and the island was taken.

JOHN O. GREGORY, 33465524, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 November 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company A was assigned the mission of attacking an important enemy stronghold. After the initial assault, the platoon was subjected to heavy machine gun fire from its right flank and was pinned to the ground. Displaying outstanding courage and initiative, Private First Class Gregory, a rifleman in the platoon, crawled forward, under rapid bursts of machine gun fire, to within a few yards of the hostile emplacement. Courageously exposing himself to direct fire, he hurled five hand grenades in rapid succession into the enemy position. By his quick-thinking and daring, he completely destroyed the hostile weapon and captured three enemy soldiers. He eliminated a serious threat to the safety of his comrades and inspired them, by his example of intrepidity, to press forward and seize their objective. Entered the Service from Shickshinny, Pennsylvania.

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ANTHONY J. CIOTOLA, 32867141, Private First Class, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 December 1943 in Italy. When Company G, attacking an important hill, met determined enemy resistance and suffered heavy casualties from small arms, mortar and artillery fire, a defensive position was taken. Aware that many seriously wounded men were in urgent need of emergency treatment and immediate evacuation, Private First Class Ciotola, a rifleman, unselfishly volunteered to assist in evacuating the injured soldiers. Creeping and crawling under the incessant hostile fire, he worked his way across 200 yards of shell-blasted terrain to the 1st Platoon. He improvised a litter and, with three companions, started down the icy, treacherous slope of the steep hill with one of the most severely wounded men. The enemy directed a heavy mortar barrage on the area, and two of the other litter bearers were seriously injured by the shell explosions. After administering swift first aid treatment and making the men as comfortable as possible, he made his way back to the platoon and secured the help of two other soldiers. Starting again down the precipitous slope, he and his companions, after carrying the casualties for almost a mile, contacted a litter team and turned the wounded men over to them. Private First Class Ciotola's quick-thinking and courage contributed materially to saving the lives of several injured soldiers. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

JOHN F. LUNDGREN, 37590756, Private First Class, Company A, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 10 January 1945 in France. Company A was occupying a defensive position when a large hostile force launched a violent attack. As the enemy charged the friendly defenses, Private First Class Lundgren opened fire with his automatic rifle. Although he became the target for direct small arms fire, he continued operating his weapon, sweeping the attackers with rapid, accurate bursts of fire. When hostile soldiers surrounded his position and advanced to within 10 feet of his fighting hole, he disdained withdrawal and fired his pistol into their midst. Undaunted by the enemy onslaught, he valiantly held his ground, killing two of the hostile soldiers, wounding several and scattering the remainder with his effective fire. By his steadfastness and intrepidity, he completely disrupted the enemy assault in his sector. As the hostile troops withdrew, Private First Class Lundgren was severely wounded by small arms fire. His heroic actions were a source of great inspiration to his comrades and contributed materially to smashing the hostile assault. Entered the Service from St. Paul, Minnesota

RAYMOND M. MADRIGAL, 39562558, Private First Class, Battery C, 155th Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Madrigal, was a member of an observation party for his artillery battery assigned the mission of supporting infantry troops in a recently captured town. He accompanied a rifle company in a successful attack against hostile positions on a nearby hill. Moving to the crest of the hill, he set up his radio and checked into his net. As he was completing this task, the enemy simultaneously directed a heavy artillery barrage on the hill and launched a savage attack against friendly troops in the town. Artillery observers in the town called for fire but were unable to contact the base set. Without a thought for personal safety, Private First Class Madrigal remained in his exposed position, without any cover or concealment, for more than an hour, relaying calls for fire from other observers. While artillery shells crashed around him, he stayed determinedly with his radio and maintained his post until the attack on the town was repelled. As a result of his courage and dauntlessness, he contributed

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materially to the repulse of the hostile assault. Entered the Service from Wilmington, California.

CLYDE F. MARTIN, 36319276, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 December 1944, in France. Private Martin and another wireman were assigned the mission of repairing the wire line from the 2d Battalion switchboard to Company F. While they were moving toward the rifle company, checking the line as they advanced, the enemy suddenly launched a violent counterattack against the friendly positions. Heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire forced the other wireman to seek cover, but Private First Class Martin, aware of the urgency of restoring the vital communications, pressed dauntlessly forward to complete his mission. Although the terrain afforded little cover and was frequently exposed to hostile observation, he continued on for two miles, repairing three breaks in the wire. At one point, he crawled through an arbor of grapevines where his slightest movement attracted a volley of sniper fire. Without a thought for personal safety, he worked indefatigably until the vital communications were restored, thereby contributing materially to the repulse of the assault. Entered the Service from La Moille, Illinois.

WILLIAM H. DOWNS, 33561406, Private First Class, Company C, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. During an intense enemy counterattack, Private First Class Downs was assigned the mission of guiding a relief unit to a platoon which had been cut off and almost surrounded by infiltrating hostile troops. With artillery and mortar shells blasting the terrain and heavy small arms fire directed at him, he pressed dauntlessly forward to contact the beleaguered unit. Upon reaching the area and directing the relief troops to the platoon position, he saw that a nearby tank destroyer was being attacked by hostile soldiers with bazookas and hand grenades. Although his vision was obscured by darkness, he located one of the enemy who was preparing to fire his bazooka. Taking careful aim, Private First Class Downs killed him with his accurate fire and then wounded another soldier who was about to throw a hand grenade at the tank destroyer. As a result of his quick-thinking and aggressiveness, the attackers were forced to withdraw and the threat to the tank destroyer was dispelled. Private First Class Downs was largely responsible for preventing a major enemy breakthrough of Company C's line. Entered the Service from Princess Anne, Maryland.

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NO. 59

AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

✓ VICTOR R. KOZLECAR, 01294677, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Waukegan, Illinois.

✓ FRANK J. WILARY, 36690288, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Cicero, Illinois.

✓ LE ROY F. JACOBSON, 36258927, Staff Sergeant, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Tomah, Wisconsin.

✓ WINFIELD E. FLAGEOL, 35839035, Private First Class, Company K, 141st Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

for gallantry in action on 2 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company K was assigned the mission of attacking and securing an enemy-held hill. These men advanced in an assault on the hostile defenses and captured six prisoners. After seizing their objective, they established a hasty defense. For three and a half hours the enemy directed heavy artillery and mortar concentrations on the platoon's position, inflicting a number of casualties. When the barrage lifted, approximately 35 enemy soldiers launched a violent attack with grenades and automatic weapons, and the platoon was ordered to withdraw from the untenable area. They courageously volunteered to remain on the crest of the hill and delay the attackers while the wounded were evacuated. Although outnumbered eight to one, they dauntlessly held their ground for over an hour, employing automatic rifles, rifles and grenades to slow the enemy's advance. Only when all the wounded had been evacuated would these men leave their hazardous position on the hill and rejoin their platoon. Their valor and intrepidity contributed materially to the safe withdrawal of the platoon and to the prompt evacuation of the wounded.

✓ LINDELL D. SCOTT, 20837722, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 8 January 1945 in France. Company A was ordered to attack and seize an enemy-held hill, and Sergeant Scott, acting platoon leader, was assigned the mission of flanking the hostile positions. When heavy artillery shelling and small arms fire delayed the frontal assault, he led his men through direct enemy fire toward the hostile emplacements. Although painfully wounded in the hand by small arms fire, he pressed determinedly forward, maintaining complete control of his platoon and encouraging his men to charge the enemy. Effecting a skillful flanking maneuver, he led his platoon in overrunning the hostile positions. As a result of the intense fire fight, eight enemy soldiers were killed and 20 were captured. Despite his injury, Sergeant Scott refused medical aid until he had organized a strong defense of the hill. Entered the Service from Delta, Colorado.

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JOAQUIN VENEGAS, 20802354, Technical Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company E, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 28 May 1944 in Italy. During an attack against a strategically important enemy stronghold, Company E was subjected to heavy tank fire which delayed its advance and threatened it with disorganization. Realizing the necessity for aggressive action, Private First Class Venegas voluntarily climbed to an exposed position on a bank and opened fire with his grenade launcher. The enemy spotted him, and he became the target for direct fire from the hostile tanks. Undaunted by the heavy fire, he remained steadfastly in position and continued operating his weapon. His accurate fire disabled one of the tanks and forced the others to withdraw. Private First Class Venegas returned to his platoon and, after swiftly reorganizing it, established a defensive position. His gallant and aggressive action was responsible for preventing many casualties among the friendly troops and for saving his platoon from becoming disorganized. Entered the Service from El Paso, Texas.

DANIEL RICCIARDI, 32222418, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 October 1944 in France. Sergeant Ricciardi was assigned as forward observer for his mortar platoon. During a violently contested assault against strong enemy defenses, he proceeded across an open field under direct fire from machine guns and rifles, laying a wire line as he advanced. Moving through wooded areas where he was constantly imperilled by tree bursts from hostile artillery and mortar shelling, he pressed forward to the leading elements of the supported rifle company and established his observation post in a spot which afforded the best observation of the hostile force. Although his position was subjected to direct small arms fire and the surrounding area was blasted by incessant artillery and mortar concentrations, he valiantly maintained his post and calmly adjusted effective fire on the enemy weapons which were delaying the advance of the rifle elements. When his communications were shattered by the hostile shellfire, Sergeant Ricciardi crawled across the fire-swept area to repair the line. Displaying unusual skill and determination, he repelled a hostile counterattack and enabled the rifle company to continue its advance. Entered the Service from Brooklyn, New York.

THEODORE R. BARKER, 33747255, Sergeant, Company G, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 October 1944 in France. Sergeant Barker was assigned the mission of leading a five-man patrol to check a wooded area for hostile troops and to outpost the far edge of the woods. In his advance through the area, he captured 18 enemy soldiers who were occupying dug-in positions and killed two who attempted to resist. After marching the prisoners to the rear, he led his men forward again to complete the mission. With a captured non-commissioned officer to guide him, Sergeant Barker continued on toward his objective. When the enemy directed an artillery barrage on the area, he was painfully wounded by a hurtling shell fragment but, disdaining surrender, led his men dauntlessly forward. In the course of the advance, the prisoner pointed out a hostile strong point, and five more enemy soldiers were captured. After returning these prisoners to the rear, Sergeant Barker led his patrol to the objective and, making certain that there were no more enemy troops within the sector, established a four-man outpost, thereby securing the company's right flank. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

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✓ VERNON L. ANDREWS, 39863772, Sergeant, Company C, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. During a savage enemy counterattack against a recently captured town, the 1st Squad of the 2d Platoon was assigned the mission of contacting a platoon from another company which had been surrounded by hostile troops and of clearing all enemy resistance along the route of advance. Courageously moving to the front of his men, Sergeant Andrews led his squad across open fields toward the objective. Each time hostile soldiers, attempting to maintain their position, opened fire with rifles and machine guns, he skillfully directed his men in driving the enemy back. After pressing forward to within 100 yards of the beleaguered platoon, the squad was subjected to intense small arms and automatic weapons fire which delayed its advance. Fearlessly exposing himself to the hostile fire, Sergeant Andrews determined the enemy's location and immediately directed his men into advantageous positions. As a result of his quick-thinking and aggressive leadership, five hostile soldiers were killed and 31 captured during this engagement. Spotting an enemy bazooka team preparing to fire on friendly tanks, he swiftly deployed his men and directed them in eliminating this threat. He then led his squad forward and contacted the platoon in a minimum of time, successfully accomplishing his difficult mission. Entered the Service from Glendale, Arizona.

✓ MELVIN T. NEALIS, 37580248, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Nealis was assigned the mission of leading a combat patrol into hostile territory to attack and seize an enemy strong point on a well-defended knoll. Although aware that the road to his objective was heavily mined and bounded on both sides by water, he deployed his patrol in the attack formation and courageously advanced along the only available route. He skillfully directed his men through three mined road blocks and, as he approached the knoll, led his patrol forward in an assault. In order to maintain complete control, he necessarily exposed himself to heavy rifle and machine gun fire. Contemptuous of personal safety, he advanced straight in the face of the hostile fire toward his objective. He kept his patrol moving forward and directed his men in completely overrunning the enemy positions. As a result of his daring, aggressive leadership, three hostile soldiers were killed, nine were captured and three machine guns were destroyed. Entered the Service from Hallock, Minn.

✓ STANTON A. WHITE, 32652811, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Medical Detachment, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 November 1944 in France. Elements of the 1st Battalion were fighting from house to house in an important enemy stronghold when their advance was delayed by a well-defended road block. When a sergeant of Company A was critically wounded in the vicinity of the road block, Private First Class White, an aid man, unhesitatingly volunteered to attempt to rescue him. Although aware that the area was subjected to incessant small arms and self-propelled gun fire, he valiantly dashed across the exposed terrain to within 20 yards of the road block. Picking up his injured comrade, he led him to the comparative safety of a nearby house. While he was administering expert emergency treatment to his patient, the building received several direct hits from a self-propelled gun. Realizing the seriousness of the casualty's condition and his urgent need for prompt evacuation, he jumped from a second story window of the house and again braved

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direct hostile fire to secure a litter and an assistant litter bearer from the aid station. In spite of his selfless and heroic efforts, the wounded man died before his evacuation could be effected. However, Private First Class White's dauntless intrepidity and aggressive vigor inspired the respect and confidence of the supported troops, assuring them of immediate medical attention under the most adverse and hazardous conditions. Entered the Service from New York, New York.

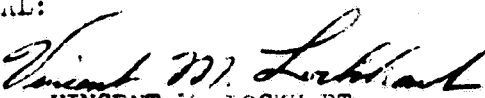
HUGH T. STUBBLEFIELD, 3984d134, Private First Class, Company L, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Stubblefield, with a companion, was assigned the task of guarding the rear of his platoon command post. When two enemy soldiers worked their way to within 15 yards of his position, he tried to put an automatic rifle into action, but the weapon, clogged with mud, misfired. As the hostile soldiers charged, Private First Class Stubblefield delayed them by hurling his field glasses, which the enemy mistook for a hand grenade, into their path. Hesitating only for a moment, the attackers rushed forward, assaulting him and his companion with knives. Although he suffered painful knife wounds, Private First Class Stubblefield managed to escape. He ran to a nearby cellar, secured a rifle and, with thoughts only for the safety of his comrade, returned to rescue him from the attackers. Opening fire with his rifle, he killed both of the enemy soldiers, thereby saving the life of his companion and frustrating an assault against the command post. Entered the Service from Yuma, Arizona.

THEODORE W. KARAU, 37269569, Private, Company L, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 February 1945 in France. When the 2d Platoon of Company L was ordered to eliminate two enemy self-propelled weapons which were threatening the 3d Battalion Command Post, Private Karau volunteered to serve as a bazooka man in the assault on the guns. He pressed forward until he reached an advantageous firing position in a building near the weapons. Although one of the hostile guns scored two direct hits on the house, he remained steadfastly in position, knocking out one of the self-propelled weapons and killing its crew with two accurate rounds. The other gun was forced to withdraw. Then, spotting two hostile soldiers running down the street, Private Karau again opened fire and killed one of them with a direct hit. By his daring and aggressiveness, he destroyed a serious threat to the safety of the battalion command post. Entered the Service from Rochester, Minnesota.

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AWARD OF SILVER STAR

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

MICHAEL M. SWEENEY, 01285661, Second Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 4 January 1945 in France. During an attack against stubbornly defended enemy positions, Lieutenant Sweeney's platoon was assigned the task of protecting the left flank of Company G. As the friendly troops pressed forward toward their objective, a hostile machine gun suddenly opened fire on the platoon. Boldly exposing himself to rapid bursts of fire, Lieutenant Sweeney stepped forward to engage the weapon. Although he could easily have withdrawn to a covered position, he courageously held his ground and opened fire with his rifle. With bullets kicking up dirt around him, he calmly fired into the midst of the enemy emplacement, killing the three soldiers who were operating the machine gun. He then moved forward and captured the weapon. By his aggressiveness and intrepidity, he relieved the pressure on his platoon, enabling his men to continue the attack. Entered the Service from White Butte, South Dakota.

CLARENCE F. BRADBERRY, 01315774, Second Lieutenant, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. The 3d Platoon of Company C was assigned the mission of crossing a canal and capturing an area which had been converted into an island by flooding. Lieutenant Bradberry, the platoon leader, proceeded on a hazardous daylight reconnaissance to select the most advantageous spot for crossing the canal. He led his men to the designated crossing point under cover of darkness and, in spite of harassing artillery and small arms fire, established a shuttle system with a single rubber boat, skillfully directing his entire platoon across the canal. On the hostile bank, Lieutenant Bradberry swiftly reorganized his group and assigned a mission to each of his squads. He remained with the 1st Squad and, courageously moving in front of his men, advanced toward a strategically important road on the opposite end of the island. Driving relentlessly forward in the face of artillery, machine gun and rifle fire, he skillfully maneuvered the squad in smashing hostile strong points in a burned factory and an air raid shelter along the route of advance. He directed his men in wounding several of the enemy soldiers and in capturing 26 prisoners. When a hostile group opened fire with a machine gun emplaced in the last house to be cleared, he led his men in destroying the weapon. Upon reaching the squad's objective, Lieutenant Bradberry organized a strong defense of the area, successfully completing his difficult assignment. Entered the Service from Metro, West Virginia.

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GEORGE W. ISBELL, 20808235, First Sergeant (then Private), Company E, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1943 in Italy. Company E was occupying a defensive position when the enemy launched a savage tank attack, overrunning the friendly positions. Many soldiers were captured, and the remainder were threatened with disorganization. Aware of the necessity for aggressive action, Private Isbell, acting on his own initiative, assumed command of a squad and swiftly reorganized it. He skillfully directed his men into advantageous positions and selected fields of fire for them. Under his inspiring leadership, the men of his squad repelled a determined assault by enemy infantry elements supported by tanks. By nightfall hostile troops, infiltrating the friendly defenses, had almost surrounded Private Isbell's squad. Cognizant of the perilous situation, he made a reconnaissance of the shell-blasted area to search for a possible route of escape. After covering a distance of approximately two and a half miles, he returned to his men and skillfully guided them from the enemy trap back to other friendly troops. Entered the Service from Caldwell, Texas.

ALBERT W. ROBERSON, 20802688, First Sergeant, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 7 to 12 October 1944 in France. Prior to an important attack against an enemy stronghold, it was decided that every available man would be used in the engagement. Sergeant Roberson volunteered to organize and lead a group of men from the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon, the command post guard and the kitchen personnel. He skillfully maneuvered his force of approximately 30 men into a designated position, filling a gap between two line companies, and placed each man in a favorable firing position. He directed his men in delivering small arms fire on the hostile emplacements to the front and, from his vantage point, adjusted artillery shelling on enemy installations. On one occasion, when the company on his right flank was subjected to direct fire from a self-propelled weapon, Sergeant Roberson crawled forward over exposed terrain under heavy mortar fire and, from an exposed position, directed an effective artillery barrage on the hostile weapon, forcing it to withdraw. During this engagement, he displayed outstanding initiative and courage in removing anti-personnel mines from a minefield. Later, he personally captured four enemy soldiers hiding in the cellar of a house. As a result of his splendid leadership, an important gap in the friendly defenses was successfully filled. Entered the Service from Robstown, Texas.

WENDELL E. TANKERSLY, 20803599, First Sergeant (then Sergeant), Company L, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 September 1943 in Italy. Landing on D-day in the invasion of Italy, Sergeant Tankersly led his squad in the first assault wave against the hostile defenses. He and his men were assigned the mission of advancing across a canal several hundred yards beyond the beach and delaying enemy infantry elements. Skillfully leading his squad through intense small arms and artillery fire, he directed his men to advantageous positions and, with his effective fire, retarded the advance of the hostile troops. During the savage fighting, one of the squad members was killed, and Sergeant Tankersly and two of his men were seriously wounded. With the fire power of the squad materially reduced, it became necessary to withdraw from the untenable positions. Ignoring the severe pain of his injury, Sergeant Tankersly led his men back along the canal, frequently directing them to submerge themselves in the water in order to avoid the heavy machine gun fire. Determinedly refusing

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✓ medical attention, he led his squad safely to the friendly lines where he collapsed from loss of blood. Entered the Service from Waelder, Texas.

VERNON COLEMAN, 37677176, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 October 1944 in France. Sergeant Coleman was assigned the mission of protecting the battalion rear with his platoon. A large hostile force launched a determined attack from both flanks, threatening to cut off his platoon and overrun his positions. Aware of the necessity for aggressive action, Sergeant Coleman made a hasty reconnaissance under heavy small arms and artillery fire. In spite of the enemy's numerical superiority, he determined to lead his platoon in a counterattack. He skillfully executed a bold maneuver, fearlessly braving direct fire, and drove the hostile troops back. He then organized a defensive position and repelled a series of violent assaults, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. He directed his men in holding their positions against overwhelming odds until his platoon was reinforced by another unit. By his personal courage and outstanding leadership, he prevented a hostile breakthrough and saved the regimental command post from capture by the enemy. Entered the Service from Waterloo, Iowa.

ELMER J. EGGE MEYER, 36055056, Technical Sergeant, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 November 1944 in France. During the 1st Battalion's advance toward an important enemy-held town, the motorized elements of the organization, moving in a column, followed closely behind the infantry troops. Because of a painful foot injury, Sergeant Eggemeyer, sergeant of the Weapons Platoon of Company A, was riding in a jeep. The motorized column was suddenly subjected to heavy fire from a large group of enemy soldiers who had been by-passed by the leading elements of the battalion. Realizing that the vehicles were in danger of being cut off from the main body of friendly troops, Sergeant Eggemeyer, ignoring his painful wound, swiftly organized the truck drivers into a fighting unit and led them in counter-attacking the hostile force. Fearlessly exposing himself to heavy machine gun and small arms fire, he skillfully directed his men in firing on the hostile soldiers. As a result of his expert leadership and daring resourcefulness, three of the enemy were killed, 30 captured and the remainder forced to withdraw. Entered the Service from Chester, Illinois.

JOHN P. BURKE, JR., 32733687, Technical Sergeant, Company I, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Burke, Weapons Platoon sergeant, was occupying a position near his company command post when a large hostile force infiltrated the right flank of the company's line and launched a surprise attack on the command post. Aware that the friendly riflemen were too far forward to assist in repelling the assault, he immediately left his covered position and moved among the fighting holes of the command post group, encouraging his comrades and directing their fire on the attackers. Braving direct small arms and machine gun fire, he travelled back and forth to collect extra ammunition from the fighting holes of the dead and seriously wounded, redistributing it where it was needed most. When the enemy opened fire with several machine guns, Sergeant Burke courageously advanced through a hail of small arms fire to a spot near one of the gun emplacements. Hurling grenades into the midst of the hostile position, he destroyed the gun and killed its entire crew. After obtaining a resupply of grenades, he again worked his way

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forward and wounded a crew member of a second machine gun. Largely as a result of his aggressiveness and daring, heavy casualties were inflicted on the hostile force, and the attack was frustrated. Entered the Service from Geneva, New York.

MARK SCHNEIDER, 33645207, Corporal, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Paterson, New Jersey.

RAYMOND E. DAILY, 33455555, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Washington, D. C.

FERDINAND ZURAWSKI, 31261194, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Lowell, Mass.

PAUL W. GUTHRIE, JR., 34678116, Private First Class, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment. Entered the Service from Burlington, North Carolina.

For gallantry in action on 11 September 1944 in France. When over 75 enemy soldiers were spotted preparing a road block on a nearby hill, these men, members of the Intelligence Section, volunteered to advance under supporting fire from tanks, tank destroyers and machine guns in an attack on the hostile force. They drove to within 200 yards of the road block in two jeeps and then, dismounting, ran to the top of a hill over which the enemy had withdrawn. Reaching the crest of the hill, they opened fire against hostile troops on a sunken road below them. As approximately 60 enemy soldiers fled down the road into a nearby town, the above named men followed them, courageously advancing under heavy antitank fire to the outskirts of town. Pressing their advantage, they began clearing the buildings of hostile resistance. When they had exhausted their supply of ammunition, they seized weapons abandoned by the enemy and continued fighting from house to house. Moving dauntlessly forward in the face of direct fire, they completely routed the hostile force and successfully cleared the town.

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GENERAL ORDERS

ORIGINAL ORDER

NO. 57

Award of Silver Star - Missing in Action.....I
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Award of Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver Star.....III

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR - MISSING IN ACTION. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals, missing in action, for gallantry:

HOWARD P. AULT, 37703946, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Ault was section sergeant of a heavy machine gun section assigned the mission of supporting a forward rifle platoon in defending the outskirts of a tactically important village. A large hostile force launched a violent attack with infantry troops supported by artillery and tanks. In spite of incessant artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Sergeant Ault calmly manned his post, directing deadly bursts of machine gun fire into the midst of the attackers. By maintaining his effective fire support, he enabled the rifle elements to withdraw from the untenable area and reorganize in a more advantageous position. Displaying outstanding intrepidity and selflessness, he continued firing, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and delaying the onslaught. Faced with almost certain death or capture by the enemy, he determinedly remained in position until his supply of ammunition was exhausted and his position was overrun by the hostile troops. Sergeant Ault was reported missing in action from this engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Perry Ault (Father), McCoy, Colorado.

TIMOTHY E. LONG, 39104509, Sergeant, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Ida F. Fitzgerald (Sister), 734 38th Avenue, San Francisco, California.

CHARLES E. KNIGHT, 37506065, Private First Class, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Arcell Knight (Wife), Route #3, Richland, Missouri.

ERNEST M. ETHRIDGE, 34204291, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Ernestine Ethridge (Wife), Route #2, Box 394H, Jacksonville, Florida.

HENRY B. REED, JR., 13032459, Private, Medical Detachment, 143d Infantry Regiment. Next of kin: Mrs. Ethel Virginia Reed (Mother), 125 West Hampton St, Staunton, Virginia.

for gallantry in action on 13 and 14 December 1944 in France. The 3d Battalion established a defensive position in a recently captured town in preparation for an expected enemy counterattack. The above named litter bearers were on duty at the battalion aid station when several serious casualties were reported at the command post of one of the rifle companies. They immediately left the

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aid station and proceeded by jeep to the outskirts of the town. Although their progress was impeded by the darkness and by intermittent artillery fire, they continued determinedly forward on foot, advancing along the streets of the town until they reached the company area. They were informed that evacuation was impossible because the enemy had launched a savage assault and the route of withdrawal was severed. At daybreak, these men realized that the lives of two of the casualties depended on their immediate evacuation. Unhesitatingly risking their lives in an attempt to save two injured comrades, they left the company area with their two patients. Although faced with death or capture by the enemy, they pressed forward on their hazardous mission and were last seen as they passed another company approximately 600 yards away. From this engagement they were reported missing in action.

HILERY RHOADES, 35697654, Private First Class, Company A, 142d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 7 January 1945 in France. Private First Class Rhoades, an acting squad leader in Company A, was assigned the mission of leading a four-man reconnaissance patrol into hostile territory to determine the enemy strength and disposition. After orienting his patrol as to the purpose of the assignment, he led his men along the route designated by his company commander. While advancing across an open field, the small group was suddenly subjected to heavy automatic weapons fire. Aware of the importance of reporting the enemy's position, he immediately ordered his men to withdraw. At the same moment, he opened fire with his rifle. While his companions withdrew from the fire-swept area, he remained in his exposed position to cover them, and his accurate fire minimized the effectiveness of the hostile weapons. The members of his patrol were able to return to the friendly lines, but Private First Class Rhoades was reported missing in action from this engagement. His magnificent courage was a source of great inspiration to the members of his company, inspiring them to fight with renewed aggressiveness against the hostile troops. Next of kin: Mrs. Maude E. Farmer (Mother), Route #1, Coral Ridge, Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

GARLAND B. TAYLOR, 01691713, Second Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 August 1944 in France. When a large hostile force, led by tanks, by-passed friendly units and approached the assembly area of the Antitank Company, Lieutenant Taylor swiftly placed the antitank weapons into positions which afforded maximum fields of fire. He then directed a bazooka team in firing on the charging tanks and, by crippling one of them, slowed the advance of the hostile troops. He immediately ordered that 17 machine guns be put into action and, when the enemy renewed the assault, fought beside his men, firing his sub-machine gun and hurling hand grenades into the midst of the attackers. After repelling a flank assault, he directed antitank gun fire on an enemy tank and troop carrier, destroying them both. Entered the Service from Rock Wall, Texas.

FRED COSTILLA, 01998721, Second Lieutenant (then Private), 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 February 1944 in Italy. When enemy infantry elements, supported by artillery and mortar fire, launched a powerful

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counterattack, the left flank of Company C's defenses was threatened by the hostile troops. The platoon occupying the left flank suffered heavy casualties; the platoon leader was killed, and all the non-commissioned officers were either killed or wounded. Acting entirely on his own initiative, Private Costilla immediately assumed command of the platoon. Braving heavy small arms, artillery and mortar fire, he swiftly reorganized his men and encouraged them to hold their ground in the face of the enemy onslaught. Although he was painfully wounded by hurtling shell fragments, he valiantly led his platoon in stopping the assault and driving back the hostile troops. His valor and aggressiveness inspired his men to fight with renewed aggressiveness and repel the enemy thrust. Entered the Service from Beaumont, Texas.

III. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

CLAUDE D. ROSCOE, 0367264, Major (then Captain), 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 2 June 1944 in Italy. Captain Roscoe was going forward to inspect the positions of an antitank platoon which he had ordered to support a rifle platoon on the Regiment's left flank. He encountered three tank destroyers moving toward the rear and was informed that hostile troops had surrounded friendly elements in the area. Ordering the tank destroyer crews to return to their original position, he continued forward, in spite of a second warning, to contact the antitank platoon. He instructed the platoon to withdraw from the untenable position and then proceeded to reorganize the supported rifle platoon. Captain Roscoe braved heavy mortar and small arms fire to cover the withdrawal of the rifle elements. Then, rejoining the tank destroyer, antitank and rifle units, he organized a strong defense, thereby securing the threatened flank of the Regiment. By his valor and quick-thinking, he frustrated an enemy attempt to break through the friendly line. Entered the Service from Brownwood, Texas.

JOHN D. WIEBOLDT, 01183449, First Lieutenant, 133d Field Artillery Battalion, for gallantry in action on 6 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Wieboldt was in charge of an artillery forward observer party assigned the mission of supporting Company F in holding a strategically important hill. When a numerically superior force launched a determined attack, his exposed position was subjected to heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire. Ignoring the dangers which confronted him, Lieutenant Wieboldt valiantly maintained his post and skillfully adjusted accurate artillery fire on the hostile troops. Even when the attackers penetrated a sector of the friendly line and approached his observation post, he remained dauntlessly in position, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy force with effective artillery fire. When the enemy threatened to overrun the company defenses, he courageously adjusted fire to within 50 yards of his own position, halting the assault and enabling the infantry elements to reestablish the lines. Entered the Service from Jamaica, New York.

O'DEAN T. COX, 02055220, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 November 1944 in France. Because of enemy shifts of personnel near the friendly lines, it was necessary to send a daylight patrol through a mined area under direct hostile observation in order to determine

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enemy dispositions in the vicinity. Lieutenant Cox volunteered to lead a six-man patrol on the hazardous mission. Moving aggressively across the mined terrain, he led his men forward to an enemy-held house. By skillfully maneuvering his patrol, he surprised the sentry and captured 11 prisoners. With information obtained from the hostile soldiers, he directed his men in capturing a second strong point manned by six soldiers. After securing sufficient information concerning enemy positions in a nearby town, he returned to his unit with the 17 prisoners. Reinforcing his small group with a light machine gun, he led his men in an assault on the town. Engaging the hostile troops in a brief but intense fire fight, he directed his patrol in killing four of the enemy and capturing ten. After leading his men forward to secure the town, he organized a strong defense and held it until his patrol was relieved on the following day. By his personal aggressiveness and daring leadership, he was responsible for the capture of a strategically important town. Entered the Service from Waco, Texas.

ELMELTH H. SAUL, 0510188, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 December 1944 in France. Lieutenant Saul, executive officer of Company F, was with the rear elements of his unit arranging for supplies when enemy troops who had infiltrated the friendly lines launched a surprise assault. Spotting the attackers, he swiftly contacted higher headquarters and warned them of the enemy onslaught. Fearlessly exposing himself to the hostile fire, he placed all available men in the most advantageous positions for repelling the charging enemy soldiers. Remembering the location of an extra light machine gun, Lieutenant Saul immediately secured it and placed it in a firing position. Although he became the target for heavy small arms fire, he valiantly operated the weapon, directing rapid, accurate bursts of fire into the midst of the hostile force. An enemy patrol worked its way forward in an attempt to silence the machine gun, but Lieutenant Saul determinedly maintained his position until he was seriously wounded by the hostile fire. His quick-thinking and aggressiveness were largely responsible for the quick repulse of the attack. Entered the Service from Chicago, Illinois.

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I. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is posthumously awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

JOHN V. HOYLE, 34037456, Staff Sergeant, Company M, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action from 2 to 4 January 1945 in France. Sergeant Hoyle, forward observer for his mortar platoon, was assigned the mission of establishing an observation post with a rifle company. A large hostile force launched a violent counterattack against the friendly troops. Not satisfied with the observation afforded by his position within the rifle company lines, Sergeant Hoyle courageously worked his way beyond the company area to a spot within 75 yards of the enemy lines. From this vantage point he skillfully adjusted effective mortar fire on the hostile positions. During the entire three days of the attack he maintained his post, constantly transmitting fire orders to his mortar platoon. He frequently braved heavy artillery and sniper fire to repair his communication lines when they were shattered by the hostile shelling. On the day he was relieved from his post, Sergeant Hoyle, although fatigued by his previous exertions, volunteered to lead a new observation post team across a mined, shell-blasted field to the position. While advancing toward the objective, he was killed by hurtling fragments from an artillery shell. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary J. H. Hoyle (mother), Sylva, North Carolina.

THOMAS A. VOLTERO, 31301199, Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1944 in France. Company G was assigned the mission of attacking stubbornly defended positions on important high ground. Sergeant Voltero, advancing at the head of his men, led the assault squad of the 3d Platoon. An enemy machine gun suddenly opened fire, sweeping the area with rapid bursts and inflicting heavy casualties on the attackers. Aware of the necessity for immediate, aggressive action, Sergeant Voltero, moving under direct enemy observation and machine gun and sniper fire, crawled to the rear of his platoon and obtained a grenade launcher. He returned to his original position and, while his squad remained pinned to the ground, crawled dauntlessly forward to a point within 50 yards of the hostile gun emplacement. Although he was the target for heavy, direct fire, he took careful aim and fired two rounds into the enemy position, completely destroying the machine gun. His quick-thinking and daring saved his unit from suffering many casualties and enabled the company to hold its position. Private Voltero was killed in action during a subsequent engagement. Next of kin: Mr. Alexander Voltero (Brother), 48 Chestnut Street, Chelsea, Massachusetts.

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ARTHUR E. HERTEL, 16062591, Sergeant, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 13 and 14 December 1944 in France. Sergeant Hertel, a squad leader in Company A, was instructed to lead his men as infantry troops and was assigned the mission of defending a sector of a strategically important hill. A heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage preceded a savage hostile assault. Although faced with numerically superior forces, Sergeant Hertel fought valiantly, skillfully directing the machine gun and rifle fire of his men and finally driving back the attackers. Later, after a four-hour artillery preparation, the hostile troops launched another violent attack. Aware of the importance of holding back the enemy in his squad's sector, Sergeant Hertel exposed himself to the hostile fire to move among his men, encouraging them to maintain their positions in the face of the hostile onslaught. Confronted with superior fire power, he disdained withdrawal and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy as they charged his position. Driving relentlessly forward, the hostile soldiers overran his squad's defenses, and Sergeant Hertel was killed in the close-range fighting. As a result of his determination to hold his sector until the last, other friendly troops were able to withdraw to new defensive positions and check the hostile assault. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Hertel (Father), 4691 Montclair, Detroit, Michigan.

VICTOR F. CASARETTI, 32208975, Corporal, Company H, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 September 1944 in France. Corporal Casaretti was a gunner in the mortar platoon of Company H. His platoon was in position on high ground to support a friendly force in attacking an important enemy stronghold. While firing on hostile troops in the town, Corporal Casaretti spotted a large group of enemy soldiers approaching stealthily through the brush within ten yards of the mortar positions. Although aware that, by exposing himself, he would become the target for hostile fire, he unhesitatingly jumped to his feet and shouted a warning to his comrades. He then whirled and, facing the onrushing enemy, started to open fire with his pistol. Before he could fire a shot, he was mortally wounded by bullets from a hostile machine pistol. However, his timely warning enabled his companions to repel the assault with heavy casualties to the enemy troops. His heroic and selfless sacrifice was a source of great inspiration to all the members of his unit. Next of kin: Mr. Alfred Casaretti (Father), 122 Avenue C, Brooklyn, New York.

ERNEST C. BODDYE, 39163524, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Verda Boddye (Mother), Beloit, Kansas.

DAVID LA LICATA, 32683840, Technician Fifth Grade, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Lalicata (Mother), 100-02 Northern Boulevard, Corona, New York.

FRANCIS C. BERCHEM, 37566150, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Fiedas Berchem (Mother), 1002 East 3d Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

NIS NIELSEN, 37197752, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Emergency Addressee: Mr. Alfred Nissen (Cousin), RFD #2, Harlan, Iowa.

FLOYD H. LEWIS, 31427339, Private, Company A, 111th Engineer Combat Battalion. Next of kin: Mrs. Edith Lewis (Mother), Dewey Avenue, Sandwich, Mass.

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for gallantry in action on 13 and 14 December 1944 in France. These men were serving as infantry troops and were assigned the mission of defending a sector of a strategically important hill. A heavy enemy artillery and mortar barrage preceded a savage hostile assault. Although faced with numerically superior forces, they fought valiantly, firing their rifles and machine guns into the midst of the enemy and driving back the attackers. Later, after a four-hour artillery and mortar preparation, the hostile troops launched another violent attack. Confronted with superior fire power, these men courageously held their ground, inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy with their effective fire. Aware of the importance of maintaining their defenses, they fought bravely against the hostile onslaught. As the charging enemy soldiers overran their positions, the above named men were killed in the close-range fighting. As a result of their determination to hold the sector until the last, other friendly troops were able to withdraw to new defensive positions and check the hostile assault.

CHARLES O. CHEYNE, 38065906, Private First Class, Company A, 111th Medical Battalion, for gallantry in action on 5 December 1944 in France. Private First Class Cheyne, an orderly on an ambulance, answered a call from an artillery battalion to aid a group of casualties wounded by exploding mines. Upon arriving at the designated area, he discovered that there were five injured soldiers lying approximately 15 yards from the road in a minefield. Without waiting for the mines to be cleared, Private First Class Cheyne took a litter from the ambulance and courageously moved down the slope from the road to aid the casualties. Fully aware of the dangers involved, he moved calmly about the mined area, administering first aid to each of the wounded men in turn. As he reached the last of the injured soldiers, he stepped on a hidden mine and was mortally wounded by the explosion. As a result of his selflessness and valor, the lives of the other casualties were saved. His noble sacrifice was a source of great inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. Next of kin: Mr. James D. Cheyne (Brother), Canyon, Texas.

II. POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Silver Star is posthumously awarded to the following named individual for gallantry in action:

CHARLES R. MATTIS, 01296554, First Lieutenant, 141st Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 October 1944 in France. Lieutenant Mattis was assigned the mission of leading his platoon in destroying an enemy strong point which threatened the battalion supply and communication lines. The platoon was advancing toward its objective when the enemy directed a heavy artillery and mortar barrage on the area. Fearlessly exposing himself to direct his men to covered positions, Lieutenant Mattis waited until the barrage was lifted before again leading his men toward the hostile strong point. Almost immediately the attackers contacted a strong enemy force on their left flank and were subjected to heavy small arms fire from their right rear. Aware of the necessity for moving his platoon to a more advantageous position, Lieutenant Mattis selflessly braved the hostile fire to cover the withdrawal of his men. While protecting his platoon's movement, he was killed by direct small arms fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Clare E. Mattis (Wife), 715 South Rockwell Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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III. AWARD OF SILVER STAR. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Silver Star is awarded to each of the following named individuals for gallantry in action:

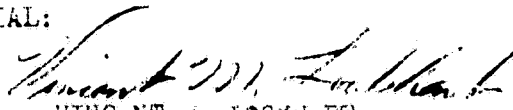
WILHELM G. STREICHER, 0380653, First Lieutenant, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 September 1944 in France. Lieutenant Streicher's Cannon Company platoon was assigned the mission of supporting an infantry battalion in attacking an enemy-held town. Two self-propelled mounts preceded the infantry elements in the assault. Upon reaching the outskirts of the town, one of the mounts was destroyed by enemy antitank fire. Lieutenant Streicher immediately began leading the other mount toward a firing position on the left flank. He advanced on foot in front of the mount, braving direct small arms and 20mm gun fire to guide the vehicle into position. Still exposing himself to the incessant hostile fire, he calmly directed accurate fire from his self-propelled gun against the enemy defenses guarding the town. While in this exposed position, he was severely wounded by a burst of machine gun fire. Determinedly refusing evacuation, he mastered the pain of his injury and continued directing fire on the hostile installations. As a result of his dauntlessness and outstanding leadership, an antitank gun with a 20mm gun were destroyed, and a second antitank gun was forced to withdraw. He contributed materially to the success of the infantry assault against the town. Entered the Service from Seagoville, Texas.

ALBERT G. GILL, 36261426, Sergeant, Company G, 143d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 22 November 1944 in France. Sergeant Gill's squad was leading the 3d Platoon in an attack when the enemy suddenly opened fire with rifles and machine guns well-emplaced on the crest of a hill. As Sergeant Gill skillfully maneuvered his automatic rifle team into an advantageous firing position, the hostile troops launched a savage counterattack. Although painfully wounded in the shoulder, he disdained evacuation and remained to direct his men in helping to repel the assault. The enemy withdrew for reorganization and, almost immediately, launched a second attack. When his squad's ammunition was almost exhausted, Sergeant Gill, acting on his own initiative, moved across 75 yards of fire-swept terrain to his platoon command post and secured a resupply. While working his way back to the automatic rifle position, he suffered a second severe wound. Litter bearers arrived to evacuate him, but Sergeant Gill, aware that others were in equally urgent need of evacuation, insisted upon making his own way to the aid station. Although he was wounded for a third time, he finally succeeded in reaching his destination. His selflessness and intrepidity were a source of great inspiration to all who witnessed his deeds. Entered the Service from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

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Award of Purple Heart.....I
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I. AWARD OF PURPLE HEART. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, a Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

- ✓ RAYMOND B. COLLINS, 6969918, Technical Sergeant, Company C, 9 February 1945. Entered the Service from Bainbridge, Georgia.
- ✓ HUBERT W. AIRLEN, 38629354, Private First Class, Company C, 2 February 1945. Entered the Service from Whitesboro, Texas.
- ✓ ROBERT G. ALEXANDER, 39712339, Private First Class, Company G, 1 February 1945. Entered the Service from Los Angeles, California.
- ✓ EDWARD L. BURCH, 33712012, Private first Class, Company B, 3 February 1945. Entered the Service from Watts Flats, New York.
- ✓ LAWRENCE H. BURCH, 37511738, Private First Class, Company C, 9 February 1945. Entered the Service from Springfield, Missouri.
- ✓ DELMER C. MOONTER, 36897015, Private First Class, Company I, 2 December 1944. Entered the Service from Williamston, Michigan.
- ✓ J. D. MC CLELLAN, 34530760, Private First Class, Company G, 21 February 1945. Entered the Service from Mossy Head, Florida.
- ✓ ANDREW C. RIEGER, 42136159, Private First Class, Company B, 10 February 1945. Entered the Service from Woodside, New York.
- ✓ NORMAN R. EVANS, 37379410, Private, Company A, 16 December 1944. Entered the Service from Toledo, Missouri.
- ✓ WILLIAM R. ROSLNBaum, 38675412, Private, Company L, 3 December 1944. Entered the Service from Richmond, Texas.
- ✓ BRADLEY R. WRIGHT, 42141408, Private, Company G, 1 February 1945. Entered the Service from Fort Edward, New York.
- ✓ CECIL L. GRAY, 37221577, Private, Company A, 3 June 1944. Entered the Service from Concordia, Kansas.

II. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER - PURPLE HEART. 1. Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of the second Purple Heart is awarded to each of the following named individuals of the 142d Infantry Regiment for wounds received as a result of enemy action in France:

- ✓ THOMAS C. CONNER, 34795071, Private First Class, Company E, 8 February, 1945. Entered the Service from Lakeland, Florida.
- ✓ HULEN T. GARNER, 38446004, Private First Class, Company I, 3 February 1945. Entered the Service from Newport, Arkansas.

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