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GO No. 100, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 29 May 45, (Awd of Bronze Star), cont'd.

Private First Class JACK D. ATKINSON, 20906290, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Ramban, Luzon, P.I., on 30 January 1945. While his company was engaged with the enemy, Private First Class Atkinson went forward of the front lines three times without regard for his own personal safety to rescue wounded members of his platoon who were in exposed positions. The action of Private First Class Atkinson was performed under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Home address: Mr. Edwin K. Atkinson (father), 2240 Ivar Ave, San Gabriel, California.

Private First Class FRANK BEVACQUA, 32837656, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Concepcion, Negros, P.I., on 25 April 1945. Private First Class Bevacqua was a litter bearer accompanying a patrol attacking a well-armed and deeply entrenched enemy force in the hill. In the ensuing fire-fight the entire patrol received heavy small arms and mortar fire which caused several casualties. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Bevacqua, as a member of the litter squad, continuously exposed himself to enemy fire as he repeatedly crossed open terrain to reach the wounded men and return them to a protected position where medical treatment could be administered. Home address: Mrs Katherine Bevacqua (mother), 459 Park Avenue, Fulton, New York.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade LEE CREE, W2110805, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baluarte, Panay, P.I., on 24 March 1945. Warrant Officer Junior Grade Cree, accompanied by four enlisted men, while enroute to the front lines to repair ordnance equipment, suddenly came upon a group of twenty-two enemy troops. Although a member of a rear echelon unit, he immediately realized the dangers of an enemy force which had infiltrated behind our lines and which was capable of disrupting communications and supply routes. Quickly outlining a plan of attack, he and the enlisted men unhesitatingly attacked the enemy and, though outnumbered more than four to one, succeeded in annihilating the entire group with no casualties among themselves. Home address: Mrs Lee Cree (wife), 200 N. E. 1st St, Visalia, California.

Staff Sergeant HARVEY L. CUMMINS, 20910600, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baluarte, Panay, P.I., on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Cummins with a warrant officer and three enlisted men, while enroute to the front lines to repair ordnance equipment, suddenly came upon a group of twenty-two enemy troops. Although a member of a rear echelon unit, he immediately realized the dangers of an enemy force which had infiltrated behind our lines and which was capable of disrupting communications and supply routes. Under the direction of the warrant officer, he and his fellow soldiers unhesitatingly attacked the enemy and, though outnumbered more than four to one, succeeded in annihilating the entire group. Home address: Mrs Harvey L. Cummins (wife), 1545 I. St, Fresno, California.

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GO No. 100, HQ 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 29 May 45, (Awd of Bronze Star), cont'd.

Staff Sergeant WALTER F. FRANKOVIK, 36011955, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 2 March 1945. In his capacity as a heavy weapons company section leader, Staff Sergeant Frankovik consistently exposed himself to enemy fire in order to employ his weapons effectively. During the entire operation he determined the opportune moment to take the enemy under fire. He performed his duties so courageously and well that he greatly reduced casualties in the supported rifle companies. Home address: Mrs Mary Frankovik (mother), 7525 W. 57th Pl., Summit, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ANTHONY J. FREDERICO, 20906341, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 10 April 1945. The enemy used a path to come into positions from which they could snipe and place knee-mortar fire on the company perimeter. Staff Sergeant Frederico volunteered to set up an ambush in enemy territory. He successfully held the trail averting many casualties. Staff Sergeant Frederico's scheme of maneuver totally discouraged enemy attempts at infiltration and wire cutting and prevented them from attempting to regain trenches seized by the company on the previous evening. He spent the entire night and morning holding the trail without food, water and night clothing, and without digging in. Throughout the night, he fired at raiding parties attempting to use the trail, inflicting an undetermined number of casualties. Home address: Mr Gilbert A. Frederico (brother), 8193 Greenwood, Montebello, California.

Staff Sergeant WILLIS H. HANKE, 39077580, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baluarte, Panay, P.I., on 24 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Hanke with a warrant officer and three enlisted men, while enroute to the front lines to repair ordnance equipment, suddenly came upon a group of twenty-two enemy troops. Although a member of a rear echelon unit, he immediately realized the dangers of an enemy force which had infiltrated behind our lines and which was capable of disrupting communications and supply routes. Under the direction of the warrant officer, he and his fellow soldiers unhesitatingly attacked the enemy and, though outnumbered more than four to one, succeeded in annihilating the entire group. Home address: Mrs Eliza Mae Hanke (mother), 511 W. Street, Sanger, California.

Staff Sergeant JESS N. JONES, 38087956, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 30 January 1945. The company was assaulting enemy positions on Storm King Mountain. The company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, and a member was wounded and in an exposed position. Staff Sergeant Jones without regard for his personal safety went forward about forty yards of the front lines under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to rescue the severely wounded soldier. Home address: Mrs Jess N. Jones (wife), Route #1, Oktaha, Oklahoma.

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Technical Sergeant BILL E. LEWIS, 20801845, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 30 January 1945. While his company was reorganizing after an assault on Storm King Mountain, Technical Sergeant Lewis, without regard for his personal safety, went forward of the front lines and brought back a severely wounded soldier. This action was performed while under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Technical Sergeant Lewis was severely wounded in this attempt to save his comrade's life. Home address: Mrs Bill E. Lewis (wife), General Delivery, Houston, Texas.

Private First Class ARNOLD L. MADON, 20904676, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. Private First Class Madon was a member of a rifle company which was advancing up a hill when it was hit by three successive counter-attacks of a numerically superior enemy force. Private First Class Madon and another man of his platoon were wounded. The other man was so seriously wounded that he was unable to move. Private First Class Madon, although seriously wounded himself and under intense enemy fire, picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety. Home address: Mrs Phyllis Madon (mother), 1647 West 65th Place, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant JAMES C. MILLAY, 35017978, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 31 January 1945. Staff Sergeant Millay led his squad in the assault against enemy positions on Storm King Mountain. Locating an enemy machine gun position, he succeeded in knocking out the machine gun with hand grenades. He then, under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire, organized his squad and held the commanding ground until additional troops arrived. It was through his personal courage and leadership that this objective was attained and held. Home address: Mrs Ida Miles (mother), 324 East Walnut St, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Sergeant FRANK E. NESTI, 39011846, Ordnance, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baluarin, Panay, P.I., on 24 March 1945. Sergeant Nesti with a warrant officer and three enlisted men, while enroute to the front lines to repair ordnance equipment, suddenly came upon a group of twenty-two enemy troops. Although a member of a rear echelon unit, he immediately realized the dangers of an enemy force which had infiltrated behind our lines and which was capable of disrupting communications and supply routes. Under the direction of the warrant officer, he and his fellow soldiers unhesitatingly attacked the enemy and, though outnumbered more than four to one, succeeded in annihilating the entire group. Home address: Mr Felice Nesti (father), 3607 Woodruff Ave, Oakland, California.

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First Sergeant GRANT J. NATHURAY, 6557584, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 10 April 1945. While his company was subjected to intense enemy mortar and rifle fire, First Sergeant Nathuray left his slit trench to administer first aid to a severely wounded soldier. With disregard for his own safety, he exposed himself to enemy fire while administering first aid, thereby saving the man's life. Home address: Mrs Grant J. Nathuray (wife), 2906 Pine St, Paso Robles, California.

Sergeant JOHN PIJKO, 36121318, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 24 February 1945. Sergeant Pisko was sent out in advance of his company to investigate shell craters believed to be enemy observation posts. Although no protective cover was available and enemy fire was intense, he accomplished his mission. Due to the vital information gained by Sergeant Pisko, the enemy observation posts were destroyed and gun positions eliminated. Home address: Mrs Josephine Pisko (mother), 2277 Bernard St, Hamtramck, Mich.

Private DALE C. RIGGLE, 33767192, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 24 February 1945. Private Riggle was sent out in advance of his company to investigate shell craters believed to be enemy observation posts. Although no protective cover was available and enemy fire was intense, he accomplished his mission. The vital information obtained by Private Riggle enabled the destruction of the enemy observation posts and gun positions. Home address: Mrs Anna Riggle (mother), Homer, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM A. ROHLY, 35012265, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 30 January 1945. While his company was assaulting enemy positions on Storm King Mountain, Staff Sergeant Rohly went forward of the front lines three times to rescue wounded members of the company. This heroic action was performed while under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth C. Rohly (mother) RFD #1, Paradise, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade EDWARD J. SULLIVAN, 36099200, Ordnance, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baluarte, Panay, P.I., on 24 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Sullivan with a warrant officer and three enlisted men, while enroute to the front lines to repair ordnance equipment, suddenly came upon a group of twenty-two enemy troops. Although a member of a rear echelon unit, he immediately realized the dangers of an enemy force which had infiltrated behind our lines and which was capable of disrupting communications and supply routes. Under the direction of the warrant officer, he and his fellow soldiers unhesitatingly attacked the enemy and, though outnumbered more than four to one, succeeded in annihilating the entire group. Home address: Mrs Ella Sullivan (mother), 3440 W. 61st St, Chicago, Illinois.

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CO No. 100, Fg 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 29 May 45, (Awd of Bronze Star), cont'd.

Private FLOYD F. SONDAY, 37022271, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambar, Luzon, P.I., on 30 January 1945. The company was assaulting enemy positions on Stone King Mountain. The company was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, and a member was wounded and in an exposed position. Private Sondag, without regard for his personal safety, went about forty yards forward of the front lines under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to rescue the severely wounded soldier. Home address: Mrs Ella Sondag (mother), Route No. 2, Seward, Nebraska.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Major RICHARD W. GILCHRIST, 0309096, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 10 January 1945 to 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Richard W. Gilchrist, (wife), 271 N. 1st West, Lehi, Utah.

Major BERTRAND A. GRIFFITH, 0333555, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 10 January 1945 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Bertrand A. Griffith (wife), Route 1, Box 1377, Modesto, California.

Major BERNARD E. HAGEN, 0337902, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 10 January 1945 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Bernard E. Hagen (wife), 127 South Orange Street, Lodi, California.

Major MERLE G. IVERSEN, 0254495, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs Merle G. Iversen (wife), 3152 Leaviston Ave, Berkeley, California.

Major STEWART H. KNOWLTON, 0356567, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs S. C. Knowlton (mother), 167 Hampton Ave, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Captain ARLO A. MILLER, 0418247, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 30 April 1945 to 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs Arlo A. Miller (wife), 1018 West 2d St, Ames, Iowa.

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Major JAMES E. MORIARTY, 0389402, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs James E. Moriarty (wife), 411 South 12th East St, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Major ROBERT L. QUICK, 0333506, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 26 February 1945. Home address: Mrs. Robert L. Quick (wife), 2203 East Poplar St, Stockton, California.

Major MURICE L. WATTS, 0392263, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 3 March 1945. Home address: Mr William E. Watts (father), 6127 South State St, Murray, Utah.

Major JOE E. WHITESIDES, 0342617, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 27 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Joe E. Whitesides (wife), 38 West 5th North, Logan, Utah.

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25 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 98)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 118

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class LOUIS E. RITCH, 34794523, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action near San Jose, P.I., on 6 April 1945. While engaged in removing mines and booby traps, Private First Class Ritch, as a member of a volunteer mine removal squad, accidentally stepped on a Japanese land mine. With utter disregard for his own safety he shouted a warning to his companions taking almost the full force of the explosion himself. He died shortly thereafter. The warning of Private First Class Ritch undoubtedly saved the lives of most of the remainder of the squad. His courageous act reflects great credit upon the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs Margaret Lee Hatcher (mother), Box 1848, Rockport, Texas.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man and officer:

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* Staff Sergeant NELSON H. HOWARD, 34821787, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Navilas, Negros, P.I., on 21 April 1945. A platoon of the company was attacking an enemy-held hill when the platoon leader was wounded and the platoon sergeant was killed. Staff Sergeant Howard took command of the platoon and its attached mortar and machine gun sections, directing and coordinating their actions so efficiently that the attack, which had wavered momentarily, was carried through with vigor and dispatch. Staff Sergeant Howard's courageous actions were a major factor in the success of the company's mission. Home address: Mrs Margaret Strickland, (sister), 301 Church Street, Selma, Alabama.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) CHARLES L. THALMANN, 62036710, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 25 January 1945. Second Lieutenant Thalmann was commanding an infantry platoon whose mission was to hold the commanding ground on an important

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hill which was captured by the battalion during the day. For four hours before dawn the platoon was subjected to five determined counterattacks by a force of Japanese estimated at one-hundred armed with knee mortars, heavy and light machine guns, rifles and grenades. Each charge was resolutely repulsed in spite of heavy mortar fire. One charge came within a few feet of overrunning the position. Second Lieutenant Thalmann and the third platoon members held their ground, using shovels and bayonets as weapons when ammunition ran low. This heroic action secured the battalion objective, and saved countless lives which would have been lost if the battalion had been forced to recapture it the following day. The intrepid leadership of Second Lieutenant Thalmann served as an example of unyielding determination to the men with him. Home address: Mrs Nellie Thalmann (mother), 725 1/2 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Kentucky.

III. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class BILL F. RODRIGUEZ, 38100982, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 25 January 1945. Private First Class Rodriguez was a member of an infantry platoon whose mission was to hold the commanding ground of an important hill which was captured by the Battalion during the day. For four hours before dawn the platoon was subjected to five determined counterattacks by a force of Japanese, estimated at one-hundred, armed with knee mortars, heavy and light machine guns, rifles and grenades. Each charge was resolutely repulsed in spite of heavy mortar fire. One charge came within a few feet of overrunning the position. Private First Class Rodriguez and the platoon members held their ground, using shovels and bayonets as weapons when ammunition ran low. This heroic action secured the battalion objective, and saved countless lives which would have been lost if the battalion had been forced to recapture it the following day. Private First Class Rodriguez was killed during this action. His valor reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mr John Rodriguez (father), Route #1, Box 1134, San Antonio, Texas.

Staff Sergeant BART H. TRAYTICK, 34105900, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 25 January 1945. Staff Sergeant Traytick was a member of an infantry platoon whose mission was to hold the commanding ground on an important hill which was captured by the battalion during the day. For four hours before dawn the platoon was subjected to five determined counterattacks by a force of Japanese, estimated at one-hundred, armed with knee mortars, heavy and light machine guns, rifles and grenades. Each charge was resolutely

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repulsed in spite of heavy mortar fire. One charge came within a few feet of overrunning the position. Staff Sergeant Traywick and the platoon members held their ground, using shovels and bayonets as weapons when ammunition ran low. This heroic action secured the battalion objective, and saved countless lives which would have been lost if the battalion had been forced to recapture it the following day. Staff Sergeant Traywick was killed during this action. His valor reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mr Joseph C. Traywick (father), Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Sergeant DONALD ARBUCKLE, 6948382, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manilas, Negros, P.I., on 12 April 1945. The advance platoon of the company was stopped by intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Disregarding personal danger, Sergeant Arbuckle, acting platoon sergeant, exposed himself again and again to locate enemy positions so they could be eliminated. By his courageous and aggressive action, he set an inspiring example for the men of his organization. Home address: Mr Andrew Arbuckle (brother), 1051 Martin Avenue, New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class GORDON M. BATES, 15338597, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 18 April 1945. Private First Class Bates was acting squad leader of a 60mm mortar squad of the company when the reconnaissance patrol to which his squad was assigned received heavy enemy fire. Private First Class Bates so efficiently directed his squad's setting up and laying of fire that at least one enemy machine gun was destroyed and others were silenced. His outstanding leadership of a squad consisting largely of men in their first enemy contact greatly aided the success of the action. Home address: Mrs Mollie A. Bates (mother), 1525 South 18th Street, Newcastle, Indiana.

Captain JAMES S. BEYER, 01100446, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros P.I., from 7 April 1945 to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs V. L. Beyer (mother), 221 Central Park Street, Sarasota, Florida.

Sergeant JOSEPH E. DEBLOCK, 33145772, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Manilas, Negros, P.I., on 18 April 1945. When a patrol of which he was leader received heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire, Sergeant Deblock, with great courage and without regard for his personal safety, took an exposed position to aim at the enemy machine gunner with rifle fire which enabled the

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patrol to withdraw without casualties. His cool courage in the action was an inspiration to all of his men. Home address: Mrs Rose Dablock (mother), Route #3, Box 121-1, Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class LEONARDO LOPEZ, 35546436, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Napilas, Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. A mortar shell landed in the positions of the company wounding several men of one platoon, including the attached medical aid man. Private First Class Lopez, medical aid man attached to another platoon some two-hundred yards away, immediately and without thought of his own personal safety covered the distance speedily to the wounded men, ministered to their wounds, and supervised their evacuation. The entire area was subject to intense enemy fire and he faced grave danger during the entire time of this action. Home address: Mrs Canobia Lopez (mother), 537 W. Arthington St, Chicago, Illinois.

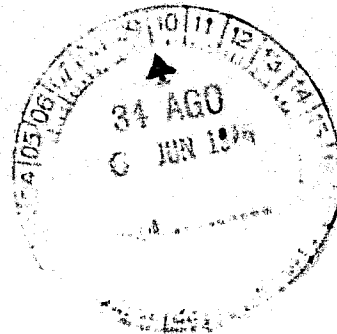
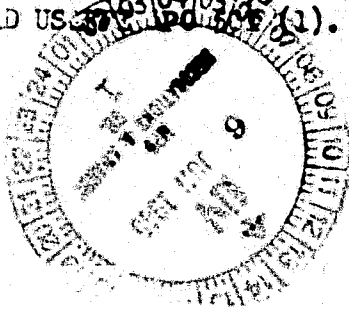
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, 7D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant EDWARD C. BOLAND, 01308416, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 29 March 1945 to 3 May 1945. Home address: Mrs Edward C. Boland (wife), 719 N. Rodeo Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

First Lieutenant JOHN A. McCURDY, 01036237, Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 11 April 1945. Home address: Mrs John A. McCurdy (wife), 620 Nolan Ave, Kingsville, Texas.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 94)

~~ORIGINAL ORDER~~

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private ELMER C. GASTONY, 35245791, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. When his section of the perimeter was attacked by a strong force of enemy armed with grenades, pistols, rifles, bayonets and sabers, Private Gastony was in position as a part of the defensive perimeter. The first enemy grenade exploded on the edge of Private Gastony's foxhole, blowing off three of his fingers and inflicting several severe wounds in his chest and body. Immediately after the first grenade exploded, an enemy armed with a bayonet rushed into the foxhole occupied by Private Gastony and another soldier who was not yet fully awake. Although severely wounded, Private Gastony grappled with the enemy, beating him into insensibility with the stock of his carbine. Private Gastony died within a few minutes after disposing of the enemy. He saved the life of his companion and the lives of others in nearby foxhole. His great sacrifice set an example in valor and devotion to duty. Next of kin: Mrs Julia Gastony (mother), 7004 Wakefield Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private DIMPSEY C. PUTNAM, 36452989, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Baman, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. During the early morning hours the company of which Private Putnam was a member, was subjected to three counterattacks. In the third charge a group of the enemy armed with an automatic weapon had almost penetrated the perimeter when Private Putnam discovered them in the dark. Unable to use grenades, he engaged them with his automatic rifle, thereby disclosing his own position. In the ensuing exchange of fire Private Putnam was mortally wounded. His courageous action against great odds drove off the attack and saved the lives of many of his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs Esther M. Putnam (mother), Route 1, Stanwood, Michigan.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

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Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) ROBERT R. GARZA, 02007635, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. When two scouts of his platoon were wounded and cut off from the platoon, Technical Sergeant Garza risked his life to bring both men to safety. He secured a litter and advanced through territory exposed to heavy enemy crossfire. He rolled the first scout onto a litter, dragged him back to safety, and then returned for the second man. His intrepid and sacrificial acts in returning the wounded men to medical aid set a high example for the men with him. Home address: Mr Antonio S. Ronquillo (foster father), 419 South Soto St, Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant SHELLEY H. MESSINGER, 39159971, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 8 February 1945. When the enemy launched a counterattack Sergeant Messinger was manning a light machine gun forward of the position in which his company was digging a perimeter. Although in a completely exposed position, Sergeant Messinger immediately took up fire in defense. Hit by rifle fire he refused to abandon his gun and continued to fire until the enemy was forced to retreat. His courage in facing automatic weapon rifle fire, even though wounded, saved lives among his comrades. Home address: Mr Willard H. Messinger (father), 632½ Maltman Ave, Los Angeles, California.

Staff Sergeant EWALD A. WAGNER, 20803708, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 30 January 1945. Staff Sergeant Wagner was leading a squad in a company advance up a hill. They encountered intense mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire from positions held by a platoon of enemy soldiers, well dug in and concealed. The engagement developed into close quarter fighting with the squad employing hand grenades and inching forward. Staff Sergeant Wagner, wounded twice by enemy grenade fragments, stopped only long enough to have his wounds dressed. Returning, he fought so aggressively that his actions were in a large part responsible for the capture of the company objective. Home address: Mrs Ewald Wagner (wife), c/o Viola A. Ditherron, Route 5, Bonham Blvd, Paris, Texas.

III. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class JAY D. BARNBY, 20904833, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. While preparing a perimeter his company was subjected to an intense artillery and mortar barrage which wounded some of the men. Private First Class Barnby went to the assistance

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of the aid men in helping the wounded. When the company was ordered to withdraw from the area of the barrage he continued to help the wounded and assisted them to a place of safety. Later he returned to secure equipment which had been left behind. His courage in facing the enemy fire in order to help the wounded was instrumental in saving lives. Next of kin: Mrs Fletal Seward (mother), 9175 Balboa Blvd, Northridge, California.

Private First Class JOE N. MIHOK, 35012312, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. While enemy fire was striking all around him, Private First Class Mihok, with utter disregard for his own safety, assisted another man in setting up a heavy machine gun, located the source of the enemy fire, and killed the enemy machine gun squad which was holding up the advance of the company on a mountainous slope. By his courageous action and devotion to duty Private First Class Mihok inspired the men of the rifle company to move forward and capture their objective. He was later killed in action while carrying out his assignments in a manner which reflects high credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Anne Mihok (mother), 10316 Rosehill Ave, Cleveland, Ohio.

Private First Class ELISEO E. SANCHEZ, 38100789, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Zamboanga, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. When his squad leader and several other members of his squad were pinned down by the fire from two enemy machine guns, Private First Class Sanchez arose, in direct observation of the guns, to where he could engage the enemy. By concentrating rifle fire on the guns, he distracted the gunners and forced them to shift their fire to him, thereby allowing the squad leader and other men to reach a place of safety. His courage in facing enemy fire saved the squad from possible casualties. Next of kin: Mrs Bonifacia Garduno (Grandmother), Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico.

IV. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

Private First Class ROBERT J. ADAMS, 37002457, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Zamboanga, Luzon, P.I., on 26 January 1945. When his company was ordered to withdraw from the enemy and return to a previously prepared perimeter, Private First Class Adams and his acting squad leader without orders three times put their light machine gun in action. Faced with constant sniper fire, Private First Class Adams, realizing that the safety of the rifle troops depended on machine gun fire to protect them, kept an aggressive enemy from harassing his company. His ability to act without orders and his disregard for his own safety was a vital factor in the safe tactical movement of his company. Home address: Mrs Laura E. Adams (mother), Butler, Missouri.

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Private First Class EDWARD E. BOST, 36737005, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 10 February 1945. As he was digging his hole on the perimeter on the reverse slope of a precipitous hill, Private First Class Bost saw one of his comrades wounded by enemy machine gun fire on the forward slope. Disregarding the deadly fire, he immediately began to crawl to the soldier. After reaching the wounded soldier, he dragged the wounded man over the crest of the hill to a position of safety. His utter disregard for his own safety saved the life of a man who might not otherwise have received medical attention. Home address: Mrs Mabel Peoples (mother), 1316 South Hickory St, Centralia, Illinois.

First Lieutenant SALVATORE P. DONADIO, 01286982, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 24 April to 28 April 1945. During the engagement of his battalion with the enemy on a hill, First Lieutenant Donadio displayed outstanding courage, initiative and leadership as executive officer. Disregarding his own personal safety and despite vicious small arms fire, he constantly moved forward with attacking troops to reconnoiter for advance heavy machine gun positions and 81mm mortar observation posts. Through his aggressive reconnaissance, and personal leadership in directing the fire of these weapons, even though enemy counterbattery fire was extremely active and necessitated constant shifts of his observation posts within an especially vulnerable zone, First Lieutenant Donadio greatly assisted the battalion in the accomplishment of its missions. Home address: Mrs Louise Donadio (mother), 212 E. 27th St, New York City, N. Y.

Private First Class GEORGE R. DUDASH, 35315591, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 23 January 1945. When the company with which he was serving as aid man came under a heavy artillery and mortar barrage while preparing their perimeter, Private First Class Dudash refused to seek the safety of the half-finished holes in order to help his comrades. During the entire barrage he remained in an exposed position calmly applying first aid to the wounded men. His efficient and cool manner was instrumental in saving the lives of the wounded soldiers. Home address: Mrs Mary Dudash (mother), 633 Gibson St, Youngstown, Ohio.

Technician Fifth Grade ROY J. HARRINGTON, 36160027, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. Under intense enemy fire and with utter disregard for his personal safety, Technician Fifth Grade Harrington remained in the front lines going from man to man, dressing wounds and administering morphine. Even though there was constant threat of a penetrating enemy he remained at this job during two counterattacks, caring for the wounded and organizing evacuation by utilizing the walking wounded until all had been carried to safety. This heroic devotion to duty reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Beatrice Harrington (mother), RFD #1, McBain, Michigan.

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Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) ROY L. HINOJOSA, 38074544, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. Technical Sergeant Hinojosa was acting in the capacity of forward observer for an 82mm mortar platoon with the forward elements of a rifle company. While on the eastern slope of a precipitous hill, the company was subjected to direct fire from a Japanese 77mm gun at a range of about four-hundred yards. At the same time enemy machine gun and 90mm mortar fire covered the area making it untenable. The rifle company suffered heavy casualties in a short time. In spite of the intense enemy fire and the withdrawal of the rifle company troops, Technical Sergeant Hinojosa remained at his hastily selected and exposed position directing mortar fire on the enemy thus covering the evacuation of wounded and withdrawal of troops. His brave action in directing covering fire was maintained several hours until he assisted in carrying out the last wounded man of the rifle company. Home address: Mrs Roy L. Hinojosa (wife), 301 South 9th St, Edinburg, Texas.

Private First Class BEN H. HOWARD, 35101713, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. When his squad leader and several other members of the squad were pinned down by the fire from two enemy machine guns, Private First Class Howard immediately arose, in direct observation of the guns, to where he could engage the enemy. By concentrating rifle fire on the guns, he distracted the gunners, and forced them to shift their fire to him, thereby allowing the squad leader and other men of the squad to reach a place of safety. His courage in facing enemy fire saved the squad from possible casualties. Home address: Mrs Fanny Howard (mother), Irvington, Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant) TAMM L. INGRAM, 20911409, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. While operating as flank security, the platoon of which Technical Sergeant Ingram was a member was fired upon by enemy machine guns and mortars. Seven wounded men were unable to defend themselves. On his own initiative, Technical Sergeant Ingram from an exposed position took up fire on the enemy with a submachine gun and grenades. Only after the wounded men had been evacuated down a twenty-five foot cliff did he seek a place of safety for himself. His actions were not only responsible for the safety of the wounded men, but also contributed to the success of the withdrawal of the platoon from the impact area. Home address: Mrs Vera M. Ingram (mother), 825 Westast, Ontario, California.

Sergeant ALBERT A. JUNT, 39094102, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 2 March 1945. During the entire campaign Sergeant Junt consistently braved enemy fire without regard for his own safety in order to take the enemy under fire. His complete control of his squad and the efficient manner in which he directed fire was often a contributing factor in the success of missions assigned to rifle companies to which he was attached. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth Junt (sister), 4715 North Haight St, Portland, Oregon.

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Private First Class EDWARD H. KING, 39094046, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 28 February 1945. During the attack on a large hill one of his comrades was wounded, and in an exposed position which subjected him to intense enemy fire. Disregarding his own safety Private First Class King left his covered position and risked injury from the enemy barrage to rescue his comrade. This heroic act saved the life of the injured man. Home address: Mr William A. King (father), 2530 N.W. Westover Rd, Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class AUGUST C. KNAFFLE, 36872661, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 16 February 1945. When it was discovered that two wounded men were unable to move out of an area covered by heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire, Private First Class Knaffle immediately volunteered to bring them in. Climbing a steep, rocky slope under direct observation of the enemy, he succeeded in finding the two men. One of these men had been shot through the chest and the other through the leg. Unmindful of the bullets hitting close about him, Private First Class Knaffle brought the two men back to the safety of the company lines. Had it not been for his valor the two wounded men would not have received medical attention for considerable time. Home address: Mrs Augusta Knaffle (mother), 2573 Lividrige, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class ERWIN LACHENMAIER, 39604207, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. Acting as squad leader of a heavy machine gun squad, Private First Class Lachenmaier with the assistance of another soldier set up a heavy machine gun under intense enemy fire destroying an enemy machine gun and its crew. The enemy gun was holding up the advance of a rifle company and this heroic action of Private First Class Lachenmaier permitted the company to achieve its objective with minimum casualties. Home address: Mr John Lachenmaier (father), Rt 2, Hardwin, Montana.

Private First Class ERAL D. LARSEN, 39826320, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 24 February 1945. While the rifle platoons of his company were out patrolling, a group of by-passed Japs made a counterattack against the position of the company headquarters and the weapons platoon. Immediately taking charge of the situation, Private First Class Larsen exposed himself to enemy gunfire as he directed the defense of the position. His efficient manner so impressed the men that they repulsed the enemy attack. As soon as the enemy started to retreat Private First Class Larsen personally took charge of the troops on hand and led a counterattack which completely disorganized the enemy. His initiative and example saved his company from possible heavy losses. Home address: Mr William E. Larsen (father), Route #3, Burley, Idaho.

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Sergeant JACK LYEN, 39376112, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 2 March 1945. As a reconnaissance sergeant, he performed his duties in such a manner as to give his battalion efficient heavy weapons support. On many occasions he disregarded his own personal safety in order to select firing positions for machine guns and mortar. This thoroughness made it possible for the weapons to be employed in a minimum amount of time after the troops had taken the ground. His outstanding work and intelligent reconnaissance during the entire campaign made it possible for the battalion to have efficient close support of the heavy weapons. Home address: Mr Eszriel W. Lyen (father), 9319 Waters Ave, Seattle, Washington.

First Lieutenant EARL T. NEWTON, 01014584, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 17 April 1945. First Lieutenant Newton was in command of a platoon of medium tanks accompanying infantry assault units. They were advancing down a narrow open ridge alongside a higher hill to seize and reduce an enemy-held tank trap, strongly defended from the front and the flanks. Because of the open terrain and the intensity of enemy rifle and machine gun fire, infantry troops were unable to advance beyond a point two-hundred yards from the tank trap. First Lieutenant Newton volunteered to take his tanks forward without infantry protection, reduce the enemy resistance and secure the area adjacent to the tank trap. Upon approaching the tank trap, the platoon of tanks came under direct fire from a 75mm gun and a 40mm gun, well camouflaged and dug in, two-hundred yards to their flank. First Lieutenant Newton directed his tanks to seek defilade while he covered them. Although his tank received five direct hits from the 75mm gun and was partially disabled, he stood his ground until he had personally located and destroyed the two guns. First Lieutenant Newton's courage and effective employment of his tank resulted in reducing the enemy resistance and permitted the infantry to advance. Home address: Mrs Earl T. Newton (wife), 3603 McArthur Drive, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) GORDON A. PICKETT, 36212319, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 1 March 1945. Sergeant Pickett, as a gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, performed his duties in an outstanding manner. While fighting in the hills near Bamban, his squad leader was wounded. Under intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire he moved his gun into action and destroyed an enemy machine gun that was holding up the advance of a rifle company. This action permitted the rifle company to secure its objective. Home address: Mrs Kathryn Pickett (mother), 1502 Jackson St, Elcbit, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JOHN S. PINDELSKI, 36733595, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. Private First Class Pindeliski was acting in the capacity of forward observer for an 81mm mortar

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platoon with the forward elements of a rifle company. While on the eastern slope of a precipitous hill the company was subjected to direct fire from a Japanese 77mm gun at a range of about four-hundred yards. At the same time enemy machine gun and 90mm mortar fire covered the area making it untenable. The rifle company suffered heavy casualties in a short time. In spite of the intense enemy fire and the withdrawal of the rifle company troops, Private First Class Pindelski remained at his hastily selected and exposed position directing mortar fire on the enemy covering the evacuation of wounded and withdrawal of troops. His brave action in directing covering fire was maintained several hours until he assisted in carrying out the last wounded man of the rifle company. Home address: Mrs John S. Pindelski (wife), 2525 North Monticello, Chicago, Illinois.

Private LEE A. RAGSDALE, 20736737, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 29 April 1945. Private Ragsdale was with several other men in a truck when they were stopped on the road between Napilas and Silay by two soldiers who told them a group of the enemy was in the vicinity. In the ensuing search four Japanese were brought into the open and three of them were killed, but the other made his way into the wooded area nearby. Private Ragsdale, regardless of the fact that he was armed only with a partially loaded pistol, set out after the Japanese catching and subduing him after a chase of about one-half mile. He then tended the enemy's wounds and built a stretcher on which he could be evacuated. Home address: Mrs Lottie L. Ragsdale (mother), Paris, Arkansas.

Sergeant WILES E. VENTLING, 19071402, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 2 March 1945. During the entire campaign Sergeant Ventling consistently braved enemy fire without regard for his own personal safety in order to take the enemy under fire. His complete control of his squad and the efficient manner in which he directed fire was often a contributing factor in the success of missions assigned to rifle companies to which he was attached. Home address: Mrs Florence A. Mittlesteadt (mother), 1511 5th Ave, North Billings, Montana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, "D", 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officer:

Private First Class VIRGIL L. GOWER, 36640713, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Anupul, Luzon, P.I., on 27 January 1945. In the face of intense enemy flank and frontal fire, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he crawled forward with his automatic rifle to within five yards of an active enemy machine gun position. He opened fire with his weapon and killed the Japanese gun crew, thus temporarily silencing the machine gun. The Japs, however, sent forth replacements from caves into the trenches to the positions of their fallen men. Realizing what had taken place, Private First Class Gower continued to engage the enemy position. It was due largely to his accurate and steady fire that the platoon was able to hold its ground temporarily. Because of the effectiveness of his fire, the enemy began to concentrate machine gun and mortar fire upon his position. The volume of the enemy fire forced the greater part of the platoon to withdraw. Private First Class Gower, however, remained to cover his withdrawing comrades, giving his life in this action. Private First Class Gower's determination and valor set an example worthy of emulation. Next of kin: Mrs Pearl Gower (mother), Route #3, Marion, Illinois.

Private First Class ROLAND F. SMITH, 39380863, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Anupul, Luzon, P.I., on 27 January 1945. In the face of intense enemy flank and frontal fire, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he crawled forward with his rifle to within five yards of active enemy positions. He opened fire with his rifle and killed several Japanese, considerably weakening the enemy defenses in this sector. The enemy however, sent forth replacements from caves into the trenches to the positions of their fallen men. Realizing what had taken place, Private First Class Smith continued to engage the enemy positions. Because of the effectiveness of his rifle fire which had already inflicted a number of enemy casualties, the Japs concentrated steady fire on him. Private First Class Smith continued to fire his rifle to disrupt the enemy fire which was causing casualties among his comrades until he was struck and killed. His intrepidity and great devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs Minnie I. Smith (mother), Clifton, Washington.

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Captain EDWARD L. STILWELL, 0415745, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Banban, Luzon, P.I., on 19 February 1945. Captain Stilwell, commanding an infantry rifle company, led his troops in a successful attack against a formidable hill. As Captain Stilwell began to organize the captured ground he noticed several enemy positions which jeopardized the safety of his troops. Knowing the mission of knocking out these positions would be dangerous, he personally took charge of a combat patrol and set out to eliminate the strongpoints. Daringly he led his men against the enemy positions, strongly defended caves concealed in the brush. Quickly three of these positions were eliminated. As the patrol closed on the fourth position Captain Stilwell was critically hit by sniper fire. His leadership had so inspired his men that they continued the attack and overwhelmed the last position. Shortly thereafter Captain Stilwell died of his wounds. His tactical knowledge and continuous disregard for his personal safety in leading his men was a constant and lasting inspiration to them. Next of kin: Mrs E. L. Stilwell (wife), Route #2, Box 398, Anaheim, California.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, TD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant HARVEY W. JEWETT, 01300335, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Banban, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. First Lieutenant Jewett and other officers had assembled with the battalion commander at a point about 300 yards from the enemy to observe the terrain and receive a battalion attack order. Suddenly an enemy machine gun opened fire, mortally wounding the battalion commander and seriously wounding two other officers. First Lieutenant Jewett at the risk of his life crawled to one officer through the enemy fire and dragged him to safety. Then risking his life a second time, he returned to remove the second wounded officer. His intrepid action saved the lives of both officers. Home address: Mrs Harvey E. Jewett (wife), 1441 Iron St, Ellington, Washington.

Staff Sergeant SIVEL STEVENSON, 39826297, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 13 April 1945. Following a successfully repulsed counterattack Staff Sergeant Stevenson's company was subject to heavy machine gun, mortar and rifle fire. During this fire a wounded man attempted to crawl back to the perimeter, but was again hit by enemy fire and unable to move. Staff Sergeant Stevenson immediately left the safety of his fox-hole and went to the aid of the wounded man. Finding the load too heavy to move by himself, he returned through the fire and secured a litter and one other man to help him. Again he made his way to the wounded man and began to bring him back to the perimeter. Close to the company position Staff Sergeant Stevenson

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was hit in the back and forced to wait until additional help could be obtained to bring him back. His unflinching courage in facing enemy fire twice to help a wounded comrade was instrumental in saving the man's life. Home address: Mr Quincy G. Stevenson (brother), Route 1, Burley, Idaho.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant Chester E. Robisch by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, section I, General Orders No. 70, dated 30 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant CHESTER E. ROBISCH, 01289965, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 19 April 1945. First Lieutenant Robisch, commanding a company in an attack up the steep slopes of Dolan Hill, led his men in a valiant fight against enemy fire and natural obstacles. Pulling themselves up the steep slopes by catching at roots and the heavy brush, his men came under heavy machine gun fire. Disregarding his own safety, First Lieutenant Robisch stood up and in a clear voice directed the attack. Following his example his men attacked and destroyed the machine gun. As they advanced further they were counter-attacked by enemy troops firing light machine guns and throwing grenades. Again First Lieutenant Robisch stood up, presenting himself as a target, in order to direct the defense. He not only clearly indicated how the defense should be conducted, but he passed grenades to the men in the best position to use them. Ordered to withdraw to a perimeter lower on the hill, he effectively returned his men to the place of safety despite continuous contact with the enemy. His brilliant direction was the main factor in accounting for twenty-one enemy dead and two destroyed enemy machine guns. By his outstanding leadership his company successfully regained a safe position with a minimum loss of men. Home address: Mr Edwin Robisch (brother), 541 Summit St, Marion, Ohio.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM S. SQUIRE, 39155149, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Busban, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. Technical Sergeant Squire's company was engaged in digging a perimeter when the area came under fire from enemy artillery and mortars. He immediately began to assist the company aid men in treating wounded. When the order was given for the company to withdraw from the impact area he did not seek a place of safety for

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himself, but elected to help evacuate the wounded. He remained in the impact area, still under heavy fire, until all of the wounded had been evacuated. His disregard for his own safety in order to help the wounded was instrumental in saving many lives. Next of kin: Mrs Selma M. Squire (mother), 801 Mineral King, Visalia, California.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944. (S. O. II, Bulletin 3, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

Technician Fifth Grade EMITZEL BERTSCH, 37078769, Medical Department United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. When the company with which he was serving as aid man came under a heavy artillery and mortar barrage, Technician Fifth Grade Bertsch left the comparative safety of his half-log hole to take care of the wounded men. The company had just started to dig a perimeter when taken under fire. Although the barrage did not slacken in intensity, he continued to treat the wounded, unmindful of his own exposed position. His calm and efficient care was not only instrumental in saving the lives of many of the wounded but also a strong reassurance to the rest of the company. Home address: Mr. Emanuel Bertsch (father), Freeman, South Dakota.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) HERMAN T. BUSS, 34218139, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 26 January 1945. When his company was ordered to disengage from the enemy and return to a previously prepared perimeter, Sergeant Buss, acting machine gun squad leader, set up his gun in a position to protect the riflemen. Sergeant Buss had not received orders, but he quickly realized that automatic fire would be needed to prevent the enemy from infiltrating through the rifle trenches. Facing sniper fire, he held his position until the rifle troops were safe, then moved to another position in the rear and again took up fire. He finally reached the perimeter where without orders he set up a defensive position. His courage and prompt realization of tactical needs were instrumental in preventing the enemy from inflicting losses upon other members of his company. Home address: Mrs. Louise Buss (mother), 620 McKinley Ave, Hartford, Wisconsin.

Private First Class JACK J. LOGAN, 34872054, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 23 January 1945. Advancing to take some high ground southwest of Bataan, a rifle company came under intense grazing fire from enemy machine guns on both flanks and from the front. Several men were killed and others wounded by this fire. Then one of the wounded men shouted that he was

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rapidly losing blood, Private First Class Logan immediately volunteered to go out and bring him to safety. Crawling over open ground under enemy observation and fire, Private First Class Logan reached the wounded man and applied first aid. He then dragged the wounded man through the machine gun fire to the safety of the company lines. His utter disregard for his own safety in order to bring the wounded man back was instrumental in saving the war's life. Home address: Mr Jessie J. Logan (father), Box 52, Jonestown, Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant ALBERT C. MORGAN, 39082924, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morros, P.I., on 29 April 1945. When the advance of his company along the steep slopes of a hill was delayed by two enemy pillboxes, after all trained flame thrower carriers had been evacuated, Sergeant Morgan volunteered to carry a flame thrower to the positions and destroy them. Crawling alone in front of his lines through underbrush and along the steep slope he managed to destroy one pillbox in spite of the enemy fire directed at him. He then returned over the extremely difficult terrain and, acquiring a newly charged flame thrower, advanced under fire to the second pillbox. He successfully destroyed it unassisted. His action permitted his company to advance and set an example of his courage for the men who witnessed it. Home address: Mrs Marie C. Morgan (mother), 486 West 11th St, Pittsburg, California.

Captain FRANK H. ROSENTHAL, 01700723, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Morros, P.I., on 3 May 1945. During a heavy rainstorm lightning struck in the vicinity of the elements of the battalion for which Captain Rosenthal was surgeon. The lightning killed one man and severely injured nine others. Captain Rosenthal was talking away a field telephone at the time, and himself was seriously shocked. Despite his physical condition he personally made his way over a slippery trail up a steep hill to reach the wounded men. Knowing his aid men had not had similar cases, Captain Rosenthal disregarded his own safety and climbed the hill, under enemy fire, in order to direct the treatment of the injured men. His devotion to duty reflects high credit upon himself and the Army. Home address: Mrs Frank H. Rosenthal (wife), 11248 Eve Ave, Lynwood, California.

Private First Class RALPH T. WARREN, JR, 18106806, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Parbon, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. While reconnoitering a large hill in advance of their company, the patrol of which Private First Class Warren was a member was pinned to the ground by intense enemy machine gun fire, preventing the men from withdrawing or maneuvering. Realizing the immediate necessity of informing his company of the enemy situation, he risked his life by rolling down a steep rocky slope. He suffered only minor abrasions and managed to return to his company. His information enabled the company to kill twenty-two of the enemy and secure the hill position. Home address: Mrs Lydia A. Warren (mother), Route 13, Box 1154, Pueblo, Colorado.

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ORIGINAL ORDER
AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 2419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Major ROSSWELL I. BERKHEIMER, O197246, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay, and Negros, P.I., from 1 November 1944 to 15 May 1945. Home address: Mrs Rosswell I. Berkheimer (wife), 631 East F St, Colton, California.

Major KERMIT H. G. MCCOY, O359025, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay, and Negros, P.I., from 9 January to 3 May 1945. Home address: Mrs Kermit H. G. McCoy (wife), 1433 W. Washington, Santa Ana, Calif.

Major GAROLD K. SHICK, O271132, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay, and Negros, P.I., from 9 January to 14 May 1945. Home address: Mrs Garold K. Shick (wife), 2014 S. Barton St, Santa Ana, Calif.

First Lieutenant FRANK E. SUMMERS, O1224787, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 7 April to 9 May 1945. Home address: Mrs W. H. Summers (mother), Bogue Chitto, Mississippi.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class ELDON V. SMITH, 37634195, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, P.I., on 10 and 11 February 1945. Under the extreme hazard of moving undefended through territory exposed to enemy fire, Private First Class Smith led his wire crew in the successful installation of wire communications to an isolated infantry battalion whose location he only generally knew. The next day, Private First Class Smith established wire communications to an observation post on the crest of a difficult and precipitous hill. He accomplished the task by pulling the wire with him while ascending the steep hill-side by going hand-over-hand up a taut rope. During the climb he was exposed to enemy fire. As a result of his tenacity and courage, more effective artillery support was afforded the attacking infantry. Home address: Mrs Eldor V. Smith (wife), Otterville, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD S. VELASQUEZ, 20913556, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 4 March 1945. On numerous occasions throughout the campaign, Staff Sergeant Velasquez displayed outstanding initiative in maintaining intact wire communication in his field artillery battalion. Where necessary, he followed routes over extremely difficult terrain to forward observers, often being pinned down by enemy fire while personally laying a line by hand. Through his tenacity, his continuous disregard for his own personal safety, and his careful, personal supervision of repairing lines, Staff Sergeant Velasquez maintained battalion wire communications at times vital to the proper placement of artillery fire in effective action against the enemy. Home address: Mrs Richard S. Velasquez (wife) 217 East Locust St, Lodi, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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CHARLES M. COOPER, JR.,
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AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER) (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant Richard J. Cummings by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 2, dated 22 January 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant RICHARD J. CUMMINGS, 01289399, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 20 April 1945. When the sole officer in command of the leading company of a two-company attack was killed, First Lieutenant Cummings took full charge of both companies maneuvering one to repel any counter-attacks. His own company was then ordered to proceed up the side of a steep, heavily-thicketed hill. Personally reconnoitering the terrain in front of his troops, First Lieutenant Cummings constantly exposed himself to the fire of well-concealed enemy machine guns. He located and conducted the destruction of the machine gun which had held up the leading company, then continued to move forward until he had discovered and destroyed another machine gun and a knee-mortar position. Before he was killed by enemy fire while searching for a booby trap, his valiant efforts had enabled the two companies to capture the battalion objective. Next of kin: Mrs Richard J. Cummings (wife) 620 East Front St, Port Angeles, Washington.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant John W. Dolan by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 60, dated 29 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded posthumously to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant JOHN W. DOLAN, 01307209, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 20 April 1945. When the forward elements of the company he was commanding were held up by machine gun fire on a steep, heavily jungled hillside, First Lieutenant Dolan immediately moved to the front of the column in an effort to determine the position of the gun. Although he knew that the well-trained enemy gunners would not fire from their concealed position unless someone crossed the fire lane, First Lieutenant Dolan continued to push forward in the dense brush. As he moved ahead of the advance

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elements of his company the enemy gun opened up, mortally wounding him. The firing allowed First Lieutenant Dolan to warn his men of the gun's position and they were thereby able to maneuver around it. His unflinching courage not only saved the lives of many of his men but was also an inspiration to the company he commanded. Next of kin: Mr Charles E. Dolan (brother), 4124 Camero Ave, Los Angeles, California.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officer:

Private First Class PHILIP S. ALI, 36639401, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Guimbalson, Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. When his platoon was pinned down by enemy fire from entrenched positions, Private First Class Ali, without orders, crawled back to a rear area and secured a sub-machine gun. He then returned, and with utter disregard for his own safety attacked the enemy strong-point unassisted, killing five of the enemy and causing the others to flee. His valiant action not only saved the lives of men in his platoon but also it enabled them to advance and seize their objective. Home address: Mrs Dorote Ali (mother), 1660 S. Christiana Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM P. ASHBY, 35425612, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 25 April 1945. As the terrain would not permit the forward movement of tanks which were needed in support of rifle companies, Private First Class Ashby was assigned the mission of removing obstacles with his bulldozer. The area in which he operated was exposed to accurate close range enemy fire and three riflemen were assigned to provide security. At the risk of his life, and while completely exposed, Private First Class Ashby operated his bulldozer despite the enemy fire directed at him and without regard for the fact that all three riflemen were wounded within twenty five yards from his position. His persistent efforts under fire resulted in the obstructions being removed and permitted the advance of the tanks thereby contributing much to the success of the subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs Soada H. Ashby (mother), 1202 Mason St, Elkhart, Indiana.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) WALTER J. NAHIRNEY, 38792902, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Borhan, Luzon, P.I., on 24 February 1945. After his company had gained their objective for the day on a hilltop and again completed his preparations for the night, Sergeant Nahirney upon his own initiative proceeded to the reverse slope of the hill alone to reconnoiter the vicinity. Along the way he met seven enemy menning a machine gun. Approaching to within fifteen yards he opened fire with his automatic rifle, forcing them to withdraw to a small cave. When his gun jammed he held his position

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and called for assistance. When reinforcements arrived they quickly destroyed the enemy with grenades and rifle fire. He displayed unusual courage in searching for and engaging a numerically superior force. Home address: Mrs Mary Makirney (mother), 5542 Escanaba Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class ROBERT G. REED, 36739827, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 4 May 1945. When an explosive charge landed in the hole which he shared with two sleeping companions, Private First Class Reed, instead of leaving the hole for a place of safety, seized the charge and threw it away from them. The charge exploded in mid-air, tearing off his left hand. By his immediate decision to disregard his own personal safety he saved the lives of his two companions. In his great sacrifice, he showed the highest devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs Dora Reed (mother), General Delivery Harris, Illinois.

Technician Fifth Grade IRVING E. WINN, 20022715, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 26 April 1945. Of the four tanks attached to support the advance of two rifle companies, two threw their tracks and a third became immobile due to the terrain. All three tanks were stalled less than 200 yards from the enemy and the area was covered by enemy machine gun and rifle fire. At the risk of his life Technician Fifth Grade Winn mounted his bulldozer, drove it through the enemy fire and assisted in the removal of the tanks to a safe location. His courageous action reflects great credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs Synthie E. Winn (mother), Baker, Oregon.

First Lieutenant CLYDE R. ZWOR, 01311727, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 13 April 1945. First Lieutenant Zwor was ordered to execute a night attack with his platoon against enemy entrenchments and pill boxes from which the enemy was delivering intense machine gun and rifle fire into his company. He organized his platoon for the attack by having them dig in under the enemy fire to a defiladed position. Then to overcome any reluctance of his men to engage the enemy at night, he led the assault into the enemy positions personally killing three of the enemy. First Lieutenant Zwor then organized the defense of the newly captured positions and held them for twenty hours without food or water until he was relieved. His courageous action at the risk of his life was an inspiration to the men of his platoon and resulted in the success of a hazardous and difficult operation. Home address: Mrs Alice Zwor (mother), 2016 Allen St, Des Moines, Iowa.

III. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (ORANGE CLUSTER):

In direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awards to Private First Class Robert J. Folsom, by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, section I, General Orders No. 53, dated 9 April 1945, Orange Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 7 July 1911 (Public Law 11, 34, 1911). The citation is as follows:

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Private First Class ROBERT J. POIRIER, 31398325, Medical Department United States Army. For gallantry in action near Guimbalaon, Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. During an engagement on a formidable ridge, Private First Class Poirier saw two men wounded by sniper fire. With complete disregard for his own safety he left his covered position without orders and crawled out to treat them where they lay. Despite warnings by others nearby, Private First Class Poirier under continuous enemy fire administered medical aid to the men until he was seriously wounded. When others started to leave their covered positions to help him, Private First Class Poirier shouted for them to stay down and, in spite of his wounds, finally crawled to safety unaided. His splendid courage inspired every man who witnessed it. Home address: Mr Archie Poirier (father), 51 Spruce St, Rumford, Maine.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Private First Class Albert W. Turbiville by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division; as published on page 2, section II, General Order No. 45, dated 1 April 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ALBERT W. TURBIVILLE, 37031631, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Guimbalaon, Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. On seeing his platoon suffer heavy casualties, Private First Class Turbiville, of his own initiative and at the risk of his life, went forward under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire to render first aid and evacuate the wounded. He succeeded in bringing one stricken man back to safety and was assisting a second when he fell seriously wounded from enemy machine gun fire. His acts speak valiantly of his devotion to duty and to the deliverance of his comrades. Home address: Mr. Albert H. Turbiville (father), Camp Crook, South Dakota.

IV. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1926 (Bulletin 3, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade CLIFFORD SCOTT, 19097857, Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Millerville Bay, Kwajalein, T.M., on 22 April 1943. Technician Fourth Grade Scott was member of a swimming party. Suddenly a soldier in the group was carried out to sea some distance by the force of an unusual undertow. He was struggling furiously to save himself from drowning. Several other soldiers, in great excitement, shouted for help. Technician Fourth Grade Scott in his anxiety to reach the struggling soldier stumbled over a rock, suffering an acute sprain of the right ankle. Despite this injury and at great personal risk due to the strong offshore current, he went unassisted to his comrade's aid.

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and succeeded in bringing him safely to shore. Technician Fourth Grade Scott, after the rescue, suffered complete exhaustion because of the injured ankle, the rough water, and the repeated struggling of the drowning soldier. Technician Fourth Grade Scott exhibited great courage in saving the drowning man's life. Home address: Mrs Gladys E. Scott (mother), 1151 Formosa St, Hollywood, Calif.

V. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant SHIRLEY J. BAKER, 01104042, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 10 April 1945. While in the advanced elements of a forward infantry company, First Lieutenant Baker, together with other members of an infantry assault group was pinned down by enemy fire. In the course of the action, First Lieutenant Baker observed that several of the men had been struck by enemy fire. In complete disregard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Baker voluntarily left his own position of defended safety and made his way, constantly under the enemy's mortar and automatic weapons fire, to the side of the wounded men. He assisted and directed the removal of the wounded men to a point where they might safely be evacuated, in the course of which he returned twice to the area swept by enemy fire to complete the removal of wounded men. First Lieutenant Baker's courage and cool judgment in accomplishing the wounded men's rapid removal and evacuation were a vital factor in the saving of the men's lives. Home address: Mrs Shirley J. Baker (wife), 415 Clark Boulevard, Kurfessboro, Tennessee.

Private First Class ARTHUR E. SCHMALL, 20909578, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bucori, Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 April 1945. Discovering that a wounded man had not been able to keep up with his platoon when it was forced to withdraw from a ridge, Private First Class Schmall immediately volunteered to assist his squad leader in bringing the man in. Facing the same fire that had forced the platoon to withdraw, he made his way to the wounded man and dragged him to a place of safety. In open terrain, devoid of much cover, he was forced to expose himself many times in order to bring the wounded man back to the platoon area. Through Private First Class Schmalls heroic efforts the life of the wounded man was saved. Home address: Mrs Josephine J. Klint (mother), 3344 North Broadway, Turlock, California.

Sergeant WALTER R. WILSON, 39077734, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bucori, Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 April 1945. The platoon in which Sergeant

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I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant JOHN J. LUTZ, 01031002, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Atibuluan, Negros, P.I., on 30 March 1945. In a severe fire-fight in which his unit was involved, First Lieutenant Lutz commanded an armored reconnaissance platoon. When radio communications among the deployed units of his platoon failed, he repeatedly leaped out of his armored command car without hesitation and made his way among the separated elements to convey his orders and direct their action. Many of these trips were made over a distance of fifty yards in open terrain, without cover and under concentrated enemy fire. He maintained a coordinated action among the scattered elements of his platoon, and in so doing made possible the successful completion of his mission with heavy casualties to the enemy. By his high courage, First Lieutenant Lutz rendered great service to the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. John J. Lutz (wife), Philadelphia, Tennessee.

Technical Sergeant ARNOLD P. RIEWE, 36226956, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 17 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Riewe's platoon was temporarily stopped by enemy automatic fire. As the men took cover, one man was hit by an enemy sniper before he reached safety. Technical Sergeant Riewe immediately returned, under both automatic and sniper fire, and dragged the man into a defiladed area, thereby undoubtedly saving his life. Technical Sergeant Riewe again went to the exposed position to see if any more of his men were wounded. This brave, unselfish act cost him his life when a sniper bullet struck him. Technical Sergeant Riewe's high valor was an inspiration to every man in his unit. Next of kin: Mrs. Ada Riewe, (mother), 615 Superior Avenue, Oconto, Wisconsin.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

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Private First Class CLYDE A. BOODY, 18106003, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 20 February 1945. While he was with an assault company as scout and observer for the battalion command group, the area was subjected to extremely heavy enemy mortar fire wounding two men approximately ten yards from Private First Class Boody. With complete disregard for his personal safety he left the protection of his foxhole and along with an officer proceeded through flying fragments to the wounded men, whom they carried to a safe position to the rear. Shortly after returning to his foxhole the enemy mortar fire increased in intensity and a shell exploded in a foxhole next to his own, killing one man and critically wounding an officer. Again Private First Class Boody left the security of his foxhole and, with the assistance of the officer, carried the wounded officer to the rear where aid men could treat him. He displayed heroic devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs Sylvia Kay Boody (grandmother), 923 Eragdon Ave, Pueblo, Colorado.

First Lieutenant GEORGE A. OLSEN, 01308170, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 20 February 1945. While he was with an assault company as forward observer for an 81-mm mortar platoon, the area was suddenly subjected to extremely heavy enemy mortar fire wounding two men approximately ten yards from First Lieutenant Olsen. With complete disregard for his personal safety he left the protection of his foxhole and with the assistance of one other proceeded through flying fragments to the wounded men whom they carried to a safe position to the rear. Shortly after returning to his foxhole, the enemy mortar fire increased in intensity and a shell exploded in a foxhole next to his own killing one man and critically wounding an officer. Again First Lieutenant Olson left the security of his foxhole and, with the assistance of the other man, carried the wounded officer to the rear where aid men could treat him. He displayed heroic devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. George A. Olsen (wife), 8112 Towne Ave, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class JOHN V. QUINONES, 39411636, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 22 April 1945. While he was in a defensive position on the northeast bank of the Malabo River, Private First Class Quinones, an automatic rifleman, was sleeping in a slit trench in his platoon area. A group of six Japanese crawled toward his position. They were not detected until they had jumped up from the tall grass about three feet from him. The enemy, armed with rifles and bayonets, jabbed at him as he struggled from under his poncho. One of the enemy took Private First Class Quinones' automatic rifle and started to retreat; but Private First Class Quinones, though wounded twice in the struggle, jumped from his position, recaptured his weapon and dispersed the group, wounding several of them and killing one. A concentrated enemy knee-mortar barrage and automatic fire attack ensued. He held his position until the enemy withdrew and then refused medical aid until the other casualties were treated. This courageous action was an inspiration to every man in the company. Home address: Mr. Rufusio Quinones (father), 3020 East Myrtle St, Stockton, California.

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Private First Class KEITH L. RIDDLE, 36482622, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negroes, P.I., on 27 April 1945. While assisting in an attack on an enemy-held ridge, Private First Class Riddle, a member in a light machine gun platoon, was assigned the task of eliminating an enemy mortar. This mortar was firing constant barrages into the company on the left. In order to engage this target, Private First Class Riddle had to emplace the machine gun on the exposed forward slope of the ridge. As he was getting into position, the enemy opened up on his position with machine gun and sniper fire. In the face of this enemy fire on his openly exposed position and in complete disregard of his own personal safety, Private First Class Riddle continued to man his machine gun and put the enemy mortar out of action. His heroic effort enabled the company on his left to advance and take a vitally important objective. Home address: Mrs. Luella Riddle (mother), 518 3d St, Venice, Illinois.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant ELIUD R. APFEL, 26904362, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negroes, P.I., on 10 April 1945. Sergeant Apffel commanded a section of M-7 Cannons in direct support of a rifle company in attack. As the company neared the bottom of a steep hill in open terrain the enemy opened fire at close range with 20-mm guns. Sergeant Apffel, observing the forward progress of the company, picked up the enemy positions immediately. He quickly issued fire orders to his section effecting direct hits upon the enemy positions. At this time the enemy directed 20-mm gun and 90-mm mortar fire at his M-7s. In the face of this intense fire, Sergeant Apffel exposed himself from his turret and coolly and accurately controlled the fire of his weapons until the enemy 20-mm and machine guns were silenced. His courageous action saved lives among the assaulting foot soldiers. Home address: Mr. James A. Apffel (father), 552 South Broadway Place, Los Angeles, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

OFFICIAL:

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Adjutant General.

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AWARD OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE UNIT PLAQUE

Under the provisions of Section I, War Department Circular No. 345, dated 23 August 1944, a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the Medical Detachment, 185th Infantry. The citation reads as follows:

The Medical Detachment, 185th Infantry, is cited for superior performance of duty and outstanding devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks. From 9 January 1945 to 15 May 1945, this unit exhibited a marked efficiency in giving the best of medical care to troops, over difficult terrain and often under extremely adverse conditions. Disregarding their own safety, aid men and litter bearers often exposed themselves to enemy fire to seek out the wounded, administer first aid and evacuate them to the rear for further treatment, thereby saving the lives of many seriously wounded. This unit has continuously maintained a high standard of military courtesy, discipline and appearance of personnel, and has served the Army of the United States with honor and distinction.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

First Lieutenant HARRY A. GORODETSKY, O1289572, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 17 April to 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. H. Gorodetsky (mother), 3109 1/2 Wabash Ave, Los Angeles, Calif.

First Lieutenant MARTIN V. HALLORAN, O1312554, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon and Negros, P.I., from 11 February to 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Martin V. Halloran (wife), 6611 Kimbark Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain JAMES D. HUSTON, JR, O377037, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 29 March to 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. James D. Huston, Jr (wife), 2819 Fernside Blvd, Alameda, California.

Major JOHN M. MOORE, O371137, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon and Negros, P.I., from 18 February to 5 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. John M. Moore (wife), 3033 West Norwood Place, Alhambra, California.

Captain EDWIN R. SHIREY, O375582, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 17 April to 8 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. P. E. Shirey (mother), 6277 Del Valle Drive, Los Angeles, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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16 May 1945.

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class THEODORE C. AMARILLAS, 39109083, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Guimbalan, Negros, P.I., on 1 May 1945. While making an advance with his squad up a narrow trail, Private First Class Amarillas, acting as first scout, discovered what appeared to be an enemy pillbox situated to command all approaches. At great personal risk, he maneuvered forward and deliberately drew fire from the position. In so doing, he enabled its discovery so that artillery could bring effective fire to bear on it. Private First Class Amarillas' courageous act greatly aided his company in its advance. Home address: Mrs. L. C. Amarillas (mother), Rt #1, Box #226, Mountain View, California.

Private First Class LOUIS BRODER, 37075283, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamar, Luzon, P.I., on 10 and 11 February 1945. When his company upon gaining its objective was compelled to split into two elements and organize defensive positions three hundred yards apart, it became necessary to lay communication wire between the two groups. After the defensive positions were organized but before the wire was put down, the whole area was subjected to enemy knee mortar, automatic weapons and rifle fire. In spite of the great personal danger, Private First Class Broder and one other man moved out and laid the wire. When portions of the wire were broken by knee-mortar fire, the two men repeatedly left their perimeter and effected immediate repair. In so courageously performing these vital duties, Private First Class Broder materially aided in preserving the entity of the company's defensive system. Home address: Mr. Harry Broder (father), 5603 Page St., St Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant DONALD A. CRAIG, 19083542, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Guimbalan, Negros, P.I., on 1 May 1945. Staff Sergeant Craig as a squad leader in a forward platoon attacking a formidable ridge came under enemy fire from a pillbox situated to command all approaches. As the trail was too narrow for maneuvering, he moved forward under intense enemy fire and, disregarding his own personal safety, assaulted the position with rifle fire and hand grenades. He then directed his squad to cover so that artillery could be brought to bear on the target. His courageous action aided greatly in the advance of his company. Home address: Mrs. Steve Craig (mother), Rt #1, 24B, Auburn, Calif.

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Private First Class FRED J. GENOCHIO, 37191522, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Guimbalaon, Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. When his platoon came under heavy enemy mortar, rifle and machine gun fire, Private First Class Genochio observed that one of his comrades in an exposed position had been seriously wounded. He voluntarily left his covered position and at the risk of his life rushed forward to render first-aid. Still in the face of heavy fire, he then carried the man to safety. Home address: Mrs. Mabel Genochio (mother), 167 North Davis St, Ottumwa, Iowa.

First Lieutenant RICHARD H. HANSON, 01307686, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 8 February 1945. As his company was about to be relieved from positions on McSevney Point, the enemy began covering the area with 90-mm mortar fire. First Lieutenant Hanson, noticing the tendency toward confusion, without hesitation left his protected position and moved throughout the area organizing his men for a defense and directing them to positions of safety. His courageous example and prompt action were directly responsible for the lack of casualties in the company and permitted the relieving company to move in under fire and occupy the position promptly without a lapse of organized defense. Home address: Mrs. Richard H. Hanson (wife), 4411 Irving Ave, North Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Private First Class NATHANIEL B. KNIGHT, JR., 39026200, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 1 April to 28 April 1945. Home address: Mr. Nathaniel B. Knight Sr, (father), Moab, Utah.

First Lieutenant ROY J. OLSON, 01308367, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Guimbalaon, Negros, P.I., on 1 May 1945. First Lieutenant Olson, in command of a forward platoon advancing up a ridge, came upon an enemy pill-box which if not immediately destroyed would hold up the advance of his company. When his scouts drew fire from the position, he moved forward at the risk of his life under continuous enemy fire and directed laying smoke flares on the target. The position was then destroyed by direct artillery fire. His aggressiveness and courage permitted his company to advance and take its objective. Home address: Mrs. R. E. Olson (mother), 558 Douglas St, San Francisco, California.

Staff Sergeant HENRY SIMMONS, 39077212, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Guimbalaon, Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. While Staff Sergeant Simmons' platoon was moving forward under obstinate enemy resistance word was passed back that one of the lead men had fallen wounded. Staff Sergeant Simmons promptly volunteered to assist in recovering him. Without regard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Simmons and one other rushed forward under continuous enemy mortar and machine gun arms fire and brought the wounded soldier to safety.

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His high courage was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action. Home address: Mrs. Mary Simmons (mother), 2224 Cherry Ave., Fresno, California.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN L. SPRIGGS, 31158400, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Spriggs operated a radio from an exposed artillery observation post throughout a hotly contested assault by our troops. Despite the fact that his officer forward observer was killed, he maintained radio contact when it was the sole means of communication to his position, and he thus enabled uninterrupted close-in artillery support at a vital time. He worked under continuous enemy mortar, sniper, and machine gun fire. Technician Fourth Grade Spriggs' courage and devotion to duty greatly influenced the success of the whole effort. Home address: Mrs. Clara Spriggs (mother), 347 Oak Hill Ave., Attleboro, Ma .

First Lieutenant EDGAR S. THOMPSON, 01312605, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Guimbalaon, Negros, P.I., on 27 April 1945. While leading his platoon forward under obstinate enemy resistance, First Lieutenant Thompson observed that a member to the front had fallen wounded. Without regard for his own safety, First Lieutenant Thompson and one other rushed forward under continuous enemy mortar and small arms fire and brought the wounded soldier to safety. His high courage was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Thompson (mother), 1425 "I" St., Apt. "B", Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class OBERT R. WILLIAMS, 37031659, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 10 and 11 February 1945. When his company upon gaining its objective was compelled to split into two elements and organize defensive positions three hundred yards apart, it became necessary to lay communication wire between the two groups. After the defensive positions were organized but before the wire was put down, the whole area was subjected to enemy knee-mortar, automatic weapons and rifle fire. In spite of the great personal danger, Private First Class Williams and one other man moved out and laid the wire. When portions of the wire were broken by knee-mortar fire, the two men repeatedly left their perimeter and effected immediate repair. In so courageously performing these vital duties, Private First Class Williams materially aided in preserving the entity of the company's defensive system. Home address: Mr. William Williams (father), Vienna, South Dakota.

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PERSONAL ORDER
AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

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By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel HERMAN A. E. JONES, 0287365, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., from 19 April to 22 April 1945. Lieutenant Colonel Jones led his battalion in an attack on Dolan Hill. He continually directed the activities of his battalion from advance positions where he was constantly exposed to enemy fire. He made frequent personal reconnaissances to his most forward elements which were engaged with a stubborn, well-fortified enemy in dense rain and heavy forest and undergrowth. His personal direction of the attack up the steep incline without regard for his personal safety under extremely difficult conditions of observation and control were directly responsible for his battalion's success in over-running and capturing Dolan Hill. His outstanding personal courage and leadership were an example and inspiration to the men of his command. Home address: Mr. Herman B. Jones (father), 245 South Elm Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

Major JAMES K. MARR, 0404734, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., from 9 April to 19 April 1945. In his capacity as battalion commander, Major Marr constantly exposed himself to enemy observation and fire while in forward positions from where he kept fully aware of the tactical situation as it developed. On one occasion as he followed the lead scouts of a patrol when enemy contact was made and the patrol leader was killed, Major Marr withdrew the patrol and from an exposed point personally directed artillery fire upon the enemy positions. At another time, he was caught in the open and pinned down by enemy machine gun fire. He reached safety by making short rushes through the enemy fire. His courageous leadership and continuous presence with the advance elements of his rifle companies were an inspiring example to the members of his command. Home address: Mrs. R. C. Anderson (mother), Box 67, Upland, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

OFFICIAL: *[Signature]*
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14 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 84)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant WALTER J. JOLLIFF, 20910374, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Staff Sergeant Jolliff was a member of a rifle platoon which with four tanks in support was assaulting the outer defenses of Talisay. The platoon received heavy enemy fire and was pinned down in a flat, open field. The tank-commanders were not able to locate the enemy positions. When his platoon leader became a casualty, in the absence of the platoon sergeant, Staff Sergeant Jolliff on his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own safety went forward to direct tank-fire. He moved to the command tank and pointed out targets to the tank group until he fell mortally wounded. His valorous acts contributed greatly to the success of the assault. Next of kin: Mr. Homer T. Jolliff (father), RFD #2, Box #450, Lemoore, California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 2419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant (then Private) ELMER R. HUESTIS, 20910748, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Huestis was a member of a rifle platoon which with four tanks in support was assaulting the outer defenses of Talisay. The platoon received heavy enemy fire and was pinned down in a flat, open field. When the tank-commanders were not able to locate the enemy positions, Sergeant Huestis volunteered to go forward and direct them. He crawled to the tanks under enemy fire and under great difficulty of communication managed to point out to them enemy targets which they destroyed. His courageous action aided materially in the advance of his platoon. Home address: Mrs. W. B. Huestis, Sr. (mother), 205 Brooklyn Ave, San Jose, California.

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GO No. 34, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 14 May 45, (Award of Bronze Star), cont'd.

Private First Class WILLIAM M. McGUIRE, 20904888, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lucia Burton (cousin), 732 S. Mansfield Ave, Los Angeles, California.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant Charles A. Nolen by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division as published on page 3, General Order No. 12, dated 14 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant CHARLES A. NOLEN, 01173730, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Peary, P.I., from 10 March to 18 March 1945. Second Lieutenant Nolen, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Peary two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled L-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a Peary air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the location of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs Charles A. Nolen (wife), 2027 N. 7th St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of General Order No. 78, this Headquarters, as pertaining to Second Lieutenant Charles A. Nolen, 01173730, Field Artillery, United States Army, is rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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Chief of Staff.

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11 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDER)
NUMBER 83)

ORIGINAL ORDER 2 1-184

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class ARTHUR W. WEGENHUTT, 37462254, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Talisey, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Private First Class Wegenhutt's company was assaulting the outer defenses of Talisey supported by a platoon of tanks. On the outskirts of the city heavy enemy fire was encountered from the front and flanks. The men of the company were pinned down in the open and unable to advance. In an effort to direct the tanks an officer was wounded fifty yards ahead of the front lines. Private First Class Wegenhutt without regard for his own safety ran to the officer's position in an attempt to drag him to the rear where he could be given first aid. Before he reached the officer, Private First Class Wegenhutt was killed. His high courage and devotion to duty inspired the men serving with him. Next of kin: Mrs Fritz Wegenhutt (mother), Black, South Dakota.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9417, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class CLIFF A. BUCKY, 16104503, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Berlin, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. While attached to a platoon of a rifle company in a battalion scout and observer, Private First Class Bucky accompanied the platoon during an attack on the steep slope of a hill. When the company received intense enemy machine fire which pinned it to the ground, the engagement became a close-quarter fight which rapidly exhausted the supply of hand grenades. Private First Class Bucky, braving flying shrapnel and mortar fragments and machine gun fire, crawled forward and ran about 200 yards back over the hill where he was

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GC No. 33, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 11 May 45, (Awd of Bronze Star), cont'd.

a sack-full of grenades and carried them up the hill to the company. He then calmly walked among the men and distributed the grenades. His courage contributed materially to the success of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia May Beedy (Grandmother), 923 Brandon Ave., Pueblo, Colorado.

Staff Sergeant FOSTER J. HOFFER, 1E015162, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. When his company was assaulting the outer defenses of Talisay, heavy enemy fire was encountered from the front and flanks. The men of the company were pinned down in an open field and unable to advance. An officer was seriously wounded and another man of the company went forward to bring him back to cover. The man attempting rescue was killed by sniper fire. Staff Sergeant Hoffer, at the risk of his life, with three other soldiers ran several yards across exposed ground under enemy fire and assisted in bringing the stricken men to cover. Home address: Mrs. Foster J. Hoffer (wife), 200 East Third St., Tama, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant LLOYD K. LITRELL, 37003261, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. When his company was assaulting the outer defenses of Talisay, heavy enemy fire was encountered from the front and flanks. The men of the company were pinned down in an open field and unable to advance. An officer was seriously wounded and another man of the company went forward to bring him back to cover. The man attempting rescue was killed by sniper fire. Staff Sergeant Littrell, at the risk of his life, with three other soldiers ran several yards across exposed ground under enemy fire and assisted in bringing the stricken men to cover. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Rae Littrell (mother), Cedar Vale, Kansas.

Private First Class FRANK J. MUNSTERER, 42016672, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. When his company was assaulting the outer defenses of Talisay, heavy enemy fire was encountered from the front and flanks. The men of the company were pinned down in an open field and unable to advance. An officer was seriously wounded and another man of the Company went forward to bring him back to cover. The man attempting rescue was killed by sniper fire. Private First Class Munsterer, at the risk of his life, with three other soldiers ran several yards across exposed ground under enemy fire and assisted in bringing the stricken men to cover. Home address: Mrs. K. Munsterer (mother), 460 Park Ave., Lodi, New Jersey.

Private First Class JAMES F. TURNTINE, 371E1945, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. When his company was assaulting the outer defenses of Talisay, heavy enemy fire was encountered from the front and flanks. The men of the company were pinned down

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CG No. 23, 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 11 May 45, (Award of Bronze Star), cont'd.

In an open field and unable to advance. An officer was seriously wounded and another man of the company went forward to bring him back to cover. The man attempting rescue was killed by sniper fire. Private First Class Turntine, at the risk of his life, with three other soldiers ran several yards across exposed ground under enemy fire and assisted in bringing the stricken man to cover. Home address: Mrs. Mae Turntine (mother), 2014 Sidney St., St. Louis, Missouri.

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APO 40

10 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 92)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 221

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant MERRILL W. PONESTEEL, 20909939, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 31 March to 21 April 1945. Home address: Mrs Mable H. Bonstead (mother), P.O. Box 1033, Arvin, California.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private EDWIN J. TURNER, 36799574, Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Lena Turner (mother), 520 Navarre Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LITTLER,
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9 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 81)

ORIGINAL ORDER 5

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1928 (Bulletin 43, "D, 1919"), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class EZRA LAPIDOOS, 32177394, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negroes, P.I., on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Lapidoos was a member of the lead platoon in a company assault on a ridge when his platoon was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire upon reaching the crest. During the ensuing action two officers were killed and the remaining non-commissioned officers seriously wounded. Making a quick and accurate estimate of the situation, Private First Class Lapidoos took immediate command and organized the remaining men into a tight perimeter. He then directed the defense of their positions and secured the ridge even though while reorganizing he was mortally wounded. Without Private First Class Lapidoos' coolness in the face of enemy fire and his deep devotion to duty, the mission could easily have failed. His actions were an inspiration to the remainder of the reg. Next of kin: Mrs India Lapidoos (mother), 174 Bay 25th St., Brooklyn, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, 79, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant PAUL R. FESS, 36201339, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negroes, P.I., on 10 April 1945. While on duties which carried him into the area of the forward elements of an infantry regiment, Staff Sergeant Fess was, together with other men in an assault group, pinned down by intense enemy fire. In the course of the action, Staff Sergeant Fess observed that one of the men was struck by mortar fire. Without regard for his own safety, he voluntarily left his position of security in the file and while exposed to enemy fire he assisted in returning the casualty to a safe area.

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GO No. 21, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 9 May 45, (Awd of Bronze Star) cont'd.

He then directed the placing of the wounded man's stretcher on a quarter-ton vehicle in such a manner as to enable his comfortable and rapid movement to an aid station. Staff Sergeant Hess's courage and quick thinking contributed materially toward getting the man to a place of safety and in lessening the severity of his wounds by bringing him more rapidly to a point where proper aid could be given. Home address: Mrs Paul R. Hess (wife), 3306 Carrington, Memphis, 11, Tennessee.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Oswald Covert, Jr.

OSWALD COVERT, JR.,
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APO 40

9 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 30)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal FREEMAN H. BOKENKAMP, 38550632, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 20 April 1945. With his company, Corporal Bokenkamp participated in the capture of a ridge. On several occasions, completely ignoring his own personal safety he moved under enemy fire to evacuate wounded men from exposed positions. During the night, Corporal Bokenkamp along with his squad leader took a vulnerable position at the extreme right flank of the ridge. The enemy made a vigorous counter-attack on the hill, the full force of their assault directed at this flank. Corporal Bokenkamp courageously held to his position and though both he and his squad leader were mortally wounded during the battle, they successfully kept the enemy from establishing a machine gun position which would have endangered the entire company. Next of kin: Mrs. Gladys Bokenkamp (mother), 1016 Courtland, Houston, Texas.

Sergeant PETER CIRKO, 6942390, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 20 April 1945. Sergeant Cirko's squad was leading an assault on a ridge and just after crossing the ridge came under heavy enemy machine gun and knee mortar fire. Under his firm leadership, his squad held to their positions. During the night, Sergeant Cirko and his assistant elected to defend the extreme right flank of the hill. At this point the enemy directed the full force of his assault. Sergeant Cirko and his assistant held firmly to their positions and though both were mortally wounded during the battle, by utter devotion to duty they successfully kept the enemy from establishing a machine gun position which would have endangered the entire company. Next of kin: Mrs. Ella Cirko (mother), Witinski's Villa, Peely P.O., Warrior Run, Pa.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

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Corporal DAVID W. BRANNON, 38037895, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 20 April 1945. Corporal Brannon was attached to a company which on that date was charged with the mission of assaulting a tactically important ridge. After taking the hill the leading elements which had crossed the ridge came under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire. When men in his company were wounded, with utter disregard for his own safety and while still subjected to heavy enemy fire from an adjacent ridge, Corporal Brannon moved about in a hail of enemy bullets administering to the wounded and supervising their evacuation. Corporal Brannon's speedy removal of the wounded men was in a large measure responsible for saving their lives. The efficiency, courage and determination testifying to Corporal Brannon's deep devotion to duty served as an inspiration to the rest of the men. Home address: Mrs. Lura Brannon (mother), Route #1, James, Texas.

Staff Sergeant PAY H. GREENAN, 30312675, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pavia, Panay, on 20 March 1945. While leading a small reconnaissance team, Sergeant Greenan encountered a superior enemy force. He quickly deployed his men to take advantage of the terrain and the fire cover of his mobile equipment. For two hours, until reinforcements arrived, Sergeant Greenan directed his men in the face of sustained fire and held the enemy to hastily constructed positions. As a result of his courageous action, when additional friendly forces arrived they were able to inflict heavy casualties and to capture a large quantity of supplies. Home address: Mr. Patrick J. Greenan (father), Mt. Clive, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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GENERAL ORDER)
NUMBER79)

7 May 1945

The 40th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy. On 9 January 1945, the troop landed with the leading elements at Lingayen and before night fell, by using amphibious tractors, crossed the Caluy and Agno Rivers and probed enemy positions in Salasa and Labrador. Given the special mission of reconnoitering to Basol Bay on the China Sea coast, the troop slashed through enemy resistance at Alaminos and patrolled the Basol Bay shore from Egia to Santa Cruz. Turning south, the troop continued reconnaissance to Camiling and Tarlac. Thrusting beyond Bamban, the troop, making a number of enemy contacts, on 24 January reconnoitered Mabalacat, Dau, the barrier to the east, and dashed into Clark Field. A week later a platoon was dispatched to Gungua, and, preceding infantry troops, entered Dinalupihan, northeast anchor of Batang Peninsula. On landing at Tigbauan, Panay, 15 March 1945, elements of the troop were dispatched north and northeast to Alimodian and Santa Barbara Airfield, which were reached before nightfall. In a sharp engagement at Pavia, the enemy force was disorganized and broken into small groups which withdrew up the Tigay River. More than ninety enemy dead were left in this encounter. The troop sought enemy contacts to the extremities of the island, to Unidos on the northwest and Estancia to the northeast. On reaching the shore of Negros at Bulupandan, elements of the troop searched La Carlota and Portevendra to the south. On 30 March, at the end of an encounter with the enemy in the vicinity of Atipulan, the troop captured five Japanese and counted one hundred fourteen killed, while losing only one of its own killed and three wounded. On 8 April, Bilay, Alicante and Salago air strips were reconnoitered, and on the next day Victorias and Manaplas on the north coast were reached. By 7 April, a permanent bivouac was established at Fabrica and the troop was reaching east to Escalante and later south to San Carlos. On 25 April, reconnaissance was extended to Dumaguete on the southwest coast where, next day, contact was established with an infantry combat team which had just landed. In all, the troop killed two hundred ninety-two enemy and captured twenty. The volume of intelligence obtained of the enemy situation, terrain, avenues of approach, and condition of roads, bridges and trails was of inestimable value to the division commander, and, the speed, dash, boldness and combat effectiveness displayed by the troop were inspiring to the officers and men of the division.

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APO 40

7 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 7E)

ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

First Lieutenant LYLE E. GORZKIEWICZ, 9439367, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Clark Field, Luzon, P.I., on 10 February 1945. Called upon to destroy the enemy in a by-passed cave in the Bamban Hills, First Lieutenant Gorzkiewicz led his platoon forward to the position. Ahead of his platoon, he personally advanced under sniper fire to the cave entrance and made preliminary reconnaissance. He then threw in white phosphorous grenades to incapacitate the enemy, allowing his squad to advance. When one of the enemy surrendered, First Lieutenant Gorzkiewicz, with complete disregard for his own safety, assaulted the cave alone with grenades, demolition charges, and his rifle. He personally killed several Japanese defenders and, leading his squad deep into branch tunnels, blasted out the remaining enemy. Home address: Mrs Lyle E. Gorzkiewicz (wife), 405 South Summit, Eldorado, Kansas.

Technical Sergeant LAWRENCE G. ROIGER, 37031730, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 23 April 1945. Technical Sergeant Roiger was leading a small patrol along a narrow trail on a steep slope with heavy underbrush on both sides. The lead scout was suddenly wounded by enemy machine gun fire which was laid along the trail. As the man's serious wounds prevented him from assisting himself in any way, and while he lay exposed to the enemy, Technical Sergeant Roiger at the risk of his life proceeded forward under the enemy fire to the wounded man and dragged him to a covered position. While doing so he directed the fire of the rest of the patrol against the enemy position which he had located. He then removed the wounded man to the rear and withdrew his patrol without further casualties. His calm, courageous leadership sustained his men in a time of great need. Home address: Mr Anton J. Roiger (father), RFD #1, Springfield, Minnesota.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

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Technician Fifth Grade JAMES B. BIRD, 37251234, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Bird, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumrao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled L-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs James B. Bird (wife), Odebolt, Iowa.

First Lieutenant WARREN G. BRANDOW, 01176265, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. First Lieutenant Brandow, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumrao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled L-4 planes which were put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs Millie Durr (Aunt), 2974 Cooper Ave., Forrest Hill, New York.

Sergeant HERSCHELL E. BUTTE, 36333534, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Abulunan, Negros, P.I., on 30 March 1945. Engaged with his unit in attacking an enemy position, Sergeant Butte volunteered to be a member of a dismounted patrol to enter a dense thicket filled with concealed enemy positions. A number of the patrol were seriously wounded. After retiring with the rest of the group, Sergeant Butte returned several times into the grove in the face of enemy fire to assist in the rescue of his wounded comrades. In jeopardizing his life to save the lives of his comrades, Sergeant Butte performed an act of valor. Home address: Mr Frank A. Butte (father), Keokuk, Illinois.

First Lieutenant CLARENCE D. GAIN, 01150440, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. First Lieutenant Gain, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumrao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled L-4 planes which were put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy

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territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operations. Home address: Mrs Clarence D. Cain (wife), Dayton, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade JOHN P. GURETON, 37393222, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Atipuhuan, Pinar, P.R., on 30 March 1945. Engaged with his unit in attacking an enemy position, Technician Fifth Grade Gureton volunteered to be a member of a dismounted patrol to enter a dense thicket filled with concealed enemy positions. A number of the patrol were seriously wounded. After conferring with the rest of the group, Technician Fifth Grade Gureton returned several times into the grove in the face of enemy fire to assist in the rescue of the wounded comrades. In jeopardizing his life to save the lives of his comrades, Technician Fifth Grade Gureton performed an act of valor. Home address: Mrs Doris Gureton (mother), Fredricktown, Missouri.

Technician Third Grade LYONARD R. DEWK, 33659740, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Ponce, P.R., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. Technician Third Grade Dewk, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Ponce two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two different L-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By his unselfish and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operations. Home address: Mrs Anna L. Jack (mother), Apt. 223, 3415 W. Village, Baltimore, Maryland.

First Lieutenant RYAN HAYES, 61259226, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Abasco Field, Pinar, P.R., on 27 January 1945. When his company was suddenly counter-attacked before supplies could be dug in ready-made trenches, First Lieutenant Hayes, at the risk of his life, cursed himself to continuous enemy fire as he moved from man to man directing and controlling their fire to form a coordinated defense plan. It was mainly through his courage and great devotion to duty that the attack was repelled and the ground retained. Home address: Mr Charles Hayes (father), 400 Grande Drive, Hill Valley, Calif.

Sergeant ALBERT A. KOLNYKI, 26011426, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Erbar, Pinar, P.R., on 22 January 1945. During a fire fight with the enemy, Sergeant Kolnyki's company encountered an artillery barrage which caused heavy casualties. When the company was ordered to withdraw to

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alternate positions, Sergeant Koslowski elected at the risk of his life to remain in the impact area where he administered first aid and assisted in evacuating the wounded. He moved freely about the area offering his assistance until the last wounded man was removed. In his actions to save the lives of his comrades he displayed high courage. Home address: Mrs Augusta Koslowski (mother), 1327 East Condit St., Decatur, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade: FLOYD T. LUCAS, 37006558, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945, Technician Fourth Grade Lucas, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled L-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mr. Roy Lucas (father), RFD 2, Litchfield, Nebraska.

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* ~~Second Lieutenant CHARLES A. NOLAN~~, 01173730, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. Second Lieutenant Nolan, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled L-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs Charles A. Nolan (wife), 2027 N. 7th St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

Captain LEO W. BETRY, 01177577, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. Captain Betry, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled L-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby

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CG 79, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 7 May 45, (Awd of Bronze Star), cont'd.

greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs. Lee W. Petry (wife), 116 S. 15th St., Richmond, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade GERTIS E. PYLE, 35004300, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panny, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Pyle, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumrao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled I-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs Mary Pyle (mother), 929 Market St., Zanesville, Ohio.

Major LEONARD S. SZEMANSKI, 0322276, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay, and Negros, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leonard S. Szemanski (wife), 620 Milwaukee St., Marsha, Wisconsin.

Private LESLIE G. WEBBER, 36550631, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. Private Webber, as a member of a special reconnaissance group, landed by air near Dumrao two days before the beach assault by American troops. He participated in the assembling of two dismantled I-4 planes which were quickly put in flying condition. By resourcefulness and tireless efforts, he helped establish a forward air strip. Operating from this strip the pilots and observers flew over enemy territory where they observed and gained vital information as to the condition of landing beaches, roads, bridges, and disposition of enemy forces. The information gained was communicated by radio to our troops prior to their landing, thereby greatly contributing to the successful amphibious landing and subsequent operation. Home address: Mrs. Lela Webber (mother), RFD 7, Box 270, Portiac, Mich.

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6 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 76)

~~ORIGINAL ORDER NO. 74~~

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Captain FRANK G. SANTY, 0421162, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Home address: c/o Mrs Freda Santy (wife), 505 - 29th St, Oakland, California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain Walter T. O'Brien by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 36, dated 11 March 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain WALTER T. O'BRIEN, 0490377, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Famban, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. Chaplain O'Brien with complete disregard for his personal safety moved into the impact area of an enemy artillery barrage to administer first aid to the wounded. Exposing himself to flying shell fragments, he searched the area for further casualties, and supervised the evacuation of litter cases to the battalion aid station. His display of courage inspired the men about him. Home address: Mrs Frank Nevin (sister), 32 Portland Place, Yonkers, New York.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

ok { So much of General Orders No. 74, this Headquarters, cs, pertaining to Captain Walter T. O'Brien, 0490377, Chaplain Corps, United States Army, is rescinded.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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5 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 75)

ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, "D, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

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* Private First Class BRADY L. FIELDS, 6946036, Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negros, P.I., on 30 March 1945. When his unit met a well-entrenched, superior enemy force, Private First Class Fields volunteered to enter a dense thicket as a member of a dismounted patrol. When the group was ambushed and several of the men killed or wounded, he withstood intense enemy fire and repeatedly carried wounded men from the grove. Inspired by his steadfast devotion to the recovery of his stricken comrades, several other men of the patrol re-entered the grove and carried out others until all were retrieved. Although seriously wounded himself in the action, Private First Class Fields accepted treatment only after recovery of the last man. Home address: Mrs Gennie Fields (mother), 3 Ellington St., Reidsville, North Carolina.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, "D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private LIVANETTE W. RENCH, 35362126, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bilay, Negros, P.I., on 13 April 1945. Private Rensch, a perimeter guard, with a machine gun stood off a Jap attack unaided for a period of forty-five minutes. During this period the Japs directed all of their fire on his position, but he remained at his post until help could reach him. By steadfastly holding his position against enemy fire, Private Rensch saved his company from suffering heavy casualties. Home address: Mrs Marie M. Rensch (mother), Gaster, Indiana.

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GO No. 75, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 5 May 45, cont'd.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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4 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 74)

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) JOHN A. AZEVEDO, O2007715, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 20 January 1945. During an attack his company encountered an artillery barrage which killed three men and wounded nineteen. Then the company was ordered to withdraw, he refused medical treatment and remained with his men assisting in their treatment and evacuation throughout five enemy artillery barrages. His courage reflects high credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Terza Azevedo (mother), P.M. Box 71, Montague, California.

Captain CLARE D. FITZWILLIAM, O417729, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 10 April 1945. Upon receiving a call from a rifle company for immediate medical assistance for a severely wounded man, Captain Fitzwilliam volunteered to aid him. At the risk of his life, Captain Fitzwilliam ran to the man across open terrain which was being subjected to intense enemy machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire. Still exposed to enemy fire, he administered plasma and rendered necessary medical treatment. His high sense of duty was instrumental in saving the life of the wounded soldier. Home address: Mr. James P. Fitzwilliam (father), Box 124, Smithville, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade PAUL G. HERR, 33502735, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Itigulan, Negros, P.I., on 30 March 1945. Engaged with his unit in attacking an enemy position, Technician Fourth Grade Herr volunteered to be a member of a dismounted patrol to enter a dense thicket filled with concealed enemy positions. A number of the patrol were seriously wounded. After retiring with the rest of the group, Technician Fourth Grade Herr returned several times into the grove in the face of enemy fire to assist in the rescue of his wounded comrades. In jeopardizing his life to save the lives of his comrades, Technician Fourth Grade Herr performed an act of valor. Home address: Mr. Wade P. Herr (father), R.F.D. #6, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class NORMAN E. LAMBERT, 33454187, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Danbo, Luzon, P.I., on 24 January 1945. In locating an enemy machine gun, which had pinned the squad to the ground, Private First Class Lambert's squad leader was seriously wounded, and another soldier was hit in an attempt to evacuate him. Private First Class Lambert left his covered position to crawl under continuous enemy machine gun fire to the wounded man, and moved him to a safe area where first aid was administered. The action of Private First Class Lambert was responsible for saving the life of the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Lambert (mother), 1625 R St., SE, Washington, D. C.

Captain THOMAS P. LYNCH, 0425220, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Concepcion, Negros, P.I., on 2 April 1945. He voluntarily accompanied a combat patrol consisting of one rifle platoon into the town in order to gather information which would be of assistance if his company were ordered to secure the town. The enemy suddenly fired upon the patrol from the front and fled, killing the officer patrol leader and an enlisted man. Captain Lynch immediately assumed command of the patrol and by probing the enemy positions was able to sketch the area and indicate the disposition and strength of the enemy. He then skillfully withdrew his men from the town despite the fact that they were engaged at one time in hand to hand combat displaying a high type of leadership and courage. Home address: Mr. Thomas M. Lynch (father), 3607 Lynn Vista Place, Bell, California.

Private First Grade RAYMOND J. MATSON, 33376741, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Atitulan, Negros, P.I., on 30 March 1945. Private First Grade Matson, while engaged in combat with a well entrenched superior force of the enemy, went into a dense thicket in the face of heavy enemy fire to aid the rescue of several of his comrades who had been badly wounded. It was necessary for him to advance into the direct fire of concealed positions. In rescuing the seriously wounded men from the hands of the enemy Private First Grade Matson performed an act of high courage. Home address: Mrs. Anna Matson (mother), 530 North Robinson St., Baltimore 5, Maryland.

Private First Class MIKE MOSERJAK, 33576377, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Atitulan, Negros, P.I., on 30 March 1945. Engaged with his unit in attacking an enemy position, Private First Class Moserjak volunteered to be a member of a dismounted patrol to enter a dense thicket filled with concealed enemy positions. A number of the patrol were seriously wounded. After receiving the report of the group, Private First Class Moserjak returned several times into the thicket in the face of enemy fire to assist in the rescue of his wounded comrades. In jeopardizing his life to save the lives of his

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comrades, Private First Class Mosorjak performed an act of valor. Home address: Mrs. Anna Mosorjak (mother), 524 Brush Ave., Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

~~* Captain WALTER T. O'BRIEN, 0290377, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Oran, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. Chaplain O'Brien with complete disregard for his personal safety moved into the impact area of an enemy artillery barrage to administer first aid to the wounded. Exposing himself to flying shell fragments, he searched the area for further casualties, and supervised the evacuation of litter cases to the battalion aid station. His display of courage inspired the men about him. Home address: Mrs. Frank Nevin (sister), 32 Portland Place, Yonkers, New York.~~

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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Major ROBERT L. R. FARNHAM, 0418649, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay and Negros, P.I., from 1 March 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mrs. Robert L. R. Farnham (wife), 1120-3/4 Hacienda Plaza, Hollywood, Calif.

Lieutenant Colonel WALTER A. RICKER, JR., 024291, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay, and Negros Islands, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 1 May 1945. Home address: Mr. W. A. Ricker (father), 145 North 36th St., Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

Lieutenant Colonel MERRYL C. SHAVER, 0205861, Judge Advocate General Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 1 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Merryl C. Shaver (wife), 3951 - 50th Ave., Oakland, California.

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3 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 72)

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class CLIFFORD T. ERICKSON, 37032533, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 24 January 1945. When his squad leader was seriously wounded in locating an enemy machine gun, Private First Class Erickson, without regard for his personal safety crawled under enemy machine gun fire to evacuate him. Upon arriving at his squad leader's position, Private First Class Erickson was seriously wounded. His courageous attempt to assist his squad leader reflects high credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Gunde Erickson (mother), Box 564, New England, North Dakota.

Private First Class CHARLES T. KELL, 35113225, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. Private First Class Kell and four other men were driving forward in an ambulance jeep to evacuate a soldier who had been wounded on the previous night. An enemy soldier, hidden near the road, threw a grenade into the vehicle wounding three men. In disregard of his personal safety in the face of enemy sniper fire, Private First Class Kell administered first aid and assisted in the evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Clare E. Kell (mother), 213 North Oak St., London, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) SWEL STEVENSON, 39826227, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 24 January 1945. In locating an enemy machine gun, his squad leader was seriously wounded, and another soldier was hit attempting to evacuate the squad leader. At the risk of his life, Staff Sergeant Stevenson left cover and under enemy fire evacuated one of the wounded men to a safe area where first aid was administered. The courageous action of Staff Sergeant Stevenson saved the wounded man's life. Home address: Mr. Quincy G. Stevenson (brother), Route 1, Purley, Idaho.

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CO No. 72, Hq 20th Inf Div, LFO 40, 3 May 45. (Awards of Bronze Star), cont'd.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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2 May 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 71)

ORIGINAL ORDER #

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant JAMES A. THOMAS, 01168104, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Mindoro and Corregidor Islands, P.I., from 15 December 1944 to 7 March 1945. During the Mindoro operations, he flew a light observation plane daily with frequent flights over enemy-held territory to reconnoiter and to deliver critical medical supplies, occasionally making landings where no strips were available. During the Corregidor operations, he made daily flights, landing on the island on an extremely dangerous strip. Low level observation flights over this area frequently placed him under enemy small arms and machine gun fire. On one occasion, acting on his own initiative upon observing a terrific explosion in the command post and hospital building, he alerted medical teams on the mainland and secured emergency medical supplies which he landed on the strip already littered with debris from the explosion and greatly endangered by further explosions. His outstanding devotion to duty contributed essentially to the success of the operations. Home address: Mrs. H. L. Thomas (mother), 2319 West Burnette Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man and officers:

Technician Fourth Grade ARNOLD J. JACOBSON, 37074832, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Jacobson, acting as a radio operator with an officer observer, landed on the enemy-held island two days prior to invasion, with the mission of assisting in establishing an artillery observation post and radio station. He made his way several miles over land to a point overlooking the city. From this position, although in constant danger of discovery, Technician Fourth Grade Jacobson maintained communication and enabled broadcast of valuable information until the area was captured and occupied by friendly troops. Home address: Mrs. Anne O. Jacobson (mother), 820 - 2d Ave S., St. James, Minnesota.

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Captain ERNEST D. STEWART, 0450593, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 13 April 1945. When his company was heavily attacked by the enemy with mortar, machine gun and sniper fire pinning all personnel to the ground, Captain Stewart left the protection of his slit trench, and moved throughout his company area encouraging his men, directing and controlling their fire, and the fire of attached mortars and tanks. His outstanding leadership inspired confidence in his men, and was directly responsible for the successful repulse of a large enemy force. Home address: Mr. Grover D. Stewart (father), 1050 Monroe Ave., Memphis, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant BOB B. WALLAN, 02026937, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., from 16 March to 18 March 1945. First Lieutenant Wallan, accompanied by a radio operator, landed by plane on the enemy-held island two days prior to invasion, with the mission of establishing an artillery observation post and radio station. He made his way several miles over land to a point overlooking the city. From this position, although in constant danger of discovery, First Lieutenant Wallan broadcast valuable information until the area was captured and occupied by friendly troops. Home address: Mrs. Francis Wallan (mother), 1434 S. E. Farney, Portland, Oregon.

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ORIGINAL ORDER -
AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant CHESTER E. ROBISCH, 01289966, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Negroes, P.I., on 21 April 1945. During an attack up a steep hill, the progress of his company was halted by well emplaced enemy machine guns. First Lieutenant Robisch, as company commander, crawled to the forward elements through intense machine gun and rifle fire to direct the troops. While instructing his men, First Lieutenant Robisch was seriously wounded. His courage and superior leadership was instrumental in the elimination of enemy resistance. Home address: Mr. Edwin Robisch (brother), 541 Summit St., Marion, Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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29 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant JOHN W. DOLAN, 01307209, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. During the night the enemy attacked positions of the company to which First Lieutenant Dolan was attached by assault with intense mortar and machine gun fire support at close range causing several casualties. First Lieutenant Dolan, without regard for his personal safety, left the security of his slit trench to move over the entire company area to aid the wounded and to direct their removal. He then reorganized the area defense to forestall further enemy assaults, and directed fire on the enemy positions. His courage and outstanding leadership were an inspiration to the men of the company. Next of kin: Mr. Charles E. Dolan (brother), 4124 Canate Ave., Los Angeles, California.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

Staff Sergeant JAMES R. COLEMAN, 19061517, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 31 March 1945. During a motorized patrol of which he was a member, Staff Sergeant Coleman performed an act of high courage. The patrol was subjected to enemy fire which wounded an officer in the front of the patrol. Without regard for their own lives, Staff Sergeant Coleman and another soldier, under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, went to the aid of the wounded officer whom they moved to cover to render first aid. Staff Sergeant Coleman's devotion to duty was a source of inspiration to the men of the patrol. Home address: Mrs James R. Coleman (wife), 723 - East 85th Street, Los Angeles, California.

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Sergeant JOHN M. FARREN, 39506158, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Sergeant Farren was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of the bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Sergeant Farren in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Mary Boyer (sister), 1315 W. Granite Street, Butte, Montana.

Captain RICHARD A. GOCK, 0370916, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near McLo, Panay, P.I., from 19 March to 24 March 1945. During an engagement Captain Gock displayed unusual skill in the employment of attached tanks and heavy weapons. He made a personal reconnaissance which enabled his company to accomplish the destruction of a strong enemy delaying force which was impeding the advance of the entire battalion. His constant presence with the most forward elements of his command was a source of inspiration to his men, and contributed materially to the success of the battalion. Home address: Mrs Richard A. Gock (Wife), 326 Magnolia Ave., Piedmont, California.

Private First Class ROBERT McKINNEY, JR., 34720196, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., on 31 March 1945. During a motorized patrol of which he was a leader, Private First Class McKinney performed an act of high courage. The patrol was subjected to enemy fire which wounded an officer in the front of the patrol. Without regard for their own lives, Private First Class McKinney and another soldier, under heavy enemy rifle and machine gun fire, went to the aid of the wounded officer whom they moved to cover to render first aid. Private First Class McKinney's devotion to duty was a source of inspiration to the men of the patrol. Home address: Mrs Mary F. McKinney (mother), 1450 Miller Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant CARL H. OLSON, 01030277, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pavia, Panay, P.I., on 20 March 1945. Through the resourcefulness, tactical skill, and leadership of First Lieutenant Olson, a town and a strategic airfield were captured in a series of rapid thrusts with a small

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mechanized force. His unit killed many enemy troops, and confiscated their supplies. Two enemy entrenched forces of superior strength were routed without a casualty. The aggressive leadership of First Lieutenant Olson reflects high credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs Esther T. Olson (mother), 6601 Ashworth Road, Des Moines, Iowa.

Second Lieutenant HARRIS D. SCOTT, 02007770, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Second Lieutenant Scott led one of the assault platoons in an attack against the enemy under heavy enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire. Supporting tanks were unable to locate the enemy machine guns, and the troops were deployed to the rear and flanks of the tanks. After locating one of the enemy machine guns, Second Lieutenant Scott moved forward exposed to enemy fire to notify the tank commander that the tanks could bring fire to bear on the enemy machine gun. He stood beside the tank to designate the target. While thus engaged, he was wounded by an enemy rifle man. Second Lieutenant Scott's devotion to duty reflects high credit on the military service of the United States. Home address: Mr. David M. Scott (father), Pingree, Idaho.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

So much of GO 58, this Hq, as, pertaining to Private First Class Joseph Firca, 42012260, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER)

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Captain Edgar L. Payne by the Commanding General, Central Pacific Area, as published on page 2, Section 3, General Orders No. 175 dated 3 June 1944, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain EDGAR L. PAYNE, 0345656, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Iwojima, I.I., from 6 April to 16 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Molly D. Payne (mother), Iuka, Mississippi.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LAMMER,
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant LEO P. DAVENPORT, 01032425, Cavalry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay, and Negros, P.I., from 9 January to 17 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Leo P. Davenport (wife), 1190 - 11th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Sergeant EVERETT C. HALFORD, 32664630, Infantry (Armored), United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Talisay, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Sergeant Halford, a tank commander, was part of the force advancing on the town in support of troops. The tank-infantry team came under intense machine gun fire from an enemy position which commanded a wide sweep of the area. An infantryman, seriously wounded in the arm, bled profusely and stood dozed in the line of fire. Sergeant Halford maneuvered his tank between the enemy position and the wounded man, effecting cover. Sergeant Halford then dismounted to apply a tourniquet to the arm of the wounded man, and removed him to the tank on which he was evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Everett C. Halford (wife), 36 Inter Street, Ticonderoga, N.Y.

Major ALBERT J. MURIC, 0372144, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay and Negros, P.I., from 18 March to 13 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Albert J. Muric (wife), 740 N. Paulina, Anaheim, California.

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24 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER 3 2448

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 7 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant LLOYD G. REIMER, 37175858, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Silay, Negros, P.I., on 4 April 1945. Sergeant Reimer was in charge of a machine gun squad defending a battalion perimeter. During an attempted enemy penetration at his position, the organization of his squad and the entire safety of the perimeter was jeopardized by the nervousness and fear of several new members of his unit who had no had previous combat experience. Sergeant Reimer killed several of the enemy with his individual weapon, and with utter disregard for his own safety in the face of the attack, left his foxhole to comfort and reassure his men. While thus engaged, he was killed by enemy fire. The splendid courage displayed by Sergeant Reimer was an example and inspiration to all men present. Next of kin: Mrs. Orval Anderson (mother), 310 2d Ave., S.E. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant) WILLIAM G. KISTLER, C2067737, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 9 February 1945. While acting as a forward observer with an assault infantry company, Second Lieutenant Kistler remained at his position which was subjected to an enemy artillery barrage until he located the enemy battery. He then called for counter-battery fire which silenced the enemy position. Second Lieutenant Kistler's courageous performance materially aided the infantry to gain its objective. Home address: Mrs. Annie F. Kistler (mother), 156 Corgan Ave., Akron, Ohio.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LINTNER,
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NUMBER 53)

ORIGINAL ORDER 7

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, "D", 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Citation Awarded by the U.S. - Aug. 15, 1945
★ Major FRANCIS E. TREDGET, 0382464, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Sanidad Hacienda, Negros, P.I., on 10 April 1945. An infantry company in contact with the enemy became isolated and depended on radio for communications and airplane drops for re-supply. The entire vicinity was occupied by small enemy groups. In spite of rugged terrain and enemy small arms fire, it was necessary to make low-level flights to insure the accuracy of dropping the supplies in the area occupied by friendly troops. Without regard for his personal safety, Major Tredget volunteered to accompany the pilot in a flight over the area in a light airplane to drop the needed supplies. While making a hazardous, low-level approach, the plane was disabled and crashed in enemy occupied territory. The courageous action of Major Tredget reflects high credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Francis E. Tredget (wife), 3712 Seneca Ave., Los Angeles, California.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain Karl F. Bromley by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 8, dated 3 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, "D", 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain KARL F. BROMLEY, 0294539, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Talisy, Negros, P.I., on 10 April 1945. When his radio operator was wounded while exposed to intense enemy mortar fire, Captain Bromley braved the bursting shells to remove the wounded man to a place of safety. He then returned to the radio's exposed position and continued transmission of data necessary to neutralize the enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Karl F. Bromley (wife), 836 South 8th East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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GO No. 63, Hq 40th Inf Div, APC 40, 24 Apr 45, cont'd.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Fifth Grade Clyde L. Brown by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders No. 34, dated 11 March 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Technician Fifth Grade CLYDE L. BROWN, 39165457, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Guimabalaon, Negros, P.I., on 10 April 1945. When his company perimeter was attacked by the enemy, Technician Fifth Grade Brown, with utter disregard of his own safety, exposed himself to machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, by crawling to an injured soldier to administer first aid. He remained in an exposed position near the wounded man throughout the attack. His heroic and courageous action reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Home address: Miss Mary Marshall (sister), 1347 West 90th Place, Los Angeles, California.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class Donald J. Hoyt, by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 35, dated 11 March 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Private First Class DONALD J. HOYT, 17067085, Medical Department United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sily, Negros, P.I., on 11 April 1945. The unit to which Private First Class Hoyt was attached as aid man was subjected to intense enemy mortar fire. When a casualty resulted early in the shelling, Private First Class Hoyt, with utter disregard for the enemy shells falling about him, left the protection of his slit trench, organized a litter team, treated the casualty, and directed the actions of the medical personnel. In spite of the heavy fire and confusion, Private First Class Hoyt continued to treat the wounded until he became a casualty. Private First Class Hoyt's actions were a source of inspiration to those about him. Home address: Mr. J. E. Hoyt (father), New Sharon, Iowa.

III. AWARDS OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

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GO No. 63, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 24 Apr 45 (Awards of Purple Heart), cont'd.

Private ARTHUR D. BENZ, 32761309, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn R. Benz (mother), 30 Brookdale Ave., Verona, New Jersey.

Private First Class HAROLD R. HILL, 37254771, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Florence M. Hill (mother), 934 E. 3d St., Hutchinson, Kansas.

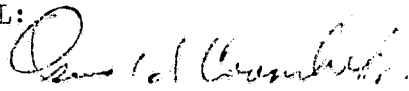
Private First Class JOSEPH F. PEARSALL, 32683120, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Ruth A. Pearsall (wife), Stonybrook, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class SALVATORE TRINCHETTO, 32902996, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs. Marie Trinchetto (mother), 338 Henry St., Brooklyn, New York.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


OSWALD COOPER, JR.,
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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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23 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 52)

ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant HOWELL L. ANDREWS, 01306195, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Conception, Negros, P.I., on 3 April 1945. While leading his platoon on a combat patrol mission, Second Lieutenant Andrews, near the front of the formation with his scouts, observed a superior number of enemy along a creek bank to his front. As his platoon was in danger of being ambushed and an immediate warning was necessary, Second Lieutenant Andrews, with complete disregard for his personal safety left his covered position and stood erect to designate the enemy location to his men. In so doing he was critically wounded by enemy fire, and died a few moments later. His courageous action in sacrificing his life for the safety of his men reflects the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Sarah M. Cotton (sister), 1120 21st Ave., Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant MARON A. HANSON, 02036651, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. A reinforced platoon led by Second Lieutenant Hanson landed ahead of the assault waves under the cover of darkness, and pushed to the Bago River bridge arriving at the same time as an enemy party traveling in the same direction. Second Lieutenant Hanson immediately deployed his force and when the first enemy started onto the bridge, opened fire, killing the bridge guards, two men on the bridge, and men in the demolition control points. In the face of intense machine gun and mortar fire from the remainder of the enemy, he successfully directed his engineer demolitions group in cutting all control wires, and disarming all mines and bombs. His coolness, courage, and tactical leadership while under intense enemy fire reflect high credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Nora Davis (mother), Rt 4, Box 161, Bremerton, Washington.

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GO No. 62, HQ 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 23 Apr 45, cont'd.

Staff Sergeant LEWIS C. McCORMICK, 55728169, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Leading the first squad of a reinforced platoon that landed ahead of assault troops under the cover of darkness, Staff Sergeant McCormick and his men proceeded to a bridge over the Bago River. Despite heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire encountered at the bridge, his squad moved forward killing the bridge guards and the enemy located in demolitions control points. Although his men were subjected to machine gun and mortar fire from the remaining enemy, he successfully directed them in cutting control wires, disarming mines and securing the north end of the bridge. Staff Sergeant McCormick's courage under fire and his aggressive leadership contributed materially to the success of the engagement. Home address: Mrs. Mildred L. McCormick (mother), 1516 Obyrne St., Henderson, Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant EVERETT P. STEINHOFF, 36617192, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Steinhoff, as platoon sergeant, landed with a reinforced platoon under the cover of darkness ahead of assault troops and advanced hurriedly to the Bago River bridge. Finding the bridge well defended, Technical Sergeant Steinhoff, with complete disregard for his own safety, skillfully directed his men so that the enemy forces were driven from the bridge and the bridge secured, thereby expediting the advance of the main assault units. Technical Sergeant Steinhoff's courage and tactical leadership were an inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mrs. Mary Steinhoff (mother), 7324 Ogden Ave., Riverside, Illinois.

Private YONG F. TONG, 39615304, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Concepcion, Negros, P.I., on 3 April 1945. Private Tong was a member of a combat patrol which engaged a numerically superior enemy force and was compelled to withdraw to a more suitable location. As the squad to which he was assigned began their withdrawal, Private Tong became separated and due to heavy enemy fire could not rejoin his unit. He then engaged the enemy single handed. At the risk of his life he opened fire on enemy soldiers who were on all sides of him falling back only when closely pressed. He continued firing for seven hours, and killed at least seven of the enemy force. As darkness approached, with the protection of friendly tank fire, he withdrew and with the assistance of civilians rejoined his unit. The actions of Private Tong reflect the highest credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Home address: Mr. Tong See (father), Star Route, Houston, Texas.

III. NAMES OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, "D", 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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GO No. 62, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 23 Apr 45, (Awd of Bronze Star), cont'd.

Corporal JOHN J. BERRETT, 33391440, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bacolod, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. As a volunteer member of a party sent out to rescue two wiremen who were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Corporal Berrett entered a brush covered area being swept by enemy fire, and helped carry two wounded men to safety. Home address: Mrs. Alice C. Berrett (mother), Relay, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR BLEEKMAN, JR., 35161689, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Quinlatan, Negros, P.I., on 11 April 1945. During an intense enemy mortar concentration on the company positions, Staff Sergeant Bleekman, disregarding the intense enemy fire, went to the aid of another soldier who had been seriously wounded. While assisting the company aid man in caring for the casualty, Staff Sergeant Bleekman was seriously wounded by fragments of an enemy mortar shell. The courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Bleekman reflects high credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mr. Arthur Bleekman (father), Rt 2, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sgt) DALE L. BOARD, ASN unknown, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bawban, Luzon, P.I., on 16 February 1945. After attaining their objective on a hilltop, two rifle companies were cut off by the enemy. The shortage of vital supplies and ammunition was critical, and attempts to resupply the units by carrying party had not been successful. Second Lieutenant Board volunteered to lead a party of soldiers and civilian laborers to the isolated companies under cover of darkness. When his party was fired upon by the enemy, Second Lieutenant Board through his aggressive leadership restored order among the civilians, and rushed through to the companies despite steep terrain and enemy fire. Upon returning from the first trip though fatigued from the strenuous mission, he volunteered to lead a second party. Second Lieutenant Board again reached the companies with supplies; however, his party suffered slight casualties. On returning the second time he brought the wounded to the rear. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Board (mother), 946 Euclid Ave., Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class HERBERT M. BYNUM, 39411961, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near O'Donnell, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. Private First Class Bynum, with two companions, volunteered to undertake a reconnaissance mission behind the enemy lines. A night observation post was established in enemy occupied territory, and the entire night spent in observation of enemy movements. During the night, Private First Class Bynum and his companions were in constant danger of detection. The mission was successfully accomplished though they were very near enemy personnel, and far from any possible support from friendly elements. Home address: Mr. Edward J. Bynum (father), B.R. #2, Box 4100-1, Glendale, California.

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GO No. 62, Hq 4th Inf Div, APO 40, 23 Apr 45, cont'd.

First Lieutenant TARREN R. HINZE, 01312560, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Negros, P.I., from 29 March to 12 April 1945. First Lieutenant Hinze was the leader of a demolitions, mine detecting, and bomb disposal team which worked ahead of advancing tanks and infantry. Although frequently under intense mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, and constantly in danger from mines and booby traps, First Lieutenant Hinze, without hesitation, and with utter disregard for his own safety, led his team ahead of advancing units, removing and destroying mines. His devotion to duty contributed materially to the successful advance of his unit. Home address: Mr. William F. Hinze (father), 112 So. 17th St., Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class ROBERT R. LOWE, 38347841, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near O'Donnell, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. Private First Class Lowe, with two companions, volunteered to undertake a reconnaissance mission behind the enemy lines. A night observation post was established in enemy occupied territory, and the entire night spent in observation of enemy movements. During the night, Private First Class Lowe and his companions were in constant danger of detection. The mission was successfully accomplished though they were very near enemy personnel, and far from any possible support from friendly elements. Home address: Mr. Ernest R. Lowe (father), P.O. Box #501, Beckell, Texas.

Private First Class JOE MERNICH, 37023525, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Escobed, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. As a volunteer aid man with a rescue party, Private First Class Mernich entered a brush covered area being swept by enemy fire and helped carry two wounded men to a position of safety where he administered first aid. Home address: Mr. Theodore Mernich (father), 1427-96th Ave., Duluth, Minnesota.

Corporal WILFRED F. MUMFORD, 37702455, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iloilo, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Corporal Mumford, leading a mortar squad, landed with a reinforced platoon ahead of assault troops under the cover of darkness and advanced to the Bago River bridge. On approaching the bridge the platoon was subjected to enemy mortar and machine gun fire from the rear. Corporal Mumford unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his own safety maneuvered his squad to a position which enabled him to place accurate mortar fire on enemy machine gun and mortar positions, thus knocking out the positions and forcing the enemy withdrawal. His timely action and great courage in directing his squad was an instrumental factor in securing the bridge. Home address: Mrs. S. E. Mumford (mother), 2547-22d Ave., Denver, Colorado.

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22 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 51)

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

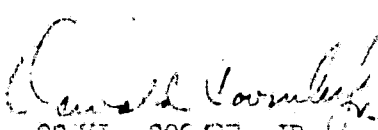
Captain ROBERT E. HURN, 0417791, Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Barban, I on, P.I., from 22 January to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs. Robert E. Hurn (wife), 1101 West 6th St., Austin, Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel PHILIP W. LONG, 021962, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, Panay, and Negros P.I., from 10 March to 15 April 1945. Home address: Mrs. Philip W. Long (wife), 1837 Washington St., Columbus, Indiana.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LAFITER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


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Lt. Col., AGD,
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19 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 60)

AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Captain JOHN C. HUNTINGTON, 0101608, Tank Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Panay and Negros, P.I., from 18 March to 1 April 1945. Captain Huntington made a personal foot reconnaissance of an area prior to committing his tanks during which time he was exposed to enemy machine gun and mortar fire. He moved in front of his vehicles during the fire fight designating targets for the tanks. On another occasion when his communications failed, he went forward on foot, and directed the tank attack while the vehicles were "buttoned down". During a later engagement when the radios again ceased to operate properly, Captain Huntington directed his tanks from a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck. Although his truck was hit by enemy fire while he was standing beside it, he continued his coordination on foot of the tank-infantry fighting. During all these engagements, Captain Huntington, with utter disregard for his personal safety, continually reconnoitered the ground and frequently exposed himself to enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. John C. Huntington (wife), 1549 Jorquill Terrace, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class JOHN G. OJA, 37273996, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Molo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. During the attack by the company to which he was attached as aid man on an enemy holding force, it was reported that a member of one of the assault platoons had been wounded. Private First Class Oja led his litter squad to a forward and exposed position beyond the front line advancing without the aid of rifle protection. While proceeding forward, they were subjected to enemy machine gun fire, and Private First Class Oja was severely wounded as they took cover. He and his litter squad were hampered by enemy fire for approximately two hours. During this time Private First Class Oja directed evacuation; slowly crawling and dragging the litter while under fire. He finally became exhausted and was unable to continue, but he directed his litter squad to safety while he remained behind. His condition was such that another litter squad was dispatched to evacuate him. Home address: Mr. John Oja, Sr. (father), Rt 1, Box 39, Tamarock, Minnesota.

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GO No. 60, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 19 Apr 45, cont'd.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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Chief of Staff.

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APO 40

18 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 59)

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 13, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal GEORGE KRAJCHOVICH, JR., 36703763, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mansilingan, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. As assistant squad leader, Corporal Krajchovich, with his squad was entering a bamboo thicket when they were fired upon by enemy machine guns and rifles. He and a portion of the squad withdrew to the cover of a drainage ditch taking two wounded men with them. Shortly thereafter the enemy assaulted the position throwing grenades. One grenade fell between Corporal Krajchovich and his platoon leader. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Krajchovich picked up the grenade, and threw it to the other side of his position thus receiving the entire force of the explosion. His heroic action saved the platoon leader from injury allowing him to control effective fire against the enemy. Though seriously wounded, Corporal Krajchovich refused to withdraw and remained until the squad could withdraw. Corporal Krajchovich's courage and bravery reflect high credit upon himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Krajchovich (mother), 8114 Knox Ave., Skokie, Ill.

Staff Sergeant DONALD R. TURNPAUGH, 35163640, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 10 February 1945. During a night attack, the enemy consistently assaulted the left sector of a rifle company's perimeter of which Staff Sergeant Turnpaugh was in charge. On one occasion, the enemy broke through the perimeter, and caused a number of casualties before they were repelled. When it was discovered that enemy troops were occupying some of the positions formerly held by Staff Sergeant Turnpaugh's platoon, his men became panicky and asked for permission to leave their positions. Undaunted by the sudden change of events, Staff Sergeant Turnpaugh proved himself equal to the occasion. Staff Sergeant Turnpaugh held his men to their positions, and succeeded in turning back five more enemy attacks before dawn. It was due largely to his efforts that the rifle company was able to hold the hill during the night. Home address: Mrs. Bert Turnpaugh (mother), Rt 3, Logansport, Indiana.

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GO No. 59, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 18 Apr 45, cont'd.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3 WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Captain THOMAS F. CRUMP, 0498852, Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, and knowing the danger he faced, Chaplain Crump voluntarily proceeded to a forward area to help evacuate the wounded of a rifle company that was engaging a strongly fortified enemy. The evacuation of the wounded had been slow and disorganized because of the difficult terrain and enemy fire from nearby positions. Chaplain Crump took control of the situation and began an orderly evacuation of the wounded over the safest routes available to the rear. He administered medical aid to the wounded whenever possible. Chaplain Crump distinguished himself by his intrepid actions and devotion to duty. Home address: Reverend F. J. Crump (brother), 391 Michigan Avenue, Washington, D.C.

First Lieutenant DALE JACKSON, 01313350, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. With utter disregard for his personal safety, First Lieutenant Jackson voluntarily crossed terrain heavily covered by enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire, to administer medical aid to a wounded man. Intense enemy fire prevented his evacuation at this time. Upon the arrival of a tank, First Lieutenant Jackson sent the wounded man to the rear in the vehicle. First Lieutenant Jackson distinguished himself conspicuously by his devotion to duty and courage in the face of danger. Home address: Mrs. Lee Printy (sister), Northville, Michigan.

First Lieutenant CHARLES B. STRAIN, 01303221, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 5 February 1945. First Lieutenant Strain, with utter disregard for his personal safety, voluntarily crossed terrain heavily covered by enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire, to protect and administer medical aid to a wounded companion. His efforts to evacuate the wounded man were frustrated by enemy fire. First Lieutenant Strain remained with the casualty until a tank arrived and the wounded man was safely placed aboard. On another occasion First Lieutenant Strain intercepted a group of soldiers who were lost and successfully led them through enemy territory to rejoin their unit. First Lieutenant Strain distinguished himself conspicuously by his devotion to duty and courage in the face of danger. Home address: Mrs. Miliss J. Strain (wife), 204 E. Walnut St., Rawlins, Wyoming.

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GO No. 59, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 18 Apr 45, cont'd.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Oswald Coombe, Jr.

OSWALD COOMBE, JR.,
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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 40

16 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 58)

ORIGINAL ORDER

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class THEODORE C. VINTHER, 39837735, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Vinther was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Private First Class Vinther was killed during this attack. The courage displayed by Private First Class Vinther in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Next of kin: Mr. T. N. Vinther (father), Box 295, Martinez, California.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class ALFRED ANDERSON, 37029400, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Anderson was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Anderson in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Alie Anderson (father), Princeton, Minnesota.

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Technician Fifth Grade JOHN BATSCH, 39150710, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Coto, Negroes, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Batsch was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Batsch in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Jacob Batsch (Father), Rt 4, Box 304-A, Ekersfield, California.

Private First Class FRANK L. GOTA, 39280245, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Coto, Negroes, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Gota was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Gota in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eulalia Gota (mother), 1171 S. Crocker St., Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class JAMES A. COLBERT, 38271532, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Coto, Negroes, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Colbert was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Colbert in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Nancy Corles (cousin), Box 212, Colvin, Oklahoma.

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Private First Class ROBERT C. CULP, 37542395, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Marcos, P.I., on 20 March 1945. Private First Class Culp was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Socol, Talisey and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Culp in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josephine A. Culp (wife), 1144 1/2 East 77th Place, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class BILL J. DEVER, 38319279, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Marcos, P.I., on 20 March 1945. Private First Class Dever was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Socol, Talisey and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Dever in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. S. W. Dever (mother), 323 E. Gentry St., Checotah, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CHARLES E. TUTTAN, 32031046, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Marcos, P.I., on 20 March 1945. Private First Class Tuttan was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Socol, Talisey and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Tuttan in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles E. Tuttan (father), Nicholas, New York.

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Private First Class ROBERT W. EACHE, 33523115, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Eache was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Dago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Eache in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Thelma Z. Eache (mother), RFD 1, Box 5394, Sandston, Virginia.

Private First Class CECIL E. ELKINS, 36301761, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Elkins was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Dago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Elkins in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Elkins (mother), Amhurst, Wisconsin.

Private First Class ARTHUR F. ELMORE, 36304125, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Elmore was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Dago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Elmore in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Faye Elmore (mother), Box 281, Merrillan, Wisconsin.

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Private First Class THEODORE E. FICK, 36644724, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Fick was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Fick in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Anna Fick (mother), 2704 N. Marmora Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class JOSIEH FIRCA, 42012260, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Firca was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Firca in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Steve Firca (mother), 626 Magnolia Ave, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

Private First Class DON C. FORD, 36302511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Ford was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Ford in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lillie Plumlee (mother), Mass, Tennessee.

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Private First Class ADONIS R. FULK, 35169505, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Fulk was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Baccolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Fulk in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Olive Fulk (mother), RR 1, Lyons, Indiana.

Private First Class WILLIAM C. GABONAY, 35168426, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Gabonay was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Baccolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Gabonay in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Gabonay (mother), 226 N. Summit St, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private First Class CLAUDE R. GALLOWAY, 37067153, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I. on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Galloway was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Baccolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Galloway in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr William T. Galloway (father), Rt 2, Vilonia, Arkansas.

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Private First Class JOSEPH A GERSTL, 33400450, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievements in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Gerstl was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, through rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Gerstl in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr Joseph Gerstl (father), 730 St Joseph St, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class FERNAN GONZALES, 30250361, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Gonzales was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Gonzales in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Estrella Gonzales (cousin), Cotulla, Texas.

Private First Class JOE T. GURULE, 30100628, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Gurule was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Gurule in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Fred Gurule (brother), 1321 S. Williams St, Albuquerque, N.M.

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Private First Class WILLIAM H. HARPER, 33555997, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Harper was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Harper in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Mary Harper (mother), 1506 N. Bradford St, Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class EDWIN E. HARRAL, 17011480, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Harral was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay, and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Harral in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Ida A. Harral (mother), 3061 W. Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Private First Class WARREN E. HARWOOD, 20212401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Harwood was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Harwood in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Berline Karnes (sister), 55 N. Main St, Hornell, New York.

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Private First Class WILLIAM H. HAYS, 20905900, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Hays was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Hays in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs George Hogeback (sister), Rt 3, Symmes Rd, Hamilton, Ohio.

Private First Class JAMES J. HENDRIXSON, 35463533, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Hendrixson was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Hendrixson in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Eve Hendrixson (wife), 1120 Cedar Ave, Cincinnati 24, Ohio.

Technician Fourth Grade TONY F. HERNANDEZ, 20909773, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Hernandez was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Hernandez in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr Tony Hernandez (father), 226 Cowan Ave, Fresno, California.

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Private First Class MELVIN J. HUMMEL, 36303095, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Hummel was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the Division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Hummel in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Hummel (mother), 1411 Cherry, Quincy, Illinois.

Sergeant FREDERICK G. JARA, 20911230, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Sergeant Jara was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Sergeant Jara in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ignacia Jara (mother), 1355 S. Garey, Pomona, California.

Sergeant KENNETH E. JONES, 35463267, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Sergeant Jones was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the Division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Sergeant Jones in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Jones (mother), Brock, Ky.

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Private First Class DELBERT D. LAWRENCE, 30341937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Lawrence was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Lawrence in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. G. W. Pierce (mother), Rt 5, Lubbock, Texas.

Technician Fifth Grade DONALD E. LOVE, 39230967, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Love was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Love in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Loma G. Love (mother), 1605 S. Gramercy Place, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class CONSTANTE H. MARTINEZ, 30255193, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Martinez was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Martinez in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Pabla Martinez (mother), Gen Dal, Refugio, Texas.

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Private First Class ALVA J. MATHIS, 38473286, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Mathis was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Mathis in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Lula May Mathis (mother), General Delivery, Kilgore, Texas.

Technical Sergeant JOE J. MAYESKI, 36046511, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Mayeski was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Technical Sergeant Mayeski in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. John Mayeski (father), Box 455, Denton, Illinois.

Technician Fourth Grade JOHN S. McLAUGHLIN, 36162001, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Technician Fourth Grade McLaughlin was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Technician Fourth Grade McLaughlin in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marie McLaughlin (wife), 460 Auburn Ave., Pontiac, Michigan.

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Private First Class HARVEY B. MERCER, 17044849, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Mercer was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Mercer in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Bessie Bell Stroup (mother), Odia, Illinois.

Private First Class ELDON H. MILLER, 35505380, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Miller was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Miller in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Ruth Miller (wife), Route 2, Box 107-A, Dayton, Ohio.

Sergeant MARTIN MORASCH, 39175679, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Sergeant Morasch was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Sergeant Morasch in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Katie E. Morasch (mother), Endicott, Washington.

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Technician Fifth Grade HUBERT E. NEFF, JR, 17053263, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Neff was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beach head and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Neff in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Hubert E. Neff (mother), 1311 No 34 St, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Private First Class FELMER C. OLDHAM, 38120228, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Oldham was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Oldham in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Eli J. Oldham (father), 613 Calhoun St, Clovis, New Mexico.

Private First Class ANATOLIO M. OLGUIN, 38100597, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Olguin was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Olguin in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Torivio Olguin (father), Rt 2, Box 252, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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Private First Class FRANK V. OROZCO, 38103202, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Orozco was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Orozco in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr Daniel R. Orozco (father), Box 533, Winslow, Arizona.

Private First Class CHARLES W. PENNING, 36448561, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Penning was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Penning in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Doris Penning (mother), 127 Lucinda St., Pekin, Illinois.

Private First Class RUBEN B. QUINTERO, 33103322, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Quintero was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Quintero in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Sussie B. Quintero (mother), Route 1, Box 6, Gilbert, Arizona.

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Private First Class ROBERT A. REINHART, 37549047, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Davao, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Reinhart was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Reinhart in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Raymond J. Ries (sister), Rt 2, Box 37, New Uln, Minnesota.

Private First Class PAUL A. RITZ, 35362058, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Davao, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Ritz was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Ritz in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Doris Ritz (wife), 2404 Elm St., Columbus, Indiana.

Private First Class ADOLPH V. ROZENVJAK, 38092189, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Davao, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Rozenvjak was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Rozenvjak in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Joe Rozenvjak (father), 730 St. Joseph St., Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

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Sergeant JOSEPH V. SERRA, 19108322, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P. I., on 29 March 1945. Sergeant Serra was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Iago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the structure. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the Division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talibay and Silay. The courage displayed by Sergeant Serra in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Isella M. Serra (mother), Rt 1, Box 1015, Minnata Falls, Oregon.

Private First Class FRANCIS J. SCHASANE, 36489601, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P. I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Schasane was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Iago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the structure. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the Division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talibay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Schasane in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara P. Schasane (mother), 1526 Park Ave, North Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class STANLEY M. SIERLKO, 23472385, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P. I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Sierlko was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Iago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the structure. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the Division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talibay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Sierlko in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Stanley Sierlko (wife), Rt 1, Bitter, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class STANLEY F. SIENKIEWICZ, 33796705, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Sienkiewicz was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Sienkiewicz in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Sophie Sienkiewicz (mother), 3250 Belgrade St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Private First Class ROBERT M. STORMS, 32030530, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Storms was a member of a reinforced Infantry Platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Storms in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr Harold Storms (father), RFD #1, Kennedy, New York.

Staff Sergeant STANLEY SZYMANSKI, 32105921, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Szymanski was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Szymanski in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Mary R. Szymanski (mother), 234 Eckford Street, Brooklyn, New York.

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Private First Class WALTER E. FISHER, 35773243, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic performance in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bagny, France, P.I., on 28 March 1945. Private First Class Fisher was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to the assault across a wide expanse of water and held a bridge over the Bay of Biscay which was repeatedly and continuously discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy machine gun. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the beach and was destroyed without objection or within fifty yards of the destination. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and the road and bridgehead secured. The guards were killed and the bridge destroyed from the level to the solid ground. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the landing beachhead and was essential to the accomplishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bagny, Talisy and other. The courage displayed by Private First Class Fisher in this action reflects his credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Fisher (mother), Miles, Kentucky.

Private First Class WALTER E. FISHER, 37314576, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic performance in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bagny, France, P.I., on 28 March 1945. Private First Class Fisher was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to the assault across a wide expanse of water and held a bridge over the Bay of Biscay which was repeatedly and continuously discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy machine gun. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the beach and was destroyed without objection or within fifty yards of the destination. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and the road and bridgehead secured. The guards were killed and the bridge destroyed from the level to the solid ground. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the landing beachhead and was essential to the accomplishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bagny, Talisy and other. The courage displayed by Private First Class Fisher in this action reflects his credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Helen Thompson (mother), Rt 2, Hickory, North Carolina.

Private First Class WALTER E. FISHER, 36012933, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic performance in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bagny, France, P.I., on 28 March 1945. Private First Class Fisher was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to the assault across a wide expanse of water and held a bridge over the Bay of Biscay which was repeatedly and continuously discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy machine gun. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the beach and was destroyed without objection or within fifty yards of the destination. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and the road and bridgehead secured. The guards were killed and the bridge destroyed from the level to the solid ground. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the landing beachhead and was essential to the accomplishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bagny, Talisy and other. The courage displayed by Private First Class Fisher in this action reflects his credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Leonard Adams (father), Rt 1, Box 100, Fulton, Colorado.

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Private First Class JOHN A. WATSON, JR, 38087910, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Watson was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Watson in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. J. A. Watson (father), 2509 N. Walker, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Private First Class OKEY E. WICKLINE, 35437273, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Private First Class Wickline was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Private First Class Wickline in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Wickline (Wife), 4347 Rhodes Ave, New Boston, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant RAYMOND H. WILLIS, 20906910, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bago, Negros, P.I., on 29 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Willis was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to H-Hour under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bago River which was reported and subsequently discovered to be wired for demolition and guarded by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and, by rapid and determined action, the guards were killed and the bridge secured before the demolitions could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the division beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bacolod, Talisay and Silay. The courage displayed by Staff Sergeant Willis in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Charlotte P. Willis (wife), 82 Joest Ave, San Francisco, California.

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Private First Class BERNARD G. WILSON, 33428959, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bagn, Negroes, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Private First Class Wilson was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to dawn under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bagn River which was reported to be excellently defended to be wired for demolition and secured by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and by rapid and determined action, the enemy was killed and the bridge secured before the demolition could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bagn, Bagn and Bagn. The courage displayed by Private First Class Wilson in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. Rose Wilson (mother), 419 Cypress Street, Waterloo, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class STANLEY M. MENTOR, 36838401, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bagn, Negroes, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Private First Class Mentor was a member of a reinforced Infantry platoon which landed prior to dawn under cover of darkness to seize and hold a bridge over the Bagn River which was reported to be excellently defended to be wired for demolition and secured by an enemy detachment. While proceeding across country a distance of two and one-half miles from the beach, an enemy patrol was observed approaching the bridge and was followed without detection to within fifty yards of the abutment. At this point the enemy patrol was destroyed and by rapid and determined action, the enemy was killed and the bridge secured before the demolition could be blown. Control of this bridge was vital to the extension of the beachhead and was essential to the establishment of a line of communication for the advance on Bagn, Bagn and Bagn. The courage displayed by Private First Class Mentor in this action reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Thomas Mentor (father), 414 S. Grant Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. JAFFNER,
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9417, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

First Sergeant MURICE M. HENRY, 20922321, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 1 March 1945. First Sergeant Henry, a bulldozer relief operator, along with the operator, exposed himself to enemy small arms fire in order to continue work on a supply and evacuation road, which if delayed would have held up the supplies to the advancing infantry. His devotion to duty reflects high credit upon the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Violet Henry (mother), 125 North Hancock, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Technician Fifth Grade JARL A. NELSON, 39109100, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 1 March 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Nelson, operator of a bulldozer, along with his relief driver, exposed himself to enemy small arms fire in order to continue work on a supply and evacuation road, which if delayed would have held up the supplies to the advancing infantry. His devotion to duty reflects high credit upon the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Jarl A. Nelson (wife), 135 Kentucky St., Vallejo, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

(Signature)
OSWALD SCOTT, JR.,
Lt. Col., AGI,
Adjutant General.

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15 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 56)

GENERAL ORDER

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, "D", 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal ICUIS ABAJIAN, 20906053, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mansilingan, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Corporal Abajian, with other men of his squad, were attacking a group of the enemy in a bamboo thicket when they were suddenly fired upon from their left front and flank by heavy machine gun and rifle fire which wounded two men. As their positions were untenable, Corporal Abajian, with two other men, deliberately exposed themselves, and opened fire on the enemy. They succeeded in drawing the enemy fire thereby permitting the balance of the squad to withdraw with the wounded to an irrigation ditch. Although one of the two men was killed and the other seriously wounded and out of ammunition, Corporal Abajian remained in position firing until he was killed. His gallant stand reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Abajian (mother), 857 S. Greenwood Ave., Montebello, California.

Private First Class ALEX L. MCGART, 39159853, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mansilingan, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Private First Class Mogart, with other men of his squad, were attacking a group of the enemy in a bamboo thicket when they were suddenly fired upon from their left front and flank by heavy machine gun and rifle fire which wounded two men. As their positions were untenable, Private First Class Mogart, with two other men, deliberately exposed themselves and opened fire on the enemy. They succeeded in drawing the enemy fire thereby permitting the balance of the squad to withdraw with the wounded to an irrigation ditch. As a direct result of his deliberate exposure he was killed. The gallant stand of Private First Class Mogart reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Next of kin: Mr. Manuel Mogart (father), 3695 Francisco St., Artesia, California.

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II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

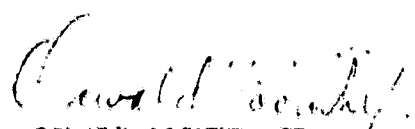
By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress Approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class DONALD M. GOSE, 35463460, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mansilingan, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Private First Class Gose, with other men of his squad, were attacking a group of the enemy in a bamboo thicket when they were suddenly fired upon from their left front and flank by heavy machine gun and rifle fire which wounded two men. As their positions were untenable, Private First Class Gose, with his squad leader and another man deliberately exposed themselves and opened fire on the enemy. They succeeded in drawing the enemy fire thereby permitting the balance of the squad to withdraw with the wounded to an irrigation ditch. Although wounded seriously in the side and out of ammunition, he remained in position, and directed the fire of his squad leader. His gallant stand reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Gose (mother), 1801 Hill St., Middletown, Ohio.

Private First Class MELVIN L. HOGAN, 20906112, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mansilingan, Negros, P.I., on 1 April 1945. Private First Class Hogan, a company cook, volunteered for duty with a patrol which was flushing out a small group of the enemy. Upon entering a bamboo thicket, the patrol was fired upon by enemy machine guns and rifles. Part of the patrol withdrew to a drainage ditch under the covering fire of the squad leader and two men who remained in exposed positions firing at the enemy. Upon observing that the forward group was being subjected to heavy enemy fire and that some of the enemy were advancing toward them, Private First Class Hogan, at the risk of his life left his protected position, and advanced straight into the enemy fire to a position from which he was able to drive off the attackers. His heroic action resulted in his being severely wounded, but undoubtedly saved the life of the one man who was still alive. His courage reflects the highest credit upon the military service. Home address: Mr. Eugene P. Hogan (father), Hull, Iowa.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

OFFICIAL:



DONALD M. GOSE, JR.,
Lt. Col., AGO,
Adjutant General.

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 40

11 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 54)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Citation amended by No 168 - Aug 15, 1945

Technician Third Grade WACK CARTERI, 20904280, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Clark Field, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. Three men of a rifle company were wounded by enemy fire coming from concealed positions in a cave. Intense machine gun and mortar fire prevented the evacuation of the wounded by litter. With utter disregard for his personal safety, Technician Third Grade Carteri, crossed with another soldier through the enemy fire to where the wounded men were located. Later, while carrying one of them toward safety, Technician Third Grade Carteri, was killed by rifle fire. Next of kin: Mr. Bertram J. Carteri (father), 425 W. Doran, Glendale, California.

Corporal KENNETH VAN ANTWERP, 39604231, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Molo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. During an engagement with the enemy, word reached the aid station that a litter squad was pinned down by enemy fire. Corporal Van Antwerp volunteered to go forward and while on this mission was informed that a fellow soldier had been wounded. He succeeded in finding the wounded soldier who was with the most forward element of the assault platoon in an area under heavy enemy fire. Corporal Van Antwerp removed the wounded man to a position of comparative safety behind a low stone wall, and administered first aid. He repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy fire that was coming over the wall. Immediately after dressing the wounds, Corporal Van Antwerp was killed by machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Denzil Cochran (mother), Lira, Montana.

II. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officer:

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GO 54, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 11 Apr 45, cont'd.

Technician Fifth Grade RAYMOND C. MEYERS, 15315901, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Folo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. The infantry company to which Technician Fifth Grade Meyers was attached, as an aid man, suffered casualties when machine gun fire from enemy emplacements was encountered. Leaving his position of relative safety, Technician Fifth Grade Meyers advanced under fire to render medical aid. While tending a wounded soldier, Technician Fifth Grade Meyers was wounded; despite his own wound he continued his work, and directed evacuation of the wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Meyers dressed his own wound as best he could and crawled back to an unexposed location. Upon reaching this area, he found another wounded soldier to whom he rendered first aid before permitting the litter team to remove himself and the wounded man to the aid station. Home address: Mrs. Ida Meyers (mother), 1107 9th Street S.W., Canton, Ohio.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) JAMES L. STOLZENBERG, 02936706, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Ramban, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. Lieutenant Stolzenberg commanded a machine gun platoon which was in support of a rifle company. While organizing night defense, the entire unit was subjected to intense artillery fire. Although he was seriously wounded in the shoulder and lost the use of one arm, Lieutenant Stolzenberg refused medical attention, organized overhead fire to cover the rifle company's withdrawal, and exposed himself to the enemy fire by assisting in carrying out the wounded. He stayed with his men and would not allow himself to be evacuated until the following day. Home address: Mr. Peter Stolzenberg (father), 610 Mendary, Austin, Minnesota.

Private First Class JOSE VEGA, 6267921, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Folo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. During an attack on enemy forces, Private First Class Vega, an aid man, was attached to an infantry company. When the company was subjected to heavy enemy machine gun fire from emplaced weapons, two men were wounded while attempting to cross an exposed area. As he was crossing the open area to give them medical attention, Private First Class Vega was seriously wounded. Disregarding his own wounds, he proceeded to render first aid to one of the wounded men before crawling to the rear to have his own wounds treated. Home address: Mrs. Bertha V. Cordona (sister), 1215 West Traira, San Antonio, Texas.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

OFFICIAL:

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GEORGE W. LATHIER,
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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 40

9 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 53)

ORIGINAL ORDER # 1111

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man and officer:

Private First Class ROBERT J. POIRIER, 31398325, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Private First Class Poirier was attached as aid man to the company which captured a vital bridge. Shortly after the capture of the bridge, the enemy made an attack, and as litter bearer, Private First Class Poirier crossed the bridge under intense accurate enemy rifle, knee-mortar, machine gun, and 90mm mortar fire several times to evacuate wounded. Despite the fact that several men, including one litter bearer, were wounded while attempting to cross the bridge, Private First Class Poirier volunteered to evacuate wounded every time a casualty was reported. His utter disregard of his own safety and devotion to duty made it necessary for his Commanding Officer to order Private First Class Poirier to take cover and wait until the litter squad could cross under cover of an advancing tank. The splendid courage displayed by Private First Class Poirier was an example and inspiration to all men present. Home address: Mr. Archie Poirier (father), 51 Spruce Street, Rumford, Maine.

First Lieutenant EDGAR S. THOMPSON, 01312605, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. A platoon led by First Lieutenant Thompson seized a vital bridge and severed both approaches. Shortly afterwards the enemy attacked the bridge employing small arms, machine guns, knee-mortar, and 90mm mortars. The attack continued for approximately ten hours during which time the leadership and exemplary courage displayed by First Lieutenant Thompson enabled his small force to defend this vital bridge. Despite the fact that several men had been wounded while attempting to cross the bridge, First Lieutenant Thompson, with utter disregard for his own safety, crossed the bridge under intense rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire five times carrying wounded to the opposite end of the bridge. His coolness and bravery was an inspiration to all present, and reflect highest credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Thompson (mother), 1425 "L" Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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GO No. 53, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 9 Apr 45, cont'd.

II. AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class GERALD E. GROVE, 35765779, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. During a shelling by enemy fire of his battery position, Private First Class Grove along with another soldier rushed to the aid of a man who was seriously wounded in the stomach. With utter disregard for his safety, Private First Class Grove shielded the soldier with his own body to protect him from further injury. He then assisted in rendering first aid, and helped carry the wounded man to a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ambulance truck. Home address: Mr. John Grove (father), RFD #4, Decatur, Indiana.

Cornoral JOSEPH J. PUGSLEY, 20924768, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. During a shelling by enemy fire of his battery position, Cornoral Pugsley along with another soldier rushed to the aid of a man who was seriously wounded in the stomach. With utter disregard for his safety, Cornoral Pugsley shielded the soldier with his own body to protect him from further injury. He then assisted in rendering first aid, and helped carry the wounded man to a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ambulance truck. Home address: Mr. Roy P. Pugsley (father), Rossette, Utah.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE T. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Osmond Coombe, Jr.
OSMOND COOMBE, JR.,
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Adjutant General.

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8 April 1945. *24 3 44*

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 52)

ORIGINAL ORDER 5

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class ELLIS RUCKER, 36554006, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Private First Class Rucker volunteered to guard and assist another soldier in the disarming of mines and bombs on a bridge. With full knowledge of the danger of the enemy detonating the mines and bombs, and despite intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire, Private First Class Rucker remained at his post on the bridge. His action, without regard for his personal safety, materially assisted in the disarming of the explosives. Later, while defending the bridgehead, Private First Class Rucker was killed when he disdained to take cover in order to better perform his duty. Next of kin: Mrs Ellis Rucker (wife), 902 West Warren Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant MERLE A. HOWARD, 01173652, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 1 February 1945. First Lieutenant Howard established an artillery observation post near enemy occupied positions, and although his exposed position was continually subjected to enemy fire, he made adjustments which coordinated the fires of the artillery, thereby giving very effective support to the infantry advance. Home address: Mr. W. E. Howard (father), Box 74, Howard, Colorado.

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BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

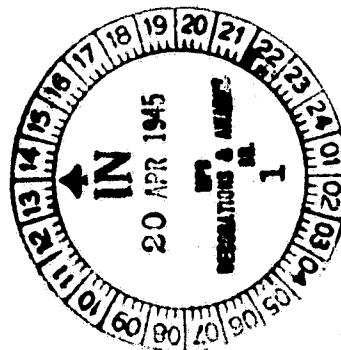
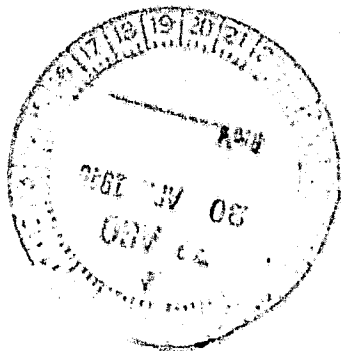
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WRD, USAFFE, APO 501 (1).



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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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7 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 50)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

Technician Fifth Grade MELVIN E. BUSKE, 36076264, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baban, Luzon, P.I., on 4 February 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Buske was driving a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ambulance truck to the forward area when an enemy soldier threw a hand grenade into his vehicle seriously wounding two men. He stopped the vehicle and while under fire from enemy snipers administered first aid. Home address: Mrs. Gussina Buske (mother), RR #1, Troy, Illinois.

Private First Class CONSTANTINE W. COSTARAS, 35063432, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Labrador, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Private First Class Costaras, company aid man, accompanied the assault platoons of a rifle company attacking toward the hills. Then the forward elements reached high ground, enemy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire caused a number of casualties. Private First Class Costaras left his covered position and moved forward to care for the wounded. Without regard for his personal safety he administered first aid to the casualties. As the fire fight continued, Private First Class Costaras remained in the forward area exposed to enemy fire caring for the wounded. He later supervised their evacuation to the rear. Home address: Mrs Mary Carvanis (sister), 1407 E. 55th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Lieutenant Colonel HERMAN A. E. JONES, 0287365, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baban, Luzon, P.I., from 12 February to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mr. Herman E. Jones (father), 245 South Fern Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

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GO No. 50, Hq 40th Inf Div, APO 40, 7 Apr 45, cont'd.

Private First Class GORDON B. PITTMAN, JR, 35710036, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Banban, Luzon, P.I. on 4 February 1945. While proceeding to the forward area in a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton ambulance truck, an enemy soldier threw a grenade into the vehicle. Of the five occupants one was fatally wounded, one seriously wounded, and Private First Class Pittman received a deep laceration of the forehead. Ignoring his own wounds, Private First Class Pittman administered first aid to the other wounded despite the enemy sniper fire directed at the party. He remained with the wounded until help arrived. Home address: Mr. Gordon B. Pittman, Sr, (father), Route 1, Sackliffe, Kentucky.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART

No action taken previously rescinded by GPO- Feb 26, 45
So much of 20 Dec 44, this Headquarters, 15 February 1945, pertaining to Private Charles P. Sirkas, 36329631, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

III. CORRECTION OF GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER

No action taken - no duplicate found
The number of General Orders No. 45, this Headquarters, dated 27 March 1945, which pertains to the announcement of Headquarters Panay Island Command, is corrected to "General Orders No. 51".

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

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Approved
Major J. J. [unclear]
4/5/45

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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 40

6 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 49)

GENERAL ORDER 49
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Pullstin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Second Lieutenant VERLON COLEMAN, O2007392, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near San Fernando, Nagros, P. I., on 6 April 1945. During an engagement with a well-entrenched enemy, Second Lieutenant Coleman so disposed his patrol that, by perfect fire and maneuver, his force was able to kill sixteen of the enemy without a single casualty to the patrol. His personal courage and leadership in this action against a stubborn enemy reflect great credit upon himself and the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs Bessie Coleman (mother), R1 2 Box 24, Selma, California.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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Lt. Col., USA,
Adjutant General.

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Hester Burton
4/26/45*

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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 40

5 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDER)
NUMBER 48)

AWARDING ORDER
AWARDING ORDER BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Captain CHARLES M. HERBST, 0522774, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Irbun, Luzon, P.I., on 20 February 1945. Captain Herbst attached himself to an assault platoon which was ordered to seize and secure a ridge leading to higher ground. The platoon gained its objective, and started to prepare defensive positions. A burst of enemy machine gun fire wounded one man who was unable to crawl to a covered position. As Chaplain Herbst was going to the wounded man's aid, his helmet was struck by enemy fire. With utter disregard for his own safety, Chaplain Herbst continued his mission, and removed the wounded man from the line of fire. Home address: Mr. Charles A. Herbst (father), c/o Signal Electric Manufacturing Company, Menominee, Michigan.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 40

2 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 47)

ORIGINAL ORDER 5 001

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Brigadier General ROBERT O. SHOE, O-8119, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Luzon and Panay, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945, and from 18 March 1945 to 28 March 1945, respectively. During these periods, General Shoe displayed extraordinary courage and outstanding leadership against the enemy in his capacity as Assistant Division Commander. Without regard for his personal safety, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire by accompanying and remaining with forward infantry elements in order to determine definitely the type and location of resistance encountered and to supervise infantry operations. During the advance on and capture of Tarlac, Bamban, and Iloilo, he entered all cities with leading units over roads and bridges exposed to enemy fire and protected by enemy mines. General Shoe's continuous presence with forward elements of the division, his accompanying advancing units through mined areas, and his determination to push forward in spite of enemy resistance and danger to himself, were a great inspiration to the officers and men of the command and contributed immeasurably to the successful conclusion of the operations. Home address: Mrs. Adeline B. Shoe (wife), 3019 Daisy Avenue, Long Beach, California.

By command of Major General BRUCE

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO 40

2 April 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 46)

ORIGINAL ORDER

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Brigadier General HARCOURT HERVEY, 1108621, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. During this period, General Hervey displayed extraordinary courage and leadership against the enemy in his capacity as Commanding General, Division Artillery. Without regard for his personal safety, General Hervey repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire while directing artillery activities in the Zambales mountains west of Fort Stotsenburg. In order to obtain better terrain information, General Hervey repeatedly flew in an artillery observation plane over the enemy's defensive installations, through enemy antiaircraft artillery fire and at times at elevations low enough to subject himself to small arms fire. To assist in controlling and centralizing the fire of Division Artillery and attached troops, General Hervey advanced to forward infantry positions and occupied observation posts clearly exposed to the enemy and within range of small arms fire. To facilitate the use of 155mm guns and 90mm antiaircraft guns as direct-fire weapons, General Hervey directed installations on prominent ridges where his presence was clearly visible to the enemy and where the fire of enemy infantry and supporting weapons was continually falling. General Hervey's continuous presence in the forward areas, his flying over enemy positions, and his presence at forward observation posts and gun positions while under fire were a great inspiration to the officers and men of this command and contributed immeasurably to the successful conclusion of the operations. Home address: Mrs Ruth Hervey (wife), 2284 Moreno Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 45)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class FRED NIELSEN, 39049976, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Private First Class Nielsen, member of a mine detecting team, volunteered as a litter bearer and twice crossed a long bridge to evacuate wounded. Without regard for his personal safety and under intense enemy fire he successfully brought back two of the wounded men. On his third trip he fell fatally wounded from enemy machine gun fire. Private First Class Nielsen's courage and outstanding devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on the military service. Next of kin: Mrs Fred Nielsen (wife), 1717 South Charles Street, Alameda, California.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officer:

Private First Class FRED B. CHILDERS, 35439561, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire, Private First Class Childers volunteered to cross a bridge to evacuate wounded. Despite the fact that several men were wounded while attempting to cross, Private First Class Childers made the trip four times bringing back the wounded men to safety. Although enemy fire continued to spray the bridge, he refused to stop until the job was completed. His outstanding devotion to duty was an inspiration to all and reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs. R. D. Childers (mother), Mayking, Kentucky.

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Technical Sergeant SANTOS A. SANDOVAL, 20912005, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Technical Sergeant Sandoval, under intense enemy fire and with utter disregard for his own safety, cut or disconnected many wires on a bridge, which were connected to electric detonator mines and bombs placed on the bridge. With full knowledge that the wires ran to occupied enemy positions south of the bridge, and that the mines and bombs might be detonated at any minute, Technical Sergeant Sandoval continued his work. His action saved the bridge for use of the United States Army. Home address: Mr N. P. Sandoval (father), 133 E. Mable Avenue, Fullerton, California.

Private First Class ALBERT W. TURBIVILLE, 37031631, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Although wounded early in an engagement, Private First Class Turbiville refused to leave his post at a bridge, and insisted on taking part in the ensuing combat. Upon observing one man of his platoon fall wounded in an area exposed to intense enemy fire, Private First Class Turbiville immediately left cover and despite his wound and continued heavy enemy fire, carried the wounded man to a covered position. Home address: Mr Albert H. Turbiville (father), Camp Crook, South Dakota.

First Lieutenant LAWRENCE W. WANICHEK, 01312610, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Pavia, Panay, P.I., on 21 March 1945. First Lieutenant Wanichok, and his task force, attacked an estimated 150 armed enemy troops, many occupying fortified positions. His brilliant and fearless leadership resulted in the destruction of 60 enemy troops, the capture of one and the dispersal of the remainder. Upon observing one of his men fall wounded in an area exposed to intense enemy fire, First Lieutenant Wanichok rushed forward and carried the wounded man to cover. His prompt decisions, and outstanding leadership inspired his men to close with and destroy a numerically superior enemy force. Home address: Mr Carl W. Wanichok (father), 1004 26th Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bill 3, HD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal was awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

Private First Class JAMES O. CALLICOAT, 35437266, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Under intense enemy automatic weapon fire, Private First Class Callicoat volunteered to aid in the evacuation of casualties from the enemy held side of a river. With utter disregard for his own personal safety and in the face of enemy fire he crossed the bridge and succeeded in evacuating one of the wounded. Crossing the second time, he was wounded by enemy machine gun fire. His courage was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Home address: Mrs Lucy Callicoat (mother), Greasy Ridge, Ohio.

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First Lieutenant WALKER CARLTON, 0416075, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Pavia, Panay, P.I., on 20 March 1945. During an engagement with the enemy it was necessary to move a force to a more favorable position. Due to the sudden reverse movement of a tank, First Lieutenant Carlton was run over by the vehicle, which severely bruised his legs. Almost simultaneously three men were wounded by enemy machine gun fire and rifle fire. Although injured, he voluntarily stayed and supervised the evacuation of the wounded and movement of the force to a different location. First Lieutenant Carlton was one of the last to leave the hazardous position. His utter disregard of his injury was an inspiration to all and reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr W. H. Carlton (father), 3567 Vermont Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Major WILLIAM J. CLOUGH, 0418533, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Major Clough exposed himself to enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire to disarm mines on a bridge, and later carried a wounded man across the bridge to the aid station. His devotion to duty reflects credit upon the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs William J. Clough (wife), 527 Buena Vista, Redlands, California.

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE S. CROW, 35315112, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Staff Sergeant Crow, without regard for his safety, courageously exposed himself to intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire by swimming the rapid currents of a river to aid a messenger who had become exhausted. His courage under enemy fire reflects high credit upon the military service. Home address: Mrs Colia Davis (sister), Rural Route 2, Cortland, Ohio.

Captain JACK R. GATES, 0416083, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs Jack R. Gates (wife), 4119 California Street, San Francisco, California.

Private IRVING KELLER, 32296971, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 13 February 1945. Private Keller, without regard for his personal safety, moved through heavy enemy sniper and machine gun fire to obtain blood plasma from an aid station for badly wounded men in a forward position. While in the rear area he obtained Tank Destroyers to evacuate the wounded. At great risk to himself, he led the Tank Destroyers over 800 yards of the flat terrain which was covered by enemy fire. The blood plasma was administered to the severely wounded and all of them were successfully evacuated. Home address: Mrs Anna Keller (mother), 334 East 4th Street, New York City, New York.

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Private First Class OSCAR A. MOLINA, 39280362, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Jaro, Panay, P.I., on 21 March 1945. Private First Class Molina upon locating an enemy pillbox occupied by four armed soldiers, without consideration for his own safety, attacked the position singlehanded. Under intense enemy rifle fire, Private First Class Molina killed two of the enemy and drove the other two from the pillbox, whereupon they were killed by other members of his squad. Private First Class Molina's courage was an inspiration to all men of his company and reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Artemiza Molina (mother), 1551½ Henry Street, Los Angeles, California.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain JAMES M. HOFFMANN, by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 16, 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bull 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain JAMES M. HOFFMANN, 0380064, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iloilo, Panay, P.I., on 19 March 1945. Captain Hoffmann exposed himself to intense enemy rifle, machine gun, and mortar fire to disarm mines on a bridge, and later swam to the rescue of a messenger who became exhausted in the rapid currents of a river. His courage reflects high credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs James M. Hoffmann (wife), 4101 N. Kilbourn Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

V. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant LYNN S. FULLER, 01180900, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Bumban, Luzon, P.I., on 13 February 1945. While under enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire, on a voluntary low-level flight in an artillery liaison plane, First Lieutenant Fuller piloted the plane from which surrender leaflets were dropped. Verifying the exact location of enemy positions while on this flight, First Lieutenant Fuller provided information of great value to the Army Air Forces on their bombing missions. Home address: Mrs Grace V. Fuller (mother), 525 W. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Maryland.

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VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

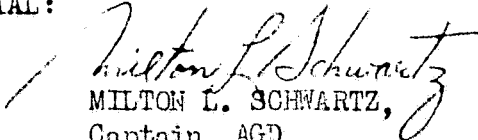
By direction of the President, in addition to the Air Medal awarded to First Lieutenant WARREN G. BRANDOW by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division as published on page 2, Section II, General Orders No. 21, dated 24 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bull 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bull 49, WD, 1942). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant WARREN G. BRANDOW, 01176265, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. First Lieutenant Brandow piloted an Artillery Liaison Plane carrying an infantry officer observer while troops were making an assault on a hill. When the enemy positions could not be seen by our advance elements, First Lieutenant Brandow flew his plane through heavy antiaircraft fire maneuvering it close enough to the ground for the observer to shout to the advancing infantrymen which aided them in locating the enemy positions. First Lieutenant Brandow flew over a period of four hours under these conditions materially aiding the infantry battalion to reach its objective. Home address: Mrs Millie Durr (aunt), 8972 Cooper Ave., Forest Hills, New York.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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Chief of Staff.

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Captain, AGD,
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AWARDS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, FD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel ALAN B. BURNHAM, 0279852, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs Alan B. Burnham (wife), 4233½ Montgomery Street, Oakland, California.

Lieutenant Colonel RUEL M. ESKELSEN, 0247148, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs Ruel M. Eskelsen (wife), 64 North 2d West, Logan, Utah.

Captain JACK M. MINNOCH, 0425007, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 28 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Jack M. Minnoch (wife), 2451 Taylor Ave., Ogden, Utah.

Lieutenant Colonel WALLACE H. NICKELL, 0234267, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs Wallace H. Nickell (wife), 2610 College Ave., Berkeley, California.

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES C. THORSTENSEN, 0283700, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs Charles C. Thorstensen (wife), 1515 29th St., Ogden, Utah.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE T. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 43)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 111

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Bulletin 43, WP, 1913), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class GOTTHARD B. BERQUAM, 36219220, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Clark Field, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. Three men of a rifle Company were wounded by enemy fire coming from concealed positions in a cave. Intense machine gun and mortar fire prevented the evacuation of the wounded by litter. Private First Class Berquam with complete disregard for his personal safety and at the risk of his life crossed with another soldier through the enemy fire to where the wounded men were lying. When his companion was killed, Private First Class Berquam continued the evacuation alone until the wounded were in a safe location. Home address: Mrs Manda Berquam (Mother), Hye, Wisconsin.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATTIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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NUMBER 42)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 421

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named officers:

Lieutenant Colonel FRANK S. HUMMEL, O-22559, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 2 March 1945. Home address: Mrs Frank S. Hummel (wife), 1930 South 17th East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Colonel RALPH E. MERRITT, O-232508, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Clark Field, Luzon, P.I., from 5 February 1945 to 21 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Ralph E. Merritt (wife), PO Box 71, Livermore, California.

By command of Major General ERUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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Oswald Coombe, Jr.
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24 March 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 41)

General Order

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal SAMUEL L. ARMSTRONG, 7084147, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near O'Donnell, Luzon, P.I., on 8 February 1945. Corporal Armstrong, rode in a $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton truck, which was immediately behind the point vehicle of a Cavalry Reconnaissance Platoon proceeding from O'Donnell into the Crow Valley, which afforded no cover or concealment. Suddenly the enemy from concealed, prepared positions opened heavy automatic weapon and rifle fire on the column, and the lead vehicle was disabled. Corporal Armstrong remained in his vehicle and returned the fire keeping the enemy down. This action gave other members of the platoon an opportunity to retire to a suitable defense position. Home address: Mrs Ada Armstrong (mother), Rural Route #8, Knoxville, Tennessee.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal HAROLD D. JONES, 19081653, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Betty Lou Jones (wife), 923 West 84th St., Los Angeles, California.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATTIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

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NUMBER 40)

ORIGINAL ORDER - 111

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JASPER PENEUX, 37078698, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 21 February 1945. Private First Class Peneaux voluntarily joined a patrol to scale a steep hill under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire to recover the body of a soldier who had been lost by another patrol only an hour before. Private First Class Peneaux assisted three other riflemen in covering the patrol leader while he made the last few yards to recover the body. Although in great danger of falling from the cliff and exposed to enemy machine gun fire, Private First Class Peneaux, aided in bringing the body to safety. Home address: Mr. George Peneaux (father), Wood, South Dakota.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
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GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 39)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARD OF SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1913 (Bulletin 43, IB, 1913), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named officer:

Major JOHN D. McSEVNEY, O-372608, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Summit King Mountain in the Bamban Hills, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Major McSevney, in preparing for the assault of his battalion against prepared enemy positions on the crest of Northwest Ridge, from which intense mortar and machine gun fire was causing casualties among our troops, made a personal reconnaissance, advancing beyond our lines to within one hundred yards of the enemy and was able to locate individual Japanese automatic weapons. Upon his return in order to find a place of vantage from which to issue his attack order, Major McSevney found it necessary to select a position subject to enemy observation and there was killed by enemy machine gun fire. Next of kin: Mrs. Marthella McSevney (wife), 572 Avacado Crest Dr., La Habra Heights, California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Fifth Grade CHARLES E. DILL JR., 13176988, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Cagay, Luzon, P.I., on 25 January 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Dill displayed heroism and bravery during a two hour enemy attack. Without regard for his own safety he covered the perimeter checking each man for casualties and administering first aid despite heavy enemy fire. The courage displayed by Technician Fifth Grade Dill reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr. Charles E. Dill (father), 253 Moore St., Moorestown, New Jersey.

First Sergeant FOSTER E. FILSON, 20322303, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 21 February 1945. First Sergeant Filson voluntarily joined a patrol to scale a steep hill under intense

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enemy rifle and machine gun fire to recover the body of a soldier who had been lost by another patrol only an hour before. First Sergeant Filson assisted three other riflemen in covering the patrol leader while he made the last few yards to recover the body. Although in great danger of falling from the cliff and exposed to enemy machine gun fire, First Sergeant Filson, aided in bringing the body to safety. Home address: Mrs Foster E. Filson (wife), c/o O. N. McCann, RFD 1, Lake Waco, Waco, Texas.

Technical Sergeant RICHARD K. HESS, 20910941, Infantry United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Barbar, Luzon, P.I., on 21 February 1945. Technical Sergeant Hess voluntarily joined a patrol to scale a steep hill under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire to recover the body of a soldier who had been lost by another patrol only an hour before. Technical Sergeant Hess assisted three other riflemen in covering the patrol leader while he made the last few yards to recover the body. Although in great danger of falling from the cliff and exposed to enemy machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant Hess, aided in bringing the body to safety. Home address: Mrs Julia B. Hess (mother), 532 North Now Ave., Monterey Park, California.

Private First Class ROBERT E. HODSON, 35362044, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Capas, Luzon, P.I., on 23 January 1945. Private First Class Hodson manned a machine gun during a two hour enemy attack. Although isolated for a period of time, he remained in his position despite heavy enemy fire, and when his machine gun failed to function, Private First Class Hodson, made the necessary repairs and continued to fire. The courage and bravery displayed by Private First Class Hodson reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Robert E. Hodson (wife), c/o A. E. Simmerman, Rt #1 Fortville, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant GILLIS T. MAY, 38101344, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Barbar, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. Staff Sergeant May deliberately moved forward of his squad to an exposed position on a hill in order to draw enemy fire and cause the enemy to reveal their positions. Though wounded by machine gun fire, he remained in position until sufficient information was obtained to permit the destruction of the enemy positions. Home address: Mr. James J. May (father), Foute #1, Ocala, Texas.

Staff Sergeant EDWIN D. MCKENDRICK, 6927081, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Barbar, Luzon, P.I., on 21 February 1945. Staff Sergeant McKendrick voluntarily joined a patrol to scale a steep hill under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire to recover the body of a soldier who had been lost by another patrol only an hour before. Staff Sergeant McKendrick assisted three other riflemen in covering the patrol leader while he made the last few yards to recover the body. Although in great danger of falling from

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the cliff and exposed to enemy machine gun fire, Staff Sergeant McKendrick, aided in bringing the body to safety. Home address: Mrs Edwin D. McKendrick (wife), 5042 Whitfield, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class BYRON S. OWEN, 39712291, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. As a radio operator for a forward observer team, Private First Class Owen was relaying fire orders by radio when his position was subjected to enemy mortar and machine gun fire. Unable to maintain good communication from his protected position, Private First Class Owen moved his radio out in an open and unprotected area and at the risk of his life maintained communication assisting the artillery to break up an enemy counter-attack. Home address: Mr. Frank Owen (brother), 641 East Saxon, Wilmar, California.

Technician Fifth Grade HAUSTAD E. PETERSEN, 20913146, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 17 February 1945. While guarding the wounded of a party isolated on one of the many hills in this sector, Technician Fifth Grade Peterson twice manned a machine gun to draw the fire of an enemy sniper who was making the approach of aid men difficult. With utter disregard for his safety he remained at his position until the aid men were safely under cover and in a position to help the wounded. Home address: Mr. Louis H. Peterson (father), Route #6, Box 137, Stockton, California.

Lieutenant Colonel JAMES G. RUCKLE, O-239964, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 4 February 1945. Home address: Mrs James G. Ruckle (wife), 4872 Presidio Drive, Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant GORDON M. STAGG, 20922657, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Capas, Luzon, P.I., on 23 January 1945. During a two hour enemy attack, Sergeant Stagg, without regard for his personal safety crawled over two hundred yards under heavy enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire to distribute ammunition to his men. He later helped move the wounded to the rear. The action of Sergeant Stagg reflects high credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mr. John Stagg (father), Vernal, Utah.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) LEX M. STOUT, O-364285, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 9 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Lex M. Stout (wife), 1849 Fair Park Ave., Eagle Rock, California.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Lieutenant Colonel John K. Wright III, by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, as published by page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 9, 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Orders No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel JOHN K. WRIGHT, III, O/16131, Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 20 January 1945, near Parlac, Luzon, P.I. Accompanied by only one soldier and a guerrilla, Lieutenant Colonel Wright made a personal reconnaissance of the approaches to the city, investigating all possible routes of entry. Although at times as far as five miles forward of the leading infantry units and in constant danger of enemy action, Lieutenant Colonel Wright, without regard for his own safety, carefully determined possible presence of mine fields; present and potential capacity of bridges, including the time and amount and location of materials necessary for their repair and strengthening; classes of road surfaces and their vehicular capacity under varying conditions of weather; and the course to be followed where bridges had been destroyed by enemy action. Lieutenant Colonel Wright's reconnaissance was of inestimable value to the Division for subsequent operations. Home address: Mrs Alice T. Wright (wife), 7347 Valmont St, Tujunga, California.

IV. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9153, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Captain DOE W. STEVENSON, O/24821, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Baber, Luzon, P.I., from 28 January to 13 February 1945. During two voluntary low-level flights in an artillery liaison plane, Captain Stevenson dropped surrender leaflets while under enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire. On another occasion, although subjected to intense anti-aircraft fire, Captain Stevenson verified the exact locations of the enemy's positions, thus providing information of great value in increasing the Army Air Forces' bombing missions later the same day. Home address: Mrs Irene Edward Stevenson (mother), 28 West 5th North, Logan, Utah.

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By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

C. Oswald Coombe, Jr.
OSWALD COOMBE, JR.,
Lt. Col., ACD,
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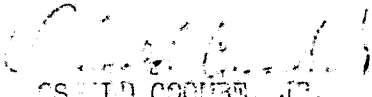
By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9411, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944) a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named officer:

Lieutenant Colonel HERVE BRAZE, 039765L, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January 1945 to 18 January 1945. Home address: Sons of Mrs Ethel G. Braze (wife), 3853 Harvey Avenue, Fresno California.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


CECIL COCOBE, JR.,
Lt. Col., ASD,
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11 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 37)

ORIGINAL ORDER # 2147

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, D, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JUNIOR C. TOMEY, 35421679, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945. During an attack by his company on a heavily fortified hill, one of the men in his platoon was seriously wounded. Private First Class Tomey voluntarily left his covered position to go forward under heavy fire, a distance of approximately fifty yards to assist in carrying the wounded man to cover. He volunteered to remain with this casualty while the aid man administered first aid and until such time as he could be evacuated. Private First Class Tomey moved to a position on commanding ground where he could better protect the wounded man, and was mortally wounded by enemy sniper fire. Private First Class Tomey's great courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to the officers and men of the company. Next of kin: Mrs Midge Lantz (mother), Buchanan, West Virginia.

By command of Major General ERUSH:

GEORGE A. LATNER,
Colonel, GSO,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Osward Cochrane, Jr.
OSWARD COCHRANE, JR.,
Lt. Col., AFM,
Adjutant General.

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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 36)

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9417, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Major JUDY W. PAYNE, 656091, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Embun, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February and 12 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Joseph Baxter (wife), 276 S. Alhambra Ave., Pasadena, California.

Private First Class ROY S. CARR, 37019779, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Embun, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February and 16 February 1945. Private First Class Carr and other men of his squad were posted on the perimeter of a newly occupied hill upon which the enemy made repeated counter-attacks. In repulsing the enemy attacks their supply of hand grenades was exhausted and the rifles of the two men on the right and left of Private First Class Carr jammed. Enemy knee mortar fire and hand grenades fell continuously on their positions seriously wounding one man. When the other man of his squad became panicky, he displayed exceptional leadership and courage by persuading them to remain at their posts to fight hand to hand should the enemy close in and with his own repulsed attack after attack taking a heavy toll of the enemy. By persuading the men of his squad to remain at their positions he held the perimeter intact. Private First Class Carr's courage and bravery reflects high credit on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Emma Carr (mother), Twohee, Minnesota.

Private First Class WALTER E. DAVID, 37025329, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near O'Donnell, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. Private First Class David, rode in a tank, which was immediately behind the unit vehicle of a Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron proceeding from O'Donnell into the Crow Valley, which afforded no cover or concealment. Suddenly the enemy from concealed positions opened heavy automatic weapon and rifle fire on the column, and the lead vehicle was disabled. Private First Class David remaining in the line of fire and using his machine gun, reduced the

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situation to the following elements of the column and thus made it possible for the remainder of the platoon to escape the trap. Home address: Mrs Walter M. David, (wife), P.O. Box 456, Harmondale, Maryland.

Technical Sergeant WALTER P. DEXTER, 20110643, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Famban, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945. During an attack on a fortified ridge Technical Sergeant Dexter's platoon was subjected to heavy enemy machine and rifle fire from emplacements in caves on the side of a hill. Technical Sergeant Dexter made an immediate personal reconnaissance, and placed his men in positions from which neutralizing fire could be placed on enemy positions. This action prevented the enemy from bringing effective fire on his company as it advanced toward its objective. Due to the outstanding courage, initiative, and leadership displayed by Technical Sergeant Dexter, the company was able to capture its objective without sustaining casualties. Home address: Mrs Anna Dexter (mother), 759 E Street, Fresno, California.

Lieutenant Colonel LEONARD E. SCHOLS, 0297057, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Famban, Luzon, P.I., on 24 February and 25 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Leonard E. Schols (wife), 1720 Washington, San Francisco, California.

First Lieutenant JAMES M. FLINCHUM, 01380670, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Aloja Mine, Luzon, P.I., on 21 January 1945. Home address: Mrs J. M. Flinchum (mother), Shirkwood Hotel, Wichita, Kansas.

Major ALVIN E. HOWELL, 0201374, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Famban, Luzon, P.I., on 26 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Margaret V. Howell (wife), 311 West 40th Street, Ontario, California.

Lieutenant Colonel ALLAN I. LEONARD, JR., 0341542, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Famban, Luzon, P.I., from 9 February to 26 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Allan I. Leonard, Jr, (wife), 1730 Victoria Ave., Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant JOHN B. HASTWY, 01013273, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baganon, Luzon, P.I., on 19 January 1945. Infantry elements held up by a well fortified enemy road block requested the assistance of First Lieutenant Hastwy and his force of four combatable tanks. Upon their arrival the enemy tankettes opened fire. The fire was returned with excellent effect. First Lieutenant Hastwy directed his force from the over turret of the command vehicle, was wounded in the arm and face. Dis-

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regarding his wounds, he remained in his position. The short encounter resulted in the destruction of four enemy tankettes and the road block was cleared. At this time First Lieutenant MacEvoy proceeded to the rear for medical aid. Home address: Mrs Ray S. MacEvoy (mother), 294 Western Drive S., South Orange, New Jersey.

Captain WALTER T. O'BRIEN, 0490377, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamber, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. Attaching himself to an assault rifle company Captain O'Brien, without regard for his personal safety, called upon a heavy enemy fire from one wounded man to another giving them aid and consolation. His courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to the officers and men of the company. Home address: Mr. J. O'Brien (father), 234 Sourville Place, Yonkers, New York.

First Lieutenant GEORGE P. OROSHKO, 01287051, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamber, P.I., on 21 February 1945. First Lieutenant Oroshko voluntarily led a patrol whose mission was to scale a steep hill under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire to recover the body of a soldier who had been lost by another patrol only an hour before. First Lieutenant Oroshko and one other man crawled forward to the body where it lay near the edge of a steep cliff. Within fifty yards of an enemy machine gun and near the edge of the cliff, they succeeded in tying a rope to the body and dragging it back to where it could be loaded on a litter and moved by the patrol to a safe location. Home address: Mrs Bertha Oroshko, (mother), 123 West 7th Street, New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant STEPHEN C. PERRY, 01021273, Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on the Bolinao Peninsula, Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 27 January 1945. Home address: Mrs Stephen C. Perry (wife), 25 Plaza Font Bona, Brooklyn, New York.

Staff Sergeant MERVIN T. MCKIFFE, 20911001, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamber, Luzon, P.I., on 21 February 1945. Staff Sergeant McKiffe voluntarily participated in a patrol whose mission was to scale a steep hill under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire to recover a body of a soldier who had been lost by another patrol only an hour before. Within fifty yards of an enemy machine gun and near the edge of the cliff, they succeeded in tying a rope to the body and dragging it back to where it could be loaded on a litter and moved by the patrol to a safe location. Home address: Mr. Carl Buckliff (father), 208 E. Los Angeles Street, Del Mar Park, California.

Technical Sergeant EVERETT R. SPILLWORTH, 36617122, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamber, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945.

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During an attack of a heavily fortified hill by his company, an officer was wounded. He was unable to move from his exposed location and consequently suffered a second wound. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, Technical Sergeant Steinhoff moved forward from a position of safety and successfully moved the officer a distance of thirty yards to cover. During this period, Technical Sergeant Steinhoff was constantly exposed to the enemy. His courage and heroic actions were a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs Mary Steinhoff (mother) 7324 Cedar Ave., Riverside, Illinois

Sergeant ALFRED L. SIMONS, 0426621, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabar, Luzon, P. I., from 9 February to 26 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Edw. L. Simons (wife), 329 20th Street, Manhattan Beach, California.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH V. WELFL, 37038220, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Sabar, Luzon, P.I., 25 February 1945. During the attack of a fortified hill, the leading platoon could not advance because of heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire. Staff Sergeant Welfl, acting platoon Sergeant, upon his own initiative and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, crawled to the top of a nearby hill, located the enemy machine gun, and by placing accurate rifle fire on its location, succeeded in killing one member of the crew and driving the others into the open where they were killed by other members of his platoon. This action by Staff Sergeant Welfl materially aided the success of the attack. Home address: Mrs Clara H. Welfl (mother), Springfield, South Dakota.

II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9153, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, D, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Major ALBERT J. FULIC, 0372144, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in an aerial flight near Sabar, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. Major Fulic, from an artillery division plane directed mortar fire on enemy positions that could not be seen from the ground. In spite of anti-aircraft fire, without regard for his own personal safety, he continued his reports and fire adjustments until the troops had gained complete control over the objective area. His action enabled a rapid advance over the open, knife-edge approach which was covered with enemy positions directly in the path of the attackers. The action of Major Fulic reflects high credit on the arms of the United States. Home address: Mrs Albert J. Fulic (wife), 740 N. Redline, Ukiah, California

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division to the following named Officer and Enlisted Men:


1st Lt JOHN D. MACEVOY, 01013273, Cavalry, United States Army.
For wounds received in action at Bugallon, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945.
Home address: Mrs Roy MacEvoy (mother), 294 Eastern Drive S., South Orange, N.J.

Pfc CLIFFORD ANDERSON, 36647595, Cavalry, United States Army.
For wounds received in action at Bugallon, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945.
Home address: Mrs Ellen Sandin (mother), 850 Buckingham Pl., Chicago 13, Ill.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:


OSWALD COCBER, JR.,
Lt. Col., AGD,
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11 March 1945

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 35)

ORIGINAL ORDER # 2211

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, FD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JAMES E. NELSON, 36211039, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Marban, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. On this date Private First Class Nelson, acting as a lead scout for the platoon, led the attack on a heavily fortified hill. He climbed the hill under heavy enemy fire but did not hesitate until he reached the top whereupon he reconnoitered to the front and right flank to insure a safe approach for the right squad of the platoon. With the arrival of his squad, he continued forward to engage a group of enemy riflemen on an adjacent hill while his squad moved into position to take up the fire fight. Private First Class Nelson performed his duties as scout in an exemplary manner without regard to personal safety. Next of kin: Mrs. Alotta H. Nelson (mother), 1241 N. Van Leren St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sect. II, Bulletin 3, FD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class LOREN W. ADAMS, 36203515, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Marban, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. Acting as lead scout for his platoon, Private First Class Adams led the attack on a heavily fortified hill. He did not hesitate while climbing the hill even though shrapnel from enemy guns was flying around him. Upon reaching the top of the hill, he insured a safe approach for the left squad of the platoon and they moved forward. He continued forward and spotting a group of enemy riflemen on an adjacent hill, immediately engaged them in a fire fight. Due to his steady and accurate rate of fire, his squad was able to maneuver safely

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into position to take up the fire fight. He performed his duties as a lead scout in an exemplary manner without regard to personal safety. Home address: Mrs. Sophia M. Adams, (mother), 211 Lincoln Street, Antigo, Wisconsin.

Private First Class EARL R. COMBS, 35463431, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 23 February 1945. During an attack by the company to which he was attached as aid man, two men were trapped in a drain. Upon learning that both of the men were wounded, Private First Class Combs volunteered to go on a patrol to remove the wounded from the area which was under intense enemy machine gun fire. While on this mission, Private First Class Combs received wounds in his right arm. Despite these wounds and with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he continued to advance with the patrol through intense machine gun fire toward the casualties. Private First Class Combs' courage in the face of enemy fire and his determination to save the lives of his fellow soldiers was an inspiration to all the men of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Maggie Combs, (mother), 1115 Grove Street, Middletown, Ohio.

Private First Class ERNEST M. DECKER, 20912174, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945. During an attack on a hill heavily fortified by the enemy, two men were wounded and trapped in a narrow drain. Private First Class Decker volunteered to go down on a rescue patrol, but was pinned down by enemy machine gun and sniper fire. In a second attempt, he was seriously injured when an explosion hurled him against a boulder. His courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mrs. Ernest M. Decker (wife), 621 South Parton Street, Santa Ana, California.

Staff Sergeant MARCEL A. DIETRICH, 20912175, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 19 February 1945. During the advance of his patrol into enemy territory, intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire was encountered and two of his men were wounded. Staff Sergeant Dietrich, while under fire, assisted in carrying these men to safety where first aid could be rendered. Staff Sergeant Dietrich's devotion to duty and his determination to help save the lives of fellow soldiers was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mrs. Arnold Nichols, (sister), 620 1/2 S. Grand Street, Los Angeles, California.

L. J. C.

Private First Class LOWELL POWERS, 35657615, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bataan, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945.

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When the platoon to which he was attached as aid man launched an attack on a heavily fortified hill, one of the men was seriously wounded. Private First Class Fonduk went to his aid. Due to the seriousness of the wound, he chose to give first aid to the wounded soldier at the place where he fell rather than bring him back to cover. Private First Class Fonduk's devotion to duty and his determination to help save the lives of his fellow soldiers was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mr. John Fonduk (father), Earling, West Virginia.

Staff Sergeant DOUGLAS GOODBIRD, 37023614, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Lusan, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945. During an attack by his company on a heavily fortified hill, one of the men was wounded and rolled into a draw. Without regard for personal safety, Staff Sergeant Goodbird, while under enemy rifle and machine gun fire, went into the draw after the wounded man and with the assistance of another soldier, brought the wounded man back to cover where first aid could be rendered. Staff Sergeant Goodbird's devotion to duty and his determination to save the life of his fellow soldier was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mr. Ben Goodbird (brother), Elbowoods, North Dakota.

Private MERTIN E. HESSE, 20912525, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Lusan, Luzon, P.I., from 3 February to 15 February 1945. When a platoon sergeant was wounded by machine gun fire, Private Hesse, a company aid man, with utter disregard for his own personal safety crossed an open area under enemy fire and administered first aid. After carrying the man to safety, Private Hesse refused to render aid to other men. Private Hesse's bravery reflects high credit on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Alice C. Hesse (mother), 1265 Vagades Street, Fresno, California.

Private First Class DONALD J. HOIT, 170637035, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Lusan, Luzon, P.I., from 12 February to 17 February 1945. While the company to which Private First Class Hoyt was attached as aid man was under mortar fire from the enemy, a piece of shrapnel partially severed the jugular vein of a platoon sergeant. With utter disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire, applied first aid to the wounded man, and then evacuated him down the hill, where he could receive attention from the surgeon. On another occasion while treating an injured man, he observed an enemy soldier crawling from a cave with a grenade. Just as the enemy soldier prepared to throw the grenade, he diverted his attention enabling our soldiers to dispose of him. Private First Class Hoyt's courage and devotion to duty was a source of inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mr James E. Hoyt (father), New Sharon, Iowa.

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Technician Fifth Grade HOMER L. JENKINS, 18086204, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. When the platoon to which he was attached as an aid man encountered enemy fire, one man was wounded. Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins rushed forward, pulled the wounded man back a few yards, and there administered first aid. On another occasion, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, he exposed himself to enemy mortar fire to administer first aid to a wounded man. Technician Fifth Grade Jenkins' courage and devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his unit. Home address: Mr James L. Jenkins (father), Box 161, Bethany, Oklahoma

Technician Fifth Grade MATTHEW P. KELLEY, 31041340, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Kelley went forward from the covered area under heavy machine gun and mortar fire to give first aid to a wounded man, then with the assistance of another soldier, helped to evacuate him to the rear. Technician Fifth Grade Kelley's bravery particularly inspired the men of the attacking company. Home address: Mr William J. Kelley (father), 56 Palmer St., Arlington, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant JOEL D. KLINGLER, 39005197, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Luahan, Luzon, P.I., on 21 February 1945. As his company was advancing up a heavily fortified hill under enemy rifle and machine gun fire, one man was seriously wounded. Staff Sergeant Klingler, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, picked up the casualty and carried him down the hill to cover. Staff Sergeant Klingler's determination in the face of enemy fire to save the life of a wounded man was a great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs Maud May Harrington (mother), RR #1, Nixa, Missouri.

Private First Class CHARLES E. MCCORMICK, 36687951, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tapan, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945: During an attack by his company on a heavily fortified hill, two men were wounded and trapped by the enemy in a narrow draw. Private First Class McCormick volunteered to go on a patrol to rescue the men, but the patrol could not reach its objective due to heavy enemy fire. Later in the day, with others of the patrol, Private First Class McCormick made a second attempt to reach the wounded, and on this occasion, he was unable to observe the casualties in the area where they were previously seen. Private First Class McCormick's devotion to duty and his determination to help save the lives of fellow soldiers was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mrs Etta McCormick (mother), Chandlerville, Illinois.

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Private First Class FRANCIS J. O'KEEFE, 37031321, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Barban, Luzon, P.I., on 19 February and 22 February 1945. While a member of a patrol on 19 February 1945 which encountered heavy enemy machine gun fire from three different directions; he left his protected position, and assisted in evacuating two wounded men to cover. During an attack by his company on 22 February 1945, Private First Class O'Keefe and five other men were trapped under enemy fire for several hours. After a thorough visual reconnaissance for covered approaches and with much difficulty, he was able to lead these men back to rejoin their platoon. Private First Class O'Keefe's devotion to duty and his determination to help save the lives of fellow soldiers was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mr William O'Keefe (father), 250 Rice Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Technician Fourth Grade ROLLAND G. ORTON, 37023754, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Barban, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. During the hours of darkness, enemy knee mortar shells fell in the perimeter of the company to which Technician Fourth Grade Orton was attached as an aid man, and one enlisted man was wounded. Without regard for his own personal safety, and under enemy fire, he left his foxhole, and went to the aid of the wounded man. He stayed with him until he could be evacuated. Technician Fourth Grade Orton's actions particularly inspired the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mr William Orton (father), Rt. 1, Oak Park, Minnesota.

Technician Fifth Grade MANUEL P. PONTES, 39013366, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 17 February 1945. While a member of a party that was protecting a group of wounded men, Private First Class Pontes suddenly noticed an enemy soldier about four feet from an American Officer. Acting instantly, he shouted a warning to the officer and at the same time threw dirt and rocks into the enemy's face causing him to drop behind a ridge. A few minutes later the enemy reappeared and Technician Fifth Grade Pontes killed him with one shot. Technician Fifth Grade Pontes' courage reflects high credit on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Gertrude Pontes (mother), Box 29571, Niles Road, Hayward, California.

Private First Class LLOYD D. PRAIN, 6332607, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Barban, Luzon, P.I., on 21 February and 22 February 1945. During an attack by his company on a heavily fortified hill, two men were wounded and trapped in a narrow draw which was covered by enemy rifle and machine gun fire. Private First Class Prain volunteered to go on a patrol to rescue these men. In this attempt one man was mortally wounded and Private First Class Prain, who was under enemy small arms fire, pulled the soldier

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from the open area to cover. On 22 February 1945, Private First Class Prain, volunteered to go on another patrol into the draw to rescue a wounded man. After killing three of the enemy during the fire fight, he was badly wounded. Private First Class Prain's courage was an inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mr James Gons (friend), Rt. 1, Box 303, Utica, Detroit, Michigan.

Technical Sergeant JENJAN RUBIO, 20912231, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Lashan, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945. During an attack by his company of a heavily fortified hill, the leading platoon encountered heavy machine gun and sniper fire. At this time Technical Sergeant Rubio, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, kept advancing toward the men who were wounded to render first aid. About thirty feet from the wounded, the enemy fire became so intense that it was impossible to go any further. He withdrew to cover and rejoined his company. Later in the day, Technical Sergeant Rubio voluntarily organized a patrol of nine men to try to evacuate the casualties. As they advanced up the draw they again encountered enemy sniper fire but he continued to advance toward the wounded men. Technical Sergeant Rubio's courage in the face of enemy fire and his determination to save the lives of his fellow soldiers was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs Sailer Rubio (mother), Route #1, Box 329, Anaheim, California.

Sergeant CHESTER F. RUTKOWSKI, 36620270, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Lashan, Luzon, P.I., on 22 February 1945. During an attack by his company on a heavily fortified hill, one of the men was wounded and rolled into a draw. Without regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Rutkowski, while under enemy rifle and machine gun fire, went into the draw after the wounded man and with the assistance of another soldier brought him back to the trail where first aid could be rendered. Sergeant Rutkowski's devotion to duty and his determination to help save the life of his fellow soldier was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs Angeline Rutkowski (mother), 4343 Hermitage St., Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class VERL M. SASSER, 35526229, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baguashador road, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. The company to which Private First Class Sasser was attached was engaged in a sustained fire fight with the enemy and under intense mortar and machine gun fire. During the action one of the automatic-rifle gunners was wounded and his gun was put out of action. Private First Class Sasser, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, ran forward through the enemy fire and put the automatic-rifle in action. He directed accurate fire on an enemy machine

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gun that was firing into his platoon's area until it was silenced. Private First Class Sasser's action was an excellent example to all who witnessed it. Home address: Mrs Rose Sasser (mother), Lida, Kentucky.

Technician Fourth Grade ERWIN G. STRECKERT, 38096336, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Dalig, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. When the company to which he was attached as aid man came under heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, he left his foxhole and administered first aid to the wounded. While aiding the wounded, enemy fire caused additional casualties. Technician Fourth Grade Streckert continued his work without regard for his personal safety. His courage was a great inspiration to all who were near him. Home address: Mr George Streckert (father), Route 3, Caldwell, Texas.

Staff Sergeant JACOB J. SUTTER, 39077843, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Damban, Luzon, P.I., on 3 February 1945. During an attack by his platoon of a heavily fortified hill, Staff Sergeant Sutter was wounded in the face. He refused to return to the aid station but continued to lead his platoon and remained with them until the action was over. Staff Sergeant Sutter's courage reflects high credit on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Madalena Sutter (mother), Sawyer, North Dakota.

Technician Fifth Grade FRED WELCH, 33037447, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Anapul, Luzon, P.I., on 26 January 1945. Near morning, the enemy fired several artillery shells into the area where Technician Fifth Grade Welch, a company aid man, was located. This fire seriously wounded several men. With utter disregard for his own safety, he left his protected position to move approximately fifty yards across open ground to give first aid to the wounded. In spite of flying shrapnel and shell bursts nearby, he stayed with the wounded, applied tourniquets, and treated minor wounds. Technician Fifth Grade Welch's courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to the men and officers of the company. Home address: Mrs G. C. Welch (mother), Route 2, Henderson, Texas.

Private First Class RAYMON S. WILKINSON, 20910366, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Damban, Luzon, P.I., 26 February 1945. Private First Class Wilkinson was the leading scout of a platoon making a patrol in enemy occupied territory. His excellent scouting enabled him to locate the enemy before his own patrol was discovered. He established contact and killed one of the enemy. His thorough reconnaissance prevented any of his platoon from being fired on until they had first opened fire on the enemy. At all times he was ahead of his platoon to draw enemy fire and make the enemy expose his positions. Private First Class Wilkinson carefully investigated all potential enemy position areas and signalled his platoon forward only

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after he had definitely located the enemy. His excellent performance of duty enabled the platoon to accomplish its mission without casualties. Home address: Mrs Hattie P. Williamson (mother), Route 3, Box 74, Hanford, California.

Private First Class CHARLES R. WILLIAMSON, 39237060, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Deben, Luzon, P.I., on 23 February 1945. While his company was preparing defenses after capturing a ridge, he observed that one of the men had been wounded by a burst of enemy machine gun fire. Leaving his covered position, he moved into the line of enemy fire to reach the wounded man. While he was engaged in moving the wounded man to safety, Private First Class Williamson was struck by a piece of shrapnel, but he completed the task without regard for his own personal safety. Private First Class Williamson's bravery reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr Charles D. Williamson (father), 5917 McKinley St., Hollywood, California.

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- V. AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE:

So much of GO 6, this Hq, as, pertaining to Lt. Col Maurice D. Stratta, 0345702, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

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*Major General
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NUMBER 34)

ORIGINAL ORDER #

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

Private First Class GRANT U. FILES, 14033976, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 25 February 1945. During an attack by his patrol of a heavily fortified hill, the patrol came under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire from a cave on the hill. Acting on his own initiative, and without regard for his own personal safety, Private First Class Files and another man attacked the enemy position with hand grenades and rifle fire. During the engagement he was wounded, but continued the attack until the position was silenced. Private First Class Files' gallantry and courage was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mr. J. F. Files (father), Covena, Alabama.

Captain NEIL M. FORBES, JR., 0467573, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. Captain Forbes, without regard for his own personal safety, constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to care for the wounded. On one occasion, Captain Forbes received word that a soldier had sustained a severed jugular vein from enemy shrapnel on top of a high hill. Realizing the danger to the patient's life and the slowness of litter haul down the hill, Captain Forbes left the aid station, climbed part way up the hill and there, while under enemy sniper and knee mortar fire, worked for one and one-half hours and saved the soldier's life. Captain Forbes' tireless devotion to duty, his disregard for his own safety when lives of our troops are at stake, and great courage, has been an inspiration to the men and a credit to the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs Neil M. Forbes, Jr, (wife), 1336 First Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

Private First Class JOHN J. FOX, 39259338, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 13 February 1945. While his company was under cross fire from enemy machine guns from their front and rear, Private First Class Fox observed a Jap light machine gun crew advancing. He threw a hand grenade and with utter disregard for his own safety jumped up on the highest ridge line where he was exposed

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to enemy fire, and fired eight rounds killing the enemy crew. Observing a party of forty to fifty Japs crawling along a reverse slope toward his lines, he again jumped up and fired on the approaching enemy. Four times in all he risked his life on the fire swept ridge firing at the enemy until the attack was broken. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice Fox, (mother), 1440 E. 56th St., Long Beach, California.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD R. MATTOS, 20910155, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 25 February 1945. During an attack by his patrol of a heavily fortified hill, the patrol came under heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire from a cave on the hill. Acting on his own initiative, and without regard for his own personal safety, Staff Sergeant Mattos and another man attacked the enemy position with hand grenades and rifle fire. During the engagement he was wounded, but continued the attack until the position was silenced. Staff Sergeant Mattos' gallantry and courage was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs. Frank C. Marshall (cousin), 3136 - 24th Street, San Francisco, California.

Captain NEWSPINE J. QUINAN, 0436995, Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 10 February 1945. Chaplain Quinan went forward to an exposed draw to assist litter bearers in carrying the wounded to safety. While under intense hostile rifle and machine gun fire, Chaplain Quinan acted as a litter bearer and repeatedly brought wounded soldiers safely to cover. Home address: Mrs. A. M. Quinan (Mother), 526 - 48th Street, San Francisco, California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man and officer:

Private First Class LEMUEL P. FERGUSON, 18089369, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 7 February 1945. While his battalion commander was issuing a field order at a forward observation post an enemy machine gun opened fire wounding three of the officers. Without regard for his personal safety, he and another soldier approached the battalion commander and pulled him to a safe position. Private First Class Ferguson's courage reflects high credit on the military service of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Ella Ferguson (mother), 1213 Canterbury Street, Austin, Texas.

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First Lieutenant DAVID H. HODGES, 01289083, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamba, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. By careful study of the terrain, First Lieutenant Hodges led his platoon around an exposed flank to an area very near the enemy strongpoint with very few casualties. As the platoon approached the position, First Lieutenant Hodges was mortally wounded. The information gained by him was extremely valuable in the attack of the next day. First Lieutenant Hodges' courage and devotion to duty was an inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Next of kin: Mrs. Hazel Ehrmer (mother), 12 Hill Street, Ontario, New York.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (See II, Bulletin No. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officers:

Technician Fifth Grade CLYDE L. PROFF, 39165457, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamba, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. Throughout the night the company to which he was attached was subjected to three enemy attacks. During the second attack a platoon sergeant who was located on the outer perimeter was mortally wounded by rifle fire. Technician Fifth Grade Proff, without regard for his own safety, left the protection of his foxhole, and moved to the position of the wounded man. He administered first aid and gave blood plasma in the dark during the third enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Mary Marshall (mother), 1377 West 20th Place, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class CHARLES J. BURKE, 19062369, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. Private First Class Burke, without regard for his personal condition and with great risk to himself, voluntarily made six separate and hazardous trips forward under heavy enemy fire to administer first aid and help evacuate the wounded. He served as a litter bearer and on several occasions, while exposed to enemy fire, searched for wounded men known to be in the forward areas. On his sixth trip, he led a litter squad forward to evacuate a seriously wounded man. Before the members of the litter were able to reach the casualty, they were pinned down by fire from enemy positions. Private First Class Burke, however, encouraged them forward and when they approached the wounded man, he threw smoke grenades and succeeded in laying an effective smoke screen on the enemy positions. Under the cover of the smoke screen, the wounded man was successfully evacuated. Private First Class Burke distinguished himself conspicuously by his heroic actions and exemplary display of initiative. Home address: Mrs. Mary R. Burke, (mother), 213 Main Street, Venice, California.

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Private First Class JERRY D. DE LUCA, 32944495, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mabalacat, Luzon, P.I., on 28 February 1945. Private First Class DeLuca was a member of a patrol whose mission was to assist the withdrawal of another patrol pinned down by enemy automatic weapons fire. It was discovered that a member of the original patrol had been seriously wounded and was lying within fifty feet of an enemy machine gun. Private First Class DeLuca, on his own initiative, together with two others, went forward under fire from enemy machine guns until he reached the seriously wounded soldier. First aid was rapidly applied, a litter improvised and the wounded man carried to safety. The activity near the wounded man caused the enemy to shift fire to that area, thus the other group was able to retire without further loss. Home address: Mr. Sam DeLuca (Father), 43 Railroad Ave., Housatonic Mills, New York.

First Sergeant VINCENT DI CECCO, 20904246, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamon, Luzon, P.I., on 8 February 1945. While his company was receiving enemy 80mm mortar fire, First Sergeant Di Cecco was struck in the hand by shrapnel fracturing the bones of four fingers. As his company needed all possible leaders, he concealed his injury for three days until the nature of the injury was revealed and he was evacuated. His sense of responsibility and devotion to duty was an inspiration to his company. Home address: Mr. Paris Di Cecco (Father), 6120 Buena Vista Terrace, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class JOE H. EHLERS, 39462066, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamon, Luzon, P.I., on 6 February 1945. The battalion commander and two other officers were seriously wounded by machine gun fire and fell to the ground in an exposed position. Private First Class Ehlers crawled through enemy fire, and treated the wound of the battalion commander. He then administered first aid to the remaining two officers who had been returned to a covered position. His devotion to duty despite all dangers brought him the highest respect and admiration of the men with whom he was associated. Home address: Mrs. Pearl V. Turner (mother), Route #3, Spokane, Washington.

Private First Class MICHAEL B. ENDRES, 36021525, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamon, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. He was attached to a rifle company which had been subjected to an artillery barrage causing several casualties. Although seriously wounded by shrapnel, he refused medical treatment until all wounded men in his platoon had been treated. He directed men who were assisting the aid men, instructing them how to administer morphine and bandage the wounds of the injured. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Endres (mother), 11732 Longwood Drive, Chicago, Illinois.

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Corporal DOUGLAS E. FOX, 39601478, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 27 January 1945. As a forward artillery observer with an assault company, Corporal Fox came under enemy machine gun and mortar fire. When he was unable to gain complete observation from his foxhole, Corporal Fox, at the risk of his life moved to an exposed position and remained there directing fire. His action contributed greatly to breaking up of the counter-attack. Home address: Mrs. Basils F. Fox (mother), RFD #1, Hamilton, Vermont.

Sergeant THOMAS E. JONES, 37054512, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 6 February 1945. While leading his squad in an attack against a heavily defended hill, Sergeant Jones was twice wounded. He delayed his advance only long enough to have his wounds dressed and then returned and fought on so effectively that his actions were largely responsible for the capture of the primary objective. Home address: Mrs. Mattie A. Jones (mother), 1516 12th Street, Michiana Falls, Texas.

First Lieutenant CLIVER V. KILBE, 01274264, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 23 February 1945. First Lieutenant KILBE was a member of a patrol whose mission was to assist the withdrawal of another patrol pinned down by enemy automatic weapons fire. It was discovered that a member of the original patrol had been seriously wounded and was lying within fifty feet of an enemy machine gun. First Lieutenant KILBE on his own initiative, together with two others, went forward under fire from enemy machine guns until he reached the seriously wounded soldier. First aid was rapidly rendered, a litter improvised and the wounded man carried to safety. The activities near the wounded man caused the enemy to shift fire to that area, thus the other patrol was able to retire without further loss. Home address: Mrs. Cliver V. Kilbe (wife), 1649 44th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) JOHN S. KUES, 36076407, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. During an attack his company encountered an artillery barrage which wounded several men. When the company was ordered to withdraw, he remained with the aid men and through five hours of unintermittent fire, and aid assisted in removing the wounded. His complete disregard for his personal safety and concern for his men was an inspiration to all men of his company. Home address: Mr. John Kues (father), Germantown, Illinois.

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Private First Class HIESTER J. M. LOTZ, 33366351, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mabalacat, Luzon, P.I., on 28 February 1945. Private First Class Lotz was a member of a patrol whose mission was to assist the withdrawal of another patrol pinned down by enemy automatic weapons fire. It was discovered that a member of the original patrol had been seriously wounded and was lying within fifty feet of an enemy machine gun. Private First Class Lotz, on his own initiative, together with two others, went forward under fire from enemy machine guns until he reached the seriously wounded soldier. First aid was rapidly applied, a litter improvised and the wounded man carried to safety. The activity near the wounded man caused the enemy to shift fire to that area, thus the other group was able to retire without further loss. Home address: Mrs. Hiestler J. M. Lotz (wife), 1300 Buttonwood Street, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class MARTIN M. RODRIGUES, 39009138, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. About 0300 in the morning his company was subjected to three enemy attacks. As communication lines were broken, support units of flame throwers could not be requested. Despite the fact that the entire position was under enemy mortar fire, he and another soldier moved their 60mm mortar from its dug in position to an exposed position from which they could cover the direction of the enemy attack. His heroic action was largely responsible for repelling the enemy attack. Home address: Mr. William Rodrigues (father), 1136 Harrison Street, Santa Clara, California.

First Lieutenant HERBERT R. MANN, 01177513, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. As an artillery forward observer, he moved forward of the front lines with his forward observation party and a rifle platoon in order to gain complete observation of the enemy. While in this forward position the party came under heavy enemy fire, forcing them to withdraw to a safer position. First Lieutenant Mann, with complete disregard for his personal safety remained in the forward position, and successfully directed artillery which stopped a possible enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. G. C. Mann (mother), 934 E. 9th St., Tucson, Arizona.

Technical Sergeant JOSWEN J. McCaffery, 32030723, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 18 February 1945. While assaulting an enemy position, Technical Sergeant McCaffery, through cool judgment and skillful handling of his platoon and the weapons available to him, quickly destroyed the first of three enemy tanks encountered. At great risk to himself, Technical Sergeant McCaffery crawled forward to an advanced position and fired a rifle grenade at the second enemy tank. The rifle shot

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revealed his position to the remaining tank which opened fire on him. Technical Sergeant McCaffery received severe cuts about the face from flying shrapnel and had to retire from the fight. His aggressive leadership and intrepid actions inspired the members of his platoon to greater effort and contributed in large measure to the destruction and retreat of the enemy tanks. Home address: Mr. Robert McCaffery (father), 1370 Norton Street, Rochester, New York.

Private First Class ORVILLE L. T. MORRIS, 37067118, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Boman, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. About 0300 in the morning his company was subjected to three enemy attacks. As communication lines were broken, supporting fire of 81mm mortars could not be requested. Despite the fact that the entire perimeter was under enemy mortar fire, he and another soldier moved their 60mm mortar from its dug in position to an exposed position from which they could cover the direction of the enemy attack. His heroic action was largely responsible for repelling the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Orville L. T. Morris (wife), Riverdale, Arkansas.

IV. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

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So much of GO 20, this Hq, as, pertaining to Captain Neil M. Forbes, Jr, 0467573, Medical Corps, United States Army, is rescinded.

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V. AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE:

So much of GO 6, this Hq, as, pertaining to Lt Col Maurice D. Stratta, 0345702, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

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ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fifth Grade AUSTIN R. HUBBARD, 38142066, Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. While moving up enemy forces in a cave three men were wounded by machine gun fire from the rear. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, Technician Fifth Grade Hubbard rushed forward and rendered first aid to the wounded men. In the course of this action, he was killed by machine gun fire. Technician Fifth Grade Hubbard's courage, zealous devotion to duty, and his determination to help save the lives of fellow soldiers was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Next of kin: Mrs. Philena W. Hubbard (mother), Indian Creek Ranch, Laveto, Colorado.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant JOHN P. NELSON JR, O-1300268, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. First Lieutenant Nelson serving in the capacity of Battalion Air Ground Liaison Officer, on his own volition, organized a litter squad for the purpose of evacuating the badly wounded of a rifle company which had suffered heavy casualties. He skillfully directed the evacuation of the wounded and served as a litter bearer on several occasions when his services were needed. First Lieutenant Nelson went about his task with complete disregard for his personal safety; while exposed to enemy gunfire he was seriously wounded. First Lieutenant Nelson distinguished himself conspicuously by his intrepid actions and exemplary display of initiative which inspired the members of his litter squad to greater effort. Home address: Mr. Robert D. Nelson, (father), 3713 Delgado Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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By command of Major General BRUSH:

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GENERAL ORDERS)
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ORIGINAL ORDER 3

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant ROY L. DYKE, 0390125, Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. On duty as an artillery forward observer, First Lieutenant Dyke conducted supporting fire under constant mortar and machine gun fire for a period of twelve hours, finally enabling the infantry to seize its objective. Lieutenant Dyke was one of fifteen men who reached the objective initially and was conducting close-in protective fire when killed by sniper fire. His utter disregard for his own safety, his courage and devotion to his assigned duty were instrumental in contributing to the success of the action. Next of kin: Mrs Bertha Dyke (mother), 6 Early Apts., Columbia, Missouri.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men and officer:

Private First Class EUGENE F. BRANNON, 35627515, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. After the company commander had ordered his unit to a reverse slope to reorganize, Private First Class Brannon, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward from the covered area under enemy mortar and small arms fire to give first aid to a wounded enlisted man whom he carried one hundred yards to cover where he could be evacuated by the litter bearers. Private First Class Brannon's courageous performance of duty particularly inspired the men of his company. Home address: Mr. E. Brannon (mother), Rural Route No. 1, Salem, Illinois.

Private First Class RALPH L. COLEMAN, 35297946, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. After the

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company commander had ordered his unit to a reverse slope to reorganize, Private First Class Coleman, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward from the covered area under enemy mortar and small arms fire to give first aid to a wounded enlisted man whom he carried one hundred yards to cover where he could be evacuated by the litter bearers. Private First Class Coleman's courageous performance of duty particularly inspired the men of his company. Home address: Mrs Ralph C. Coleman (wife), Box 62, North Lewisburg, Ohio.

Private First Class VINCENT P. CUTELLI, 37075200, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. Private First Class Cutelli and two other men occupied a position in front of a tunnel and fought off five enemy attacks during the night. This action secured the right flank of the company and prevented fire from being placed on other troops. Private First Class Cutelli's courage and bravery reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr Charles Cutelli (brother), 6557 Manchester Ave., St Louis, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JAMES S. FOGARTY, 33128334, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. After the company commander had ordered his unit to a reverse slope to reorganize, Staff Sergeant Fogarty, with utter disregard for his own safety, went forward under enemy mortar and small arms fire and with the assistance of another enlisted man gave first aid to a wounded soldier whom they carried one hundred yards to cover where he could be evacuated by the litter bearers. Staff Sergeant Fogarty's courageous performance of duty particularly inspired the men of his company. Home address: Mrs R. W. Fogarty (mother), 139 West Otis, Hazel Park, Michigan.

Private EDWARD L. GILLEM, 35526038, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 23 January 1945. On duty with forward observer party, Private Gillem assisted in bringing forward wire under mortar and machine gun fire over an exposed route of several hundred yards. After reaching the forward OP, he was constantly engaged in patrolling and repairing the line under continuous fire. His devotion to his assigned duty in utter disregard for his own safety and his outstanding effort favorably influenced the battle. Home address: Mrs Edna Gillem (mother), 2711 Orchard St., Ferrer, Ohio.

Sergeant RAYMOND W. GILLIES, 36128217, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. When Sergeant Gillies' squad came under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire and further advance

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became impossible, he ordered his men to take cover and gave medical attention to the wounded. While still under fire he made his way back to the mortar positions and directed their fire on the three enemy positions that were holding up the advance of his squad. Later his squad successfully completed its mission; Sergeant Gillies then carried a wounded man to the rear. Sergeant Gillies' bravery and courageous devotion to duty particularly inspired the men of his squad and company. Home address: Mrs Emma Gillies (mother), P.O. Box 90, Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant MELVIN H. HENK, 37092301, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baman, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. After the company commander had ordered his unit to a reverse slope to reorganize, Staff Sergeant Henk, with utter disregard for his own safety, went forward from the covered area under enemy mortar and small arms fire to give first aid to a wounded enlisted man whom he carried one hundred yards to cover where he could be evacuated by the litter bearers. Staff Sergeant Henk's bravery and courageous devotion to duty reflects the highest credit on the military forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Adolph Henk (mother), 1854 Margaret Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Captain JOHN HORN, 0386579, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baman, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. On duty as liaison officer with an assault infantry battalion at the battalion forward CP, Captain Horn was under constant mortar and machine gun fire for a period of six hours, successfully adjusting the fire of three field artillery battalions on the enemy. At one time he was simultaneously adjusting the fires of the three field artillery battalions. His duties were performed coolly and gallantly, and contributed greatly to the success of the battle. Home address: Mr Orien Horn (father), Aggie Rd., Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Private First Class VERNON C. JOHNSON, 37031599, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baman, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. During a third enemy night attack against his company's perimeter, two men were killed and five were wounded leaving a gap in the defenses. Private First Class Johnson left his foxhole, crawled to a machine gun and placed fire across the gap thereby repulsing a later attack. The initiative and courage displayed by Private First Class Johnson reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mr Lyle C. Johnson, (father), Rt 6, Box 604, Duluth, Minnesota.

Staff Sergeant DAN E. LARSEN, 20911937, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baman, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. When his squad came under intense enemy fire which inflicted several casualties, Staff Sergeant Larsen ordered his men to take cover, then he administered first aid to the

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wounded men. Unable to move his squad due to the intense fire, he made his way alone to the rear, secured a litter squad, and guided it back to evacuate a seriously wounded enlisted man. Staff Sergeant Larsen's courage and heroism was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs Jessie Larsen (mother), 1331 Monterrey Street, Bellflower, California.

Private First Class OSCAR R. MOLAND, 37031710, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. Private First Class Moland and two other men occupied a position in front of a tunnel and fought off five enemy attacks during the night. This action secured the right flank of the company and prevented fire from being placed on other troops. Private First Class Moland's courage and bravery reflects high credit on his military service. Home address: Mrs Gertrude Moland (mother), Eagle Butte, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant ELMER E. PERRY, 7009896, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. After the company commander had ordered his unit to a reverse slope to reorganize, Staff Sergeant Perry, with utter disregard for his personal safety, went forward under enemy mortar and small arms fire and with the assistance of another soldier gave first aid to a wounded man whom they carried one hundred yards to cover. Staff Sergeant Perry's courageous devotion to duty particularly inspired the men of his company. Home address: Mr Willie C. Perry (father), 2510 Rochelle Street, Durham, North Carolina.

Private First Class JAMES G. ROBERTS, 35430244, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. During an attack on an enemy position, the platoon to which he was attached had taken cover on a reverse slope to reorganize, Private First Class Roberts, a company aid man, moved one hundred yards across an exposed area under heavy enemy mortar and small arms fire to render first aid to five soldiers who had been wounded. Private First Class Roberts' courage and devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his company. Home address: Mrs Jim Roberts (mother), Hampton, Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant SANTOS A. SANDOVAL, 20912005, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. When Technical Sergeant Sandoval's platoon came under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire, he ordered his men to take cover and administered first aid to the wounded. One wounded man was still under fire from a machine gun and Technical Sergeant Sandoval, with utter disregard for his own safety, crawled over to the man, carried him to a safe area and administered first aid. Technical Sergeant Sandoval's courage and bravery reflects high credit on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mr. N. D. Sandoval (father), 133 E. Maple Avenue, Fullerton, California.

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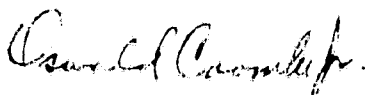
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Private First Class HARRY A. THOMSEN, 37267182, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. Private First Class Thomsen and two other men occupied a position in front of a tunnel and fought off five enemy attacks during the night. This action secured the right flank of the company and prevented fire from being placed on other troops. Private First Class Thomsen's courage and bravery reflects high credit on the military service. Home address: Mrs Blanche Thomsen (mother), RFD #1, Neligh, Nebraska.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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7 March 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 30)

GENERAL ORDER 30

I. AWARDS OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man and officers:

Technician Fourth Grade MILTON A. CASSEDAY, 39389913, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. During the hours of darkness an enemy force attacked the unit to which Technician Fourth Grade Casseday was attached. Upon hearing the cries of a wounded man Technician Fourth Grade Casseday, unmindful of the enemy fire which was being directed on the area, immediately left his foxhole and ran to the aid of the soldier. With utter disregard for his own personal safety, he continued to give treatment to the wounded man until he was mortally wounded. Technician Fourth Grade Casseday's great courage and zealous devotion to duty was an inspiration to the officers and men of the company, and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Milton A. Casseday (Wife), 811 Missouri Avenue, Deer Lodge, Montana.

First Lieutenant DENNIS SHEETS, 01289638, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. During the attack by his company on a hill heavily fortified by the enemy, First Lieutenant Sheets and his company commander placed themselves at the head of their troops and personally led the assault upon the enemy positions through an area which was under continuous rifle, machine gun, and knee mortar fire. First Lieutenant Sheets made no attempt to conceal his identity as a leader and during the assault turned his back to the enemy several times to encourage his men forward. During the assault, First Lieutenant Sheets was instantly killed by enemy rifle fire. First Lieutenant Sheets' courage and zealous devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his company, and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs. Dennis Sheets (Wife), 78 Liberty Street, Salem, West Virginia.

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Captain JOHNIE D. TUCKER, 0450577, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. Captain Tucker, upon the third attempt of his company to take an objective, placed himself at the head of his troops, and personally led the assault upon the enemy positions through an area which was under continuous rifle, machine gun, and knee mortar fire. Captain Tucker made no attempt to conceal his identity as a leader, and during the assault turned his back to the enemy several times to encourage his men forward. When his executive officer was wounded, he attempted to administer first aid; however, Captain Tucker was mortally wounded as his men moved by to secure the objective. Captain Tucker's courage and zealous devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of his company and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Next of kin: Mrs W. W. Tucker (mother), Logan, Alabama.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1917 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1917), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class RAYMOND C. GREEN, 36007132, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 20 January 1945. After an enemy counter-attack had penetrated the front line and shortly thereafter repulsed, Private First Class Green with complete disregard for his personal safety proceeded forward of the front line exposing himself to enemy machine gun, mortar, and rifle fire, and with the threat of a second enemy assault imminent, carried a wounded man to the rear. Private First Class Green returned a second time exposing himself to the same intense enemy fire to take a second casualty to safety. At this time the enemy launched another counter-attack; however, at the risk of his life, he carried the man to safety. Private First Class Green then rejoined his platoon, and assisted in the repulse of the attack. Home address: Mrs Elizabeth Green (mother), General Delivery, Willow Creek, Colorado.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant FRANCIS J. POKIGO, 01163034, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, P.I., on 13 February 1945.

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When an attacking Infantry Company, which was suffering many casualties, was cut off and pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire, First Lieutenant Pokigo, without regard for his personal safety and at the risk of his life directed his M-10 Tank Destroyer to the area where he dismounted, and personally aided the wounded into the vehicle. Unable to load a badly wounded man over the top because of intense enemy fire, First Lieutenant Pokigo directed the crew of the M-10 to drive the belly of the vehicle over himself and the wounded soldier in order to pass the wounded man through the hatch in the floor of the M-10. This accomplished, the casualties were returned to safety. First Lieutenant Pokigo and his crew made additional trips, and evacuated a total of sixteen wounded to the rear. His efforts in this action undoubtedly saved the lives of many men. Home address: Mrs Anna H. Pokigo, (mother), 97 Goffstown Rd., Manchester, New Hampshire.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

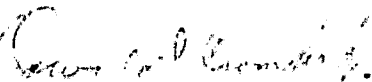
Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade ANTHONY DE ANGELIS, 34309432, Infantry, United States Army. For wounds received in action in Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, P.I., on 10 January 1945. Home address: Mr Nick De Angelis (father), 1517 S. 56th Avenue, Cicero, Illinois.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE T. LACIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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6 March 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS) ORIGINAL ORDER
NUMBER 29)

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JOSE RODRIGUEZ, 36546927, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 9 February 1945. While his company was engaged with the enemy, one platoon came under heavy enemy machine gun and sniper fire. Private First Class Rodriguez, a scout, saw his squad leader fall near enemy positions, apparently wounded. Private First Class Rodriguez advanced to aid his squad leader but received machine gun fire. With outstanding courage and aggressiveness, he advanced on the machine gun position and, with rifle and grenades, single-handedly killed three of the enemy and drove off several others. He then reached his squad leader, who had been killed, and returned him to his own lines. Next of kin: Mr Jesus Rodriguez (father), 2523 El Paso Street, San Antonio, Texas.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant ROBERT H. MOORE, 0415594, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. First Lieutenant Moore displayed outstanding leadership in leading his platoon up a steep cliff and effecting complete surprise of the enemy on top. In the fire fight which ensued, First Lieutenant Moore personally led an attack against concealed enemy positions. Single-handedly, he attacked two positions with grenades and carbine, killing two enemy in one and one in the other. Again, as his battalion was attacking enemy positions on a hill mass, from well dug-in cover and concealed positions the enemy was able to place machine gun and small arms fire against our troops. Efforts to locate the enemy position were futile. First Lieutenant Moore, displaying great initiative and courage, personally led a small group on reconnaissance, drew fire and located several of the positions. First Lieutenant Moore then aggressively attacked and captured the positions. Home address: Mrs Robert H. Moore (wife), 323 May Avenue, Concordia, California.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES GRONKE, 36009039, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 8 February 1945. A platoon to which Technician Fourth Grade Gronke was attached encountered heavy enemy fire, and four men were wounded. The platoon was brought under cover to prepare for an attack, but Technician Fourth Grade Gronke, with utter disregard for his own safety, elected to remain with the wounded. Although constantly under enemy fire, Technician Fourth Grade Gronke administered first aid to the wounded and then began moving the men back to cover until help arrived. Home address: Mr Walter Gronczewski (father), 5612 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant RUPERT JIMENEZ, 20911180, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., on 8 February 1945. While his platoon was pinned down by intense enemy mortar, machine gun and rifle fire, with complete disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Jimenez voluntarily and with full knowledge of the enemy's presence, went forward under heavy fire and helped two wounded men withdraw to covered positions. Home address: Mrs Maria C. Jimenez (mother), 217 Magnolia Street, Oxnard, California.

Technician Fifth Grade CLIFFORD C. E. WILSON, 35262045, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. During a night enemy attack on the company to which he was attached several casualties resulted. Technician Fifth Grade Wilson, hearing the cries of the wounded, and with full knowledge of the enemy's presence on the perimeter and despite the fighting in progress, left the protection of his slit trench near the company command post and crawled out to the wounded men. There, under fire, Technician Fifth Grade Wilson treated the wounded until he received a chest wound. Home address: Mrs Clifford C. E. Wilson (wife), 2918 Pitt Street, Anderson, Indiana.

Technician Fifth Grade ANTHONY J. ZAREMBA, 36414659, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Zaremba, without regard for his personal safety, volunteered to search for a wounded man known to be in an area under enemy fire. In locating the casualty, Technician Fifth Grade Zaremba was wounded. Disregarding his own wound, he remained with the casualty and administered first aid. Although weak from his wound, he completed the hazardous trip back through a grass and brush fire which was ignited by our artillery and mortar barrage. Technician Fifth Grade Zaremba's heroic actions

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resulted in the securing of information which enabled a litter squad to find the seriously wounded man and return him to the aid station. Home address: Mrs Mary Zawacki (mother), 624 Burke Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 28)

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9412, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, 19, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

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✓ Captain NEIL M. FORBES, JR., 0467573, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 16 February 1945. Captain Forbes, without regard for his own personal safety, constantly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to care for the wounded. On one occasion, Captain Forbes received word that a soldier had sustained a severed jugular vein from enemy shrapnel on top of a high hill. Realizing the danger to the patient's life and the slowness of litter haul down the hill, Captain Forbes left the aid station, climbed part way up the hill and there, while under enemy sniper and knee mortar fire, worked for one and one-half hours and saved the soldier's life. Captain Forbes' tireless devotion to duty, his disregard for his own safety when lives of our troops are at stake, and great courage, has been an inspiration to the men and a credit to the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Neil M. Forbes, Jr. (wife), 1336 First Avenue, Laurel, Mississippi.

✓ Technician Fifth Grade PAUL F. KANE, 37046117, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 29 January 1945. While being subjected to enemy counterattacks and under intense enemy machine gun, sniper, and knee mortar fire, Technician Fifth Grade Kane at the risk of his life repeatedly exposed himself to the enemy while administering first aid to wounded men of two rifle companies. As he moved from man to man under the intense heat of the sun, he deprived himself of his meager water supply in order to give it to the wounded. His courage and devotion to duty was a great inspiration to his comrades. Home address: Mrs. Stella M. Kane, (mother), 127 Grandview Ave., Dubuque, Iowa.

✓ Private First Class ALEX L. MCGART, 39159853, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 17 February 1945. When

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a company was isolated on a hill top and urgently in need of medical supplies, Private First Class Mogart volunteered his services knowing the dangers to be encountered. With complete disregard for his personal safety and at the risk of his life he advanced over two hundred yards of open ground, and scaled a fifty foot cliff while under enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The courage displayed by Private First Class Mogart reflects the highest credit on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mr Manuel Mogart, (father), 3693 Francisco Street, Artesia, California.

Technician Fourth Grade SIGURD A. SJOBLON, 37022203, Medical Corps, United States Army. For her ic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 17 February 1945. When a company was isolated on a hill top and urgently in need of medical supplies, Technician Fourth Grade Sjoblon volunteered his services knowing the dangers to be encountered. With complete disregard for his personal safety and at the risk of his life, he advanced over two hundred yards of open ground and scaled a fifty foot cliff while under enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The courage displayed by Technician Fourth Grade Sjoblon reflects the highest credit on the armed forces of the United States. Home address: Mrs Breta Sjoblon, (mother), Erickburg, Minnesota.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Sergeant WILBUR A. SMITH, 33375777, Ordnance Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Angeles, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. Home address: Mrs Ann Smith, (wife), 5119 Myers St., S.E., Zone 19, Washington, D.C.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):

By direction of the President in addition to the Purple Heart awarded to Private Joseph J. Merlo, by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, as published on Page General Orders No. 4, dated 2 February 1945, a Bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended. The citation is as follows:

Private JOSEPH J. MERLO, 13028833, Medical Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. Home address: Mr Valent Merlo, (father), 16 Kuntz Street, Natrona, Pennsylvania.

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By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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Chief of Staff.

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1 March 1945.

ORIGINAL ORDER -

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 27)

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class HENRY S. AMES, 36660848, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 15 February 1945. Private First Class Ames, without regard for his personal safety, volunteered to search for a wounded man known to be in an area under enemy fire. He succeeded in locating the man who was lying in the path of a grass and brush fire which had been ignited by our artillery and mortar fire. Private First Class Ames exposing himself to enemy fire was wounded; however, at great risk to himself remained with the casualty, and succeeded in preventing the fire from reaching him until help arrived. Private First Class Ames distinguished himself conspicuously by his heroic actions. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Ames (Mother), 1413 Eldorado Street, Eldorado, Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant JAMES G. BLAINE, 37081677, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. Staff Sergeant Blaine upon seeing a fellow soldier wounded and exposed to enemy fire, volunteered to take a stretcher to him and attempt evacuation. Knowing the dangers involved he proceeded at the risk of his life, and was wounded by enemy fire in the attempt. Staff Sergeant Blaine's courage and act of bravery was a source of great inspiration to the men of his company and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Ila L. Blaine (Mother), Mott, North Dakota.

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Sergeant FLOYDE G. BLEVINS, 39159812, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 31 January 1945. Sergeant Blevins was a member of a machine gun platoon which was supporting the advance of a rifle company up a hill. When the platoon fire was masked and the guns could no longer be used, he volunteered to join the rifle company and assist them in the attack. He moved forward of his troops to within twenty yards of the enemy who were on a reverse slope and threw grenades at them. When a tank arrived, he was one of the first to go over the top of the hill and engage the enemy. Sergeant Blevins contributed to the success of the attack by his courage and zealous devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Floyd G. Blevins (Wife), Box 493, Central Valley, California.

Private First Class LOUIS H. ESTRADA, 18103179, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 12 February 1945. During a third night attack by the enemy, the platoon sergeant who was directing 60mm mortar fire was killed. Private First Class Estrada immediately assumed command and directed the mortar fire to within forty feet of his perimeter thus breaking up the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Louis H. Estrada (Wife), 349 Hawthorne Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Technician Fourth Grade LOUIS L. FEHRINGER, 36074242, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations near Capas, Luzon, P.I., on 23 January 1945. When told that it was extremely dangerous to pass through or beyond Capas, Technician Fourth Grade Fehringier, without regard for his personal safety, proceeded with a 4-ton ambulance vehicle to the outskirts of the town and treated wounded men with blood plasma while under enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Home address: Mrs. Chloa Fehringier (Mother), Route 1, Jacob, Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIAM R. FUHRNEISTER, 20905457, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bamban, Luzon, P.I., on 31 January 1945. Private First Class Fuhrmaister was a member of a machine gun platoon which was supporting the advance of a rifle company up a hill. When the platoon fire was masked and the guns could no longer be used, he volunteered to join the rifle company and assist them in the attack. He moved forward of his troops to within twenty yards of the enemy who were on a reverse slope and threw grenades at them. When a tank arrived, he was one of the first to go over the top of the hill and engage the enemy. Private First Class Fuhrmaister contributed to the success of the attack by his courage and zealous devotion to duty. Home address: Mr. Walter D. Fuhrmaister (Father), 4026 Seldner Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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Technician Fifth Grade MARTIN J. GLAVIN, 36300650, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy southwest of Bambang, Luzon, P.I., from 24 January 1945 to 17 February 1945. Technician Fifth Grade Glavin has exhibited superior skill and courage in caring for the wounded. On 27 January 1945 he administered aid to three casualties while in an exposed position under heavy mortar fire. The courage, initiative and devotion to duty of Technician Fifth Grade Glavin has been an inspiration for all who came in contact with him. Home address: Mrs. Mary De Laurie (Sister), 705 W. 59th St., Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class DAVID W. HAYS, 39303842, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 8 February 1945. Private First Class Hays, after being seriously wounded by an enemy grenade, ignored his wound at the risk of his life, and continued to fight rather than withdraw to the rear. In the subsequent action he succeeded in killing two of the enemy in a dugout with a hand grenade. Not until then did he withdraw to the rear for first aid. Home address: Mrs. Gladys H. Hays (Mother), 4645 Chestnut St., West Linn, Oregon.

Technician Third Grade JAMES E. McARTHUR, 20904270, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Capas, Luzon, P.I., on 23 January 1945. Then told that it was extremely dangerous to pass through or beyond Capas, Technician Third Grade McArthur, without regard for his personal safety, proceeded with a 1-ton ambulance vehicle to the outskirts of the town and treated wounded men with blood plasma while under enemy sniper and machine gun fire. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Fitcher (Mother), 854 South Berendo St., Los Angeles, California.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE F. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

(Signature)
OSWALD COOMBE, JR.,
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HEADQUARTERS 40TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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1 March 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 26)

ORIGINAL ORDER -

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Fourth Grade CHARLES O. WIGGINS, 39100794, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Clark Field, Luzon, P. I., on 10 February 1945. Called upon to destroy the enemy in caves which had been by-passed, and were threatening the rear of an assault platoon, Technician Fourth Grade Wiggins, with complete disregard for his safety and at the risk of his life entered a cave utilizing hand grenades, demolition charges and rifle, was responsible for the death of nine of the enemy, four of whom he killed with rifle fire. Later on the same day and on subsequent days, Technician Fourth Grade Wiggins repeatedly attacked cave positions until he was killed by enemy rifle fire. Next of kin: Mr Joe E. Wiggins, (brother), Kingston Hotel, San Diego, California.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 7419, 4 February 1944 (Sec IV, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class CHRISTIAN G. LESHER, 33622370, Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Bawbon, Luzon, P. I., from 23 January 1945 to 8 February 1945. During this time, Private First Class Leshner had on many occasions gone forward under fire with complete disregard for his personal safety in order to aid wounded men. Private First Class Leshner's courage, his acts of bravery and valiant devotion to duty, was a source of inspiration and has been an important factor in maintaining the morale of the men with whom he served. Next of kin: Mrs Christian C. Leshner, (wife), 835 Chestnut Street, Reading, Pennsylvania

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By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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Chief of Staff.

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1 March 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 25)

ORIGINAL ORDER - - -

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918), a Silver Star is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted man:

Lieutenant Colonel CHARLES R. ETZLER, 020895, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 11 February 1945. During an attack on a strong enemy position by Lieutenant Colonel Etzler's battalion, the Company Commander and two company officers of an assault company were killed and the company was forced to withdraw. The success of the attack demanded instant and aggressive leadership. Lieutenant Colonel Etzler immediately assumed command of the assault echelons and with utter disregard for his own safety, personally led the attack on the enemy strong point until he himself fell wounded and was unable to advance. His fearlessness in the face of intense enemy fire so inspired the assault units that even after he fell wounded, the attack continued and the objective ultimately taken. Lieutenant Colonel Etzler's courage, zealous devotion to duty and leadership were an inspiration to his command and reflect the highest credit on the United States Army. Home address: Mrs. Charles R. Etzler (Wife), 402 Newton Street, Salisbury, Maryland.

Technician Fourth Grade WILLIAM A. STOCHOSKY, 39303207, Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Bambang, Luzon, P.I., on 24 January 1945. Without regard for his personal safety and at the risk of his life, Technician Fourth Grade Stochosky crawled approximately 200 yards through heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire to where a wounded soldier lay. He administered first aid and remained with the wounded man until friendly fire permitted a withdrawal. Technician Fourth Grade Stochosky then called forward a litter squad and assisted in the evacuation of the patient. Home address: Mr. Frank Stochosky, (Father), P.O. Box 134, Route 12, Milwaukie, Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

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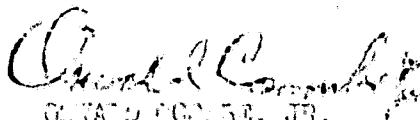
Sergeant ROGER G. CRAIN, 34720355, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baban, Luzon, P.I., on 25 January 1945. During an advance, Sergeant Roger G. Crain surprised two enemy machine-gun positions consisting of six enemy. Due to his aggressive action, he maneuvered under an enemy grenade attack in such a manner that he was able to destroy single handed one of the positions, thus permitting the second position to be destroyed and allowing the company to gain its objective. Home address: Mrs. Fabris G. Crain, (Mother), P.O. Box 232, Route 3, Barlett, Tennessee.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH DAVI, 39003954, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Baban, Luzon, P.I., on 28 January 1945. When his platoon was forced by a large enemy force to withdraw down a 25 foot cliff, Staff Sergeant Davi remained in position covering the withdrawal of his squad and then carried a wounded man down the cliff. This heroic action saved the wounded man's life. Home address: Mrs. Etta Davi (Mother), 48 West First Street, Pittsburg, California.

Private First Class ALVIN LOCKEN, 17050959, Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Alcala, Luzon, P.I., on 31 January 1945. Private First Class Locken was lead scout of a patrol, and as it moved across open ground he sighted enemy soldiers in a cornfield. He immediately signalled the patrol to take cover, as intense rifle fire began to be placed on it by the enemy. As a result of the fire, Private First Class Locken was seriously wounded in the right leg and was instructed by the officer in charge to crawl back to safety. The officer then ordered withdrawal of the leading elements of his patrol to a covered roadway to await the main body approaching. Without hesitation and with utter disregard for his own condition and safety, Private First Class Locken remained at his position and placed fire upon the enemy, covering withdrawal of the patrol before returning for first aid. By his bravery and zealous devotion to duty, he enabled the patrol to return to safety without casualties. Home address: Mr. Elmer H. Locken, (Father), Hillsboro, North Dakota.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

OFFICIAL:


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Major, GSC,
Adjutant General.

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
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27 February 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 24)

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Colonel EDWARD J. MURRAY, 0166578, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P.I., from 9 January to 9 February 1945. Home address: Care Mrs. Lodema T. Murray (Wife), 2924 Highland Ave., Sacramento, California.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

OK } So much of Par 1, GO 7, this Headquarters, cs, as pertains to Private First Class LENNIE KOVICH, 36010528, Corps of Military Police, United States Army, is rescinded.

By command of Major General BRUSH:

GEORGE W. LATIMER,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.

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26 February 1945.

GENERAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 23)

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GENERAL ORDER - 1111

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class RAYMOND C. BUFFALOW, 37009734, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. Upon opening the breech of No. 2 gun, in the battery position, during a fast fire mission against the enemy, a flame flared backwards from unburned powder bags igniting other charges that were being prepared to the left rear of the piece. These powder charges immediately flared up and began spreading to other ammunition nearby. Private First Class Buffalow, a member of the gun crew, without hesitation and in complete disregard for his personal safety entered into the flames in an endeavor to extinguish same before the ammunition exploded. The time element was insufficient and high explosive shells detonated in the pit where he was. Private First Class Buffalow remained throughout these explosions in this position and continued fighting the flames until it was brought under control, thereby materially decreasing the possibilities of casualties within his organization's area. Private First Class Buffalow's courage and bravery and zealous devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion, and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Ella Russell (Sister), Farlington, Kansas.

Private First Class ALBINO H. CAMPOS, 38217467, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. Upon opening the breech of No. 2 gun, in the battery position, during a fast fire mission against the enemy, a flame flared backwards from unburned powder bags igniting other charges that were being prepared to the left rear of the piece. These powder charges immediately flared up and began spreading to other ammunition nearby. Private First Class Campos, a member of the gun crew, without hesitation and in complete disregard for his personal safety entered into the flames in an endeavor to extinguish same before the ammunition exploded. The time element was insufficient and high explosive shells detonated in the pit where he was. Private First Class Campos remained throughout these explosions in this position and continued fighting the flames until it was brought under

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control, thereby materially decreasing the possibilities of casualties within his organization's area. Private First Class Campos' courage and bravery and zealous devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion, and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Alejandra G. Campos (Mother), 506 Xicotenoalt, Juarez, Mexico.

Private First Class CLIFFORD H. CLARK, 37014460, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. Upon opening the breech of No. 2 gun, in the battery position, during a fast fire mission against the enemy, a flame flared backwards from unburned powder bags igniting other charges that were being prepared to the left rear of the piece. These powder charges immediately flared up and began spreading to other ammunition nearby. Private First Class Clark, a member of the gun crew, without hesitation and in complete disregard for his personal safety entered into the flames in an endeavor to extinguish same before the ammunition exploded. The time element was insufficient and high explosive shells detonated in the pit where he was. Private First Class Clark remained throughout these explosions in this position and continued fighting the flames until it was brought under control, thereby materially decreasing the possibilities of casualties within his organization's area. Private First Class Clark's courage and bravery and zealous devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion, and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mr. Roscoe T. Clark, (Father), RFD 3, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Private First Class CLAIR L. HENN, 35315129, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. Upon opening the breech of No. 2 gun, in the battery position, during a fast fire mission against the enemy, a flame flared backwards from unburned powder bags igniting other charges that were being prepared to the left rear of the piece. These powder charges immediately flared up and began spreading to other ammunition nearby. Private First Class Henn, a member of the gun crew, without hesitation and in complete disregard for his personal safety entered into the flames in an endeavor to extinguish same before the ammunition exploded. The time element was insufficient and high explosive shells detonated in the pit where he was. Private First Class Henn remained throughout these explosions in this position and continued fighting the flames until it was brought under control, thereby materially decreasing the possibilities of casualties within his organization's area. Private First Class Henn's courage and bravery and zealous devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion, and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Clair L. Henn (Wife), 141 Cedar Street, Ravenna, Ohio.

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Staff Sergeant DOUGLAS E. NORTH, 39012809, Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 14 February 1945. Upon opening the breach of No. 2 gun, in the battery position, during a fast fire mission against the enemy, a flame flared backwards from unburned powder bags igniting other charges that were being prepared to the left rear of the piece. These powder charges immediately flared up and began spreading to other ammunition nearby. Staff Sergeant North, a member of the gun crew, without hesitation and in complete disregard for his personal safety entered into the flames in an endeavor to extinguish same before the ammunition exploded. The time element was insufficient and high explosive shells detonated in the pit where he was. Staff Sergeant North remained throughout these explosions in this position and continued fighting the flames until it was brought under control, thereby materially decreasing the possibilities of casualties within his organization's area. Staff Sergeant North's courage and bravery and zealous devotion to duty was a source of great inspiration to the officers and men of the battalion, and reflects the highest credit on the Army of the United States. Home address: Mrs. Alta North (Mother), 724 Victory St., Medford, Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9158, 11 May 1942 (Bulletin 25, WD, 1942), as amended by Executive Order No. 9242-A, 11 September 1942 (Bulletin 49, WD, 1942), an Air Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 40th Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Chief Warrant Officer MORRIS W. JACKS, 72114406, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight near Fort Stotsenburg, Luzon, P.I., on 17 February 1945. Chief Warrant Officer Jacks volunteered, and acted as observer for an artillery liaison plane flying through intense enemy fire to drop supplies to an isolated unit surrounded by the enemy. Home address: Mrs. W. T. Jacks (Mother), 1003 Springdale Rd., Austin, Texas.

III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:

So much of Par 1, GO 14, this Headquarters, as pertains to Private First Class LELAND M. DAVIS, 20900039, Infantry, United States Army, and Private CHARLES P. SIKKIS, ~~36329231~~, Infantry, United States Army, is rescinded.