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Sergeant CHARLES W PATCH, (20929568), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 20 June 1944. Sergeant Patch was a member of a four man reconnaissance patrol moving forward of an advancing platoon. They were cut off from the platoon by a strong enemy force. The officer in charge of the patrol was seriously wounded and Sergeant Patch and another member of the patrol were pinned down. The fourth dashed through the enemy positions to bring support. Sergeant Patch attempted to drag the officer into a coral hole beside him, but at each attempt, heavy enemy fire was concentrated on his position. Unable to assist the officer and despite the danger and the enemy closing in, he remained there until the officer died. When the patrol arrived and again attacked the enemy, Sergeant Patch dashed across open ground to join in the assault. Home address: Mrs. Charles Patch, (mother), Trenton, North Dakota.

Staff Sergeant EDWIN G PFEIFLE, (20930309), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at the Tor River, Araro, New Guinea, on 19 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Pfeifle, a squad leader, successfully directed machine gun fire across the flank of his platoon during two Japanese attacks on its positions. To successfully direct the fire, it was necessary for him to leave his foxhole and expose himself to heavy enemy fire. The machine guns which he was directing were located on the opposite side of a river, approximately two hundred and fifty yards distant, and a sound power telephone was used for communications. Staff Sergeant Pfeifle so directed the fire as to break up two enemy attacks including bayonet charges and at times directed the fire to within two yards of himself. The heroic performance of Staff Sergeant Pfeifle on this occasion was a material contribution to the successful defense of a beachhead. Home address: Mrs. Rose Pfeifle, (mother), 211½ 6th Street South, Great Falls, Montana.

Technical Sergeant ARTHUR F SAHS, (36126730), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape and Toen, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 22 April to 1 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Vivian Ruth Sabs, (wife), 421 E. Lake Avenue, Laytonsmith, Wisconsin.

Technician Grade III (then Technician Grade IV) MARK L SCHIBEL, (20931638), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 17 June 1944. During an attack on enemy positions by the unit to which Technician Grade III Schibel was attached as aid man, numerous casualties were suffered as a result of the heavy concentration of fire on the attacking soldiers. In spite of the heavy fire and excellent enemy observation of his movements, Technician Grade III Schibel moved from casualty to casualty giving medical treatment, making them as comfortable as possible and dragging those from exposed positions to places of more security. Although exhausted from his work under these arduous conditions, he continued, treating the major portion of the wounded. As a result of the courageous and efficient performance of Technician Grade III Schibel, the condition of the wounded was much more favorable for recovery. Home address: Mrs. Irene Schibel, (mother), 5822 S. E. 46th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

First Lieutenant PAUL R STINER, (02034585), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toen, Dutch New Guinea, from 17 May to 9 June 1944. Home address: Mr. F. J. Stiner, (father), Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Captain EMIL STUTER, (0330914), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 2 to 15 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. Emil Stuter, (wife), Shiner, Texas.

Captain GARL W SWARTZ, JR., (0483296), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn Swartz, (wife), Round Pond, Arkansas.

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Sergeant EMMETT L. TAYLOR, (6666720), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tambu Bay, New Guinea, on 5 August 1943. The Portable Surgical Hospital of which Sergeant Taylor was a member was located on a beach separated by a swamp from the main perimeter of United States Forces. There was danger of enemy infiltration, and the hospital was warned that anyone approaching the perimeter after sundown would be shot. In the evening, a message was received at the hospital that a litter party bearing a seriously wounded man was coming through the swamp and asked that a man be stationed along the trail to prevent the party from missing the hospital in the darkness. Sergeant Taylor, disregarding the danger of encountering enemy forces and being mistaken for an enemy by friendly troops, voluntarily moved out to meet the party. Sergeant Taylor was successful in locating the group, which had become lost and were floundering in the swamp, and led them into the hospital perimeter. Home address: Mrs. Emmett L. Taylor, (wife), Bunke, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant CARL D. WALKER, (20944638), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 20 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Walker led a thirteen man patrol to reconnoiter a position for a new perimeter and to locate a trail believed in the vicinity of their positions. Enroute, the patrol encountered enemy resistance and in the following skirmish, several of the enemy were killed and the balance withdrew. Continuing on through light sniper fire, they were met with heavy enemy fire, and organized themselves into a defensive position to await the arrival of the platoon that was to set up a perimeter and secure the new position. Staff Sergeant Walker was notified that the supporting platoon was held up by a large enemy force and that he was cut off. He directed the men to increase their fire, hoping to hold out until darkness. Then, alone, he made a reconnaissance to find a way through the jungle by which they might escape under cover of darkness. The patrol held off the enemy until dusk; then, under Staff Sergeant Walker's skillful leadership, crawled through the jungle, skirting the enemy trail block and arrived in their company's perimeter without the loss of a man. The courageous and outstanding performance of Staff Sergeant Walker contributed to the aggressiveness and morale of the men in his platoon. Home address: Mrs. Emily Walker, (mother), Issaquah, Washington.

Technician Grade IV OLIVER F. WALKER, (36301719), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea, Toem, Dutch New Guinea, and Wakde and Biak Islands from 22 April to 20 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Andrea F. Walker, (mother), 2752 Asbury Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

V. AWARD OF OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL).

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain MILAN H. CASPER by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders Number 33, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 6 July 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain MILAN H. CASPER, (0370059), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toem, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 17 May to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Laura Casper, (wife), Rigby, Idaho.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Second Lieutenant CHRISTIAN W. HANSEN by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section III, General Orders Number 51, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 1 August 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant, (then Technical Sergeant) CHRISTIAN W. HANSEN, (01666194), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 June 1944. Second

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Lieutenant Hansen's platoon was situated on a ridge guarding the right flank of his battalion which at the time was held up by heavy fire coming from a ridge about thirty yards distant. The platoon had been receiving fire all afternoon when a serious counterattack was experienced. The strength of the platoon gradually dwindled to eight men and Second Lieutenant Hansen called to the rear for replacements. He then escorted the replacements into their positions, his movements executed under heavy enemy fire. He was proceeding to the assistance of his platoon leader who was directing mortar fire from the crest of a ridge; but before reaching him, the platoon leader fell from the ridge into the enemy fire wounded by shrapnel. Technical Sergeant Hansen edged his way over the crest of the ridge and dragged the wounded officer back to where he could be given medical treatment, then returned to the action and assumed command of the platoon. The platoon held its position until the next morning, providing security for their battalion throughout the night, when they were relieved. Home address: Mr. Carl Hansen, (father), Sidney, Montana.

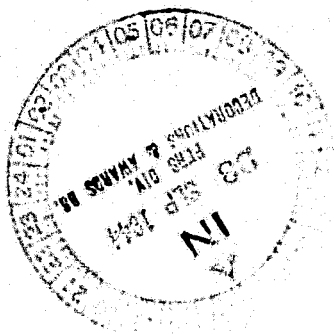
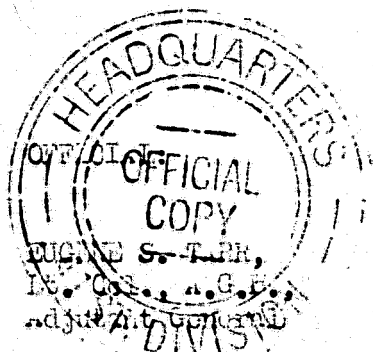
VI. AWARD OF THE AIR MEDAL.

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, 41st Infantry Division to the following officer:

First Lieutenant OSCAR J. RAINVILLE JR., (0688818), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight at Biak Island from 29 May to 20 June 1944. First Lieutenant Rainville flew his piper airplane in sixty-six flight missions during combat operations. His flights were all made over enemy held territory at low altitudes in order to adjust artillery fire and enable observers to spot enemy installations. He was subjected to enemy anti-aircraft and small arms fire on many occasions, but each time persisted in his mission. On one occasion, he was attacked by an enemy combat airplane and escaped by flying at treetop height. First Lieutenant Rainville flew the bulk of missions on this operation and, by his technical skill, and outstanding courage, contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Dora Rainville, (mother), Box 44, Duncan, Arizona.

By command of Major General DOB:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted men:

Sergeant ADOLPH L. GIBBS, (37603612), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Sergeant Gibbs' platoon was engaged in attacking enemy pillboxes in the northeast sector of the island when he was ordered by his platoon leader to take four men and return to the company command post for further instructions. Rather than further deplete his platoon which had already suffered heavy casualties, Sergeant Gibbs started out on his dangerous mission alone. By taking advantage of available cover, he managed to evade the heavy sniper and machine gun fire and reached the company in safety. After obtaining the desired information from the company commander he was cautioned against returning to his platoon without escort. On observing the shortage of men protecting the command post, he started out alone when about two hundred yards from the command post, he saw three Japanese setting up a light machine gun in a wrecked airplane with the obvious intention of bringing fire on the company command post and the reserve platoon. Armed only with his rifle and four hand grenades, Sergeant Gibbs crept around the side of the airplane and killed all the enemy. A sniper killed Sergeant Gibbs when he started his return. Next of kin: Mrs. Eileen M. Gibbs (wife), Glen Allen, Missouri.

Private LEE B. LAMPE, (37672688), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Insoemani Island, Wakde Group, on 17 May 1944. Private Lampe's company was given the mission of landing on a small island to wipe out enemy resistance and act as a covering force for a landing the following day on an adjoining island. In the late afternoon, his platoon leader fell wounded in a sniper lane of fire. Private Lampe observed the officer's predicament and left his position of security to drag him to safety. He was seriously wounded by the same sniper, but continued to drag his platoon leader to the rear until he had him in a secure place where an aid man could administer aid. Private Lampe died a few minutes later from his wounds. Next of kin: Mrs. Pearl Lampe (mother), 617 - 6th Avenue - South, Clinton, Iowa.

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, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted men:

Private JESSE J. JEWELL, (38477246), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Blak Island on 15 June 1944. With his battalion defensive position threatened by three enemy tanks, Private Jewell fearlessly assisted a bazooka gunner firing from an exposed position. With 37mm and

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machine gun fire raking the area, he moved forward from his own lines, then made a round trip securing ammunition. His exceptional gallantry during a most critical period aided in disabling two enemy tanks and forcing the withdrawal of a third. Without his courage and unflinching assistance, the bazooka gunner would not have been able to defend the battalion perimeter, averting many casualties, and permitting a battalion attack to be carried out as scheduled. Home address: Mrs. Annie Catherine Jewell (mother), Box #61, Redwater, Texas.

Sergeant ORELIO PICKENSTEIN, (39231563), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18-19 May 1944. In the afternoon of 18 May, Sergeant Pickenstein's company was repulsing a fierce enemy counter attack. One man of his organization fell seriously wounded in a position exposed to the enemy. Fire was so heavy that stretcher bearers and aid men were unable to reach him. Sergeant Pickenstein, realizing the man's life was in danger and that he needed immediate treatment, crawled forward through intense fire and dragged the man to cover and administered first aid. He then helped the casualty to an aid station. On 19 May, during an enemy counter attack, Sergeant Pickenstein repeated his previous performance. When an aid man was seriously wounded while attempting to reach a casualty, he unhesitatingly moved from his position, exposing himself to enemy fire to evacuate the man. Home address: Mrs. Anna Pickenstein (mother), Route 2, Uhrichville, Ohio.

Private GEORGE C. SCHULTZ, (33626430), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Private Schultz, a bazooka gunner, displayed outstanding courage and initiative during an enemy attack by three tanks. One of the tanks advanced directly towards his position along a narrow road. Private Schultz waited until the tank was in easy range of his bazooka before he opened fire. Though the first round was a dud, he remained in his position and fired another round disabling the tank which was later reported to have burned. Meanwhile, another tank had advanced to within thirty yards of his position on the flank and was spraying an emplacement on a small hill with machine gun and 37mm fire. Private Schultz picked up the bazooka plus a few rounds of ammunition, ran up the hill, and opened fire on the second tank. The first two rounds were duds, but after firing a third round he succeeded in completely disabling the tank. The third tank withdrew. Home address: Mrs. Anna Schultz (mother), 313 North 4th Street, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

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, 41st Infantry Division to the following officers and enlisted men:

Technician Grade Five JOHN O. BARNES, (35420850), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Barnes (mother), Route #3, Athens, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant RAPHAEL J. BERGER, (37081210), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Raphael Berger (father), Dickinson, North Dakota.

Technician Grade Four MARCOS R. BOLTAREZ, (39849461), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Carmen R. Boltarez (mother), Hayden, Arizona.

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Technician Grade Four MELVIN V. BUSCHER, (35419854), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Adrey F. Buscher (wife), 416 E. College Street, Coldwater, Ohio.

Technician Grade Four JACKSON S. CANNON, (38237472), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Martha E. Cannon (wife), Ashdown, Arkansas.

Private First Class SALVATORE J. CANTANZARITA, (31034291), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 7 to 16 June 1944. Private First Class Cantanzarita, while attached to an Infantry regimental medical detachment, drove a jeep ambulance. On one occasion when some thirty-five men were wounded, it was impossible to evacuate by litter bearers because of their number and the continual fire. Private First Class Cantanzarita made numerous trips into the zone of fire evacuating the wounded. On another occasion, in spite of a road being under heavy fire, he drove his jeep ambulance between Parai Jetty and Mokmer Airrome. In that area during the next five days, Private First Class Cantanzarita, disregarding his own safety, continued to evacuate wounded. On several occasions his vehicle drew enemy artillery fire. Home address: Mr. Vito Cantanzarita (father), 34 Curve Street, Dedham, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant KENNETH A. CLAUS, (19054706), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Conrad A. Claus (father), Bx 65, Fromberg, Minnesota.

Technician Grade Three GEORGE L. COBLE, (3045564), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea; Toem, Dutch New Guinea; Wakde and Biak Islands from 22 April to 20 July 1944. Home address: Mr. L. E. Coble, Sr., (father), Route #4, Box 275, Waco, Texas.

Technician Grade Four LAWRENCE A. DAVIS, (05713866), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Davis (wife), 112 East Franklin Street, Evansville, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant PAUL K. DECKER, (39604870), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Grace Decker (mother), North 27th Street, Billings, Montana.

Staff Sergeant THOMAS R. FINNICUM, (20929563), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Finnicum led a twelve man patrol to recover the body of an officer who had been killed seven days previously and which lay in front of strong enemy positions. The enemy were located in strength in caves and prepared coral positions about the area. The patrol attempted to push the enemy back twice in the morning and were each time repulsed. In the afternoon, Staff Sergeant Finnicum led the patrol out on the same mission, this time employing different tactics. After a quick reconnaissance, he placed his men in vantage points under cover from where they could occupy the enemy while he recovered the body. Disregarding the hazards involved in moving into an area covered by hostile fire, he

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located the body, dragged it to cover, called for stretcher bearers and withdrew with his men, the patrol suffering no casualties. Home address: Mrs. Bernie W. Finnicum (mother), Culbertson, Montana.

Private JAMES M. HOFACKER, (20226316), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Edna Hofacker (mother), 145 Thompson Street, Salem, New Jersey.

Technician Grade Four GEORGE R. KENDALL, (34153395), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle Kendall (mother), Route #3, Osage, Iowa.

Technical Sergeant LEO W. KORPI, (36226245), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Korpi was commanding a platoon on a flank of his company when it encountered heavy enemy resistance. As his platoon was exposed, he ordered withdrawal to more favorable positions. A member of his platoon was cut off and pinned down during this movement and was seriously wounded. Technical Sergeant Korpi, disregarding personal safety, crawled to the assistance of his comrade, applied temporary bandage and dragged him to safety. He reorganized his platoon and personally set up a line of riflemen in the midst of heavy enemy fire, in strategic positions. His platoon beat off a counter attack, inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy. The tireless activity and courageous performance of Technical Sergeant Korpi were of great value to his organization in the successful completion of his company's mission. Home address: Mrs. Levi Korpi (mother), 112 Baltic Street, Painesdale, Michigan.

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) DONALD L. LARSEN, (01686195), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toom, New Guinea on 17 May 1944. Second Lieutenant Larsen was leading a combat reconnaissance patrol along a trail. The enemy could be heard talking as they approached. Second Lieutenant Larsen moved his patrol to ambush the enemy, but before he could do so, two enemy scouts spotted the movement. One of them was immediately killed and the other escaped down the trail. One man started to chase the Japanese and was wounded and pinned to the ground. Second Lieutenant Larsen divided his patrol and sent it to flank the enemy and with three men proceeded down the trail in an attempt to draw fire which would enable the flank to catch the enemy off guard. He drew automatic weapon fire and was momentarily pinned down. He observed the enemy were concentrating fire around the man who had been wounded previously. Realizing the necessity for immediate action, he jumped from his position and rushed to the wounded soldier's aid. At the same time the enemy were caught by surprise by attacks on each flank and were forced to retreat, leaving behind weapons, food, and packs, and twelve dead. Home address: Mr. Sverre Larsen (father), Wolf Point, Montana.

Sergeant MAX LARSEN (39231528), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Parai Jetty, Biak Island on 18 June 1944. Sergeant Larsen was second in command of a combat patrol which was subjected to an enemy flanking movement and counterattack. Without regard for his safety he moved into an open area in a deliberate attempt to draw enemy fire in order that their positions could be observed. He was immediately fired upon and returning the fire with his rifle, he killed four Japanese. His action enabled the patrol leader to employ his automatic weapons against the enemy and break up the attack. Home address: Mrs. Mary E. Larsen (mother), 364 West 7th Street, North, Spanish Fork, Utah.

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Private First Class HENRY L. LOYD, (35399284), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ula Loyd (wife), Route #2, Hanceville, Alabama.

Technician Grade Four ALBERT E. NELSON, (20928699), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mitape, New Guinea; Toem, Dutch New Guinea; Wakde and Biak Islands from 22 April to 13 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Alfred E. Nelson (father), Box 126, Libby, Montana.

Technician Grade Four EUGENE R. NYGREN, (37302181), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Walter T. Nygren (brother), Route #1, Lindstrom, Minnesota.

Second Lieutenant (then Technical Sergeant) BERT O. OSEN, (01686197), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iddi, Biak Island on 26 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Osen's platoon was ordered to envelope enemy positions which were holding up the advance of his company. He led his men forward about seventy five yards when they came under heavy fire, wounding one man and cutting him off from the main body of the platoon with three other men. Second Lieutenant Osen immediately dragged the wounded man to temporary shelter and rushed through the enemy fire lane and maneuvered his platoon to relieve the endangered men. Second Lieutenant Osen's gallant and courageous act was an inspiration to all of his men and saved the lives of several casualties. Home address: Mrs. Olav Osen (mother), Route #2, Box 1294, Bremerton, Washington.

Technician Grade Five WALTER A. REDMON, (35496739), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Otha Redmon (father), Route #1, Garlin, Kentucky.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD R. REIDBURN, (37094739), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 28 April 1944. Wounded in the early stages of an ambush, Staff Sergeant Reidburn remained with his platoon directing aid to other wounded and continuing to throw hand grenades. Despite the automatic weapons and rifle fire covering the exposed area, he calmly and courageously performed his gallant act which was instrumental in securing immediate care for the wounded and preventing further casualties by his determined counter fire. The defeat of the enemy was accomplished with greater zeal because of his performance. Home address: Mr. Bernard W. Reidburn (brother), IFD #2, Raymond, South Dakota.

Technician Grade Three DOUGLAS F. SAUNDERS, (20928705), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. After making a beach landing under heavy enemy fire, Technician Grade Three Saunders' unit advanced inland about a hundred yards where it was pinned down by enemy fire. Word came forward from the beach that a seriously wounded man was in need of medical attention. Technician Grade Three Saunders volunteered to return to the beach and render treatment. Disregarding personal safety, he crawled to the beach under constant sniper fire, treated the casualty and moved him to a safer position for later evacuation. He then returned to his unit by the same route. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Napier (mother), 3228 - 45th SW, Seattle, 6, Washington.

Technician Grade Three KEITH F. SANDERS, (39024087), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 23 April to 20 June 1944. Home address: Shirley Childs (sister), 1207 N. Niagara Street, Burbank, California.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to First Lieutenant RICHARD W. HIGHLAND by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 7, Section IV, General Orders No. 26, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 5 June 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant RICHARD W. HIGHLAND, (0391932), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. First Lieutenant Highland led a four man patrol across several hundred yards of ground covered by enemy fire. He succeeded in locating a site along the beach for landing of essential supplies for his regiment. Later from the beach, he supervised the signaling of landing craft carrying in the supplies at night. The enemy at this time were concealed in caves along the beach and harassed the signal men with rifle fire. First Lieutenant Highland remained on the beach all afternoon and through the night regardless of enemy fire, insuring the landing of necessary supplies. His contribution to the achievement of his regiment's mission was great, and his courageous performance was an inspiration to those who worked with him. Home address: Mrs. Robert D. McCartney (aunt), Bandon, Oregon.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant MIHEGKRUSHEVSKY by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section III, General Orders No. 51, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 1 August 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

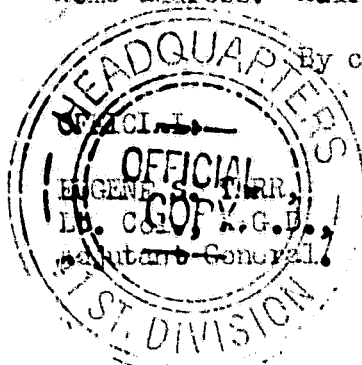
Staff Sergeant MIHEGKRUSHEVSKY, (20928839), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 17 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Krushevsky was leading a patrol in reconnaissance of an area considered as a possible enemy strong point. Two patrols were dispatched; Staff Sergeant Krushevsky's encountered no opposition, while the other came under heavy fire. Staff Sergeant Krushevsky lead his patrol to the assistance of the other patrol and found they had withdrawn leaving the leader as dead. Desiring to make sure the leader was dead before abandoning his body, armed only with a trench knife, he moved into the area, reached the patrol leader, and ascertained he was dead. Before withdrawing, still armed with his knife, he thoroughly reconnoitered the area and found twelve enemy positions. On return to his company, he was able to direct mortar fire on the positions, succeeding in knocking them out. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Krushevsky, (mother), Bellfield, North Dakota.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Technician Grade Five DARWIN L. OLSON, (20939644), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 22 July 1944. Home address: Audrey Partella (sister), Afton, Wyoming.

By command of Major General DOE:



KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted men:

Sergeant JULIAN P. BILBAO, (39679166), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. At about 0900 hours on this date, during the landing on Wakde Island, assault boat number 12 was the leading boat of the first wave. When within about two hundred yards of the beach, the enemy opened up with heavy automatic fire. Within a short time, the coxswain and both assistants were seriously wounded. The din was terrific, and all of the fire seemed to be aimed high, and there were numerous holes appearing in the upper half of the boat. Machine guns supporting the landing which were located on a nearby small island, were firing incessantly. Seeing that the boat crew had temporarily lost control of the boat, Sergeant Bilbao, realizing the danger involved, scrambled up to the controls just in time to avert a collision with a boat on the right. His quick and decisive action in the face of heavy enemy fire saved the lives of several men. Next of Kin: Mr. Simon Bilbao, (father), Route 1, Shoshone, Idaho.

Private First Class KARL F. DUELL, (32922855), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Hiak Island on 22 June 1944. Private First Class Duell was attached to a rifle company as aid man. During the company's assault on enemy positions, it was pinned down by heavy fire, inflicting several casualties. Private First Class Duell went to the assistance of one casualty who had fallen in an exposed position. While treating the man, a sniper fired and killed him instantly. The courageous performance of Private First Class Duell in exposing himself to great danger to help a comrade is worthy of the highest praise. Next of Kin: Mrs. Elsie Duell, (mother), 764 S. 17th Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Private First Class ALBERT R. KROLL, (37091047), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. When forward elements of Private First Class Kroll's company encountered heavy enemy fire, the mortar section was called on to furnish supporting fire to the forward platoons. Private First Class Kroll, a member of the first squad, quickly and efficiently set up his mortar. It was necessary to set up in an exposed position, since there were no favorable positions available and no time to dig in. The order was given to commence firing, but the enemy countered with their mortars. Because of the exposed position, the enemy was able

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to bracket Private First Class Kroll's position immediately. Despite the increasing danger, Private First Class Kroll remained at his post, firing incessantly. Time and again, enemy mortar shells landed near his position wounding men all about him, but he stayed with his gun making the necessary changes in range and elevation. While making an adjustment, an enemy mortar shell exploded directly in front of him, killing him instantly. Private First Class Kroll displayed great courage in remaining in position in a situation which he must have known to be hopeless. Next of Kin: Mrs. Amelia Kroll, (mother), Route 1, Stephen, Minnesota.

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, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted men:

Technician Grade V RICHARD RAY ANDREWS, (35037922), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. The unit to which Technician Grade V Andrews was attached as aid man, was ordered to assist in securing the battalion's flank and to cover the withdrawal of another company. During the movement the unit came under heavy enemy fire, inflicting several casualties. Technician Grade V Andrews, disregarding the intensity of the fire rushed to the aid of the wounded, dressed their wounds and sent them to the rear. His work on this occasion was carried out in open ground, and casualties treated where they fell. His courage and exemplary services under fire were outstanding. Home address: Mrs. Bertha S. Andrews, (mother), Powell, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant THOMAS C. LYNCH, (36128858), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Lynch, as section leader of a machine gun platoon, courageously assisted in covering the withdrawal of a battalion by vigorous rearguard action and with great danger to his own life. When one of the companies became temporarily disorganized under the withering fire, Technical Sergeant Lynch by his coolness and courageous leadership aided in their orderly withdrawal through the least exposed avenues, and instilled confidence in the tired, hard pressed troops. Frequently he helped remove the wounded to safer positions and risked his life to ascertain that no living men were left behind. On one occasion, being informed by withdrawing troops that they had been forced to leave a wounded man in the impact area, he entered the fire zone and removed the man to safety. His heroic actions saved many lives that day, and aided the troops to more orderly withdrawal from untenable positions. Home address: Mrs. Vera E. Lynch, (mother), 68 West Kalama, Royal Oak, Michigan.

Staff Sergeant JOHN O. NEWMAN, (19164058), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Toem, Dutch New Guinea on 27 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Newman's squad was in the lead of a patrol when the enemy was contacted and heavy fire received. One man of the squad was instantly killed by a sniper and the slightest movement drew further fire. Staff Sergeant Newman observing the direction of the sniper fire, and realizing the danger involved, crawled in the direction of the enemy position, drawing fire at each movement. On reaching a position a few yards from the sniper, he lay quiet for a moment, then suddenly standing at full height, he fired rapidly, killing two of the enemy and neutralizing the sniper position. Returning to his men, Staff Sergeant Newman deployed them and moved forward to take up positions from which to assault the main enemy position. The courage and aggressive leadership of Staff Sergeant Newman enabled his platoon to move forward and concentrate their fire power on the main enemy position. Home address: Mr. Loren C. Newman, (father), 901 Temple Avenue, Long Beach, California.

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Private WILLIAM T. SHERWOOD, (39915771), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 19 June 1944. During this operation, two artillery shells fell into the area occupied by the company to which Private Sherwood was attached as aid man, wounding him and seven others. Though bleeding profusely and so badly injured that he was unable to stand, and despite the danger of further artillery fire, he dragged himself over the ground and treated the other wounded men, crawling from one to another giving them first aid. When another aid man arrived, he refused treatment until the remainder of the casualties had been cared for. The courageous actions of Private Sherwood saved the lives of many of the casualties. Home address: Mr. Donald A. Sherwood, (brother), 463 N. Center Street, Lehi, Utah.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star Decoration awarded to Second Lieutenant NEAL A. DIKEMAN by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders number 1, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division dated 5 January 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Second Lieutenant (when acting Second Lieutenant) NEAL A. DIKEMAN, (01686179), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Dikeman was assigned the mission of covering the withdrawal of a company of infantry by his platoon. The position from which the withdrawal was to be accomplished became untenable because of heavy fire sweeping the area. Several casualties were sustained and small groups of enemy pressed forward to take advantage of their success. With no regard for personal safety, Second Lieutenant Dikeman moved among his men directing their fire, thus giving them confidence. By maintaining such excellent control over their actions, he skillfully deployed his men and made it possible for the company to successfully move to the rear without further casualties. He calmly and efficiently held his position until all of the company's wounded were safely evacuated despite the pain of a bullet wound in his face. Home address: Mr. Isaac E. Dikeman, (father), Halfway, Oregon.

IV. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Corporal HERBERT A. DAVIS, (13009304), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroism at Owi Island, Schouten Island Group on 12 August 1944. Corporal Davis was on detail as part of a construction crew working on taxiways of Owi Island Airdrome. An air raid was sounded at about 0330 hours. An enemy aircraft made a bombing run over the newly constructed taxiway and scored direct hits on several aircraft, resulting in a P-38 catching fire. This craft was in a hardstanding with two others of the same type, becoming a fire hazard to the remaining craft. Each of the airplanes' gasoline tanks, including auxiliary tanks, were completely full and the airplanes were completely armed ready for action. The heat from the burning plane exploded its ammunition causing 50 caliber and 20mm shells to ricochet in the hardstanding. The heat also caused gasoline expansion in the auxiliary tanks of the two undamaged aircraft and the gasoline commenced running from the overflow pipes, thereby increasing the fire hazard. Disregarding personal safety, Corporal Davis voluntarily accompanied two others into the area and helped remove the two undamaged aircraft from the hardstanding. Home address: Mrs. Lula Davis, (mother), 738 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class PAUL SMITH, (32629493), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroism at Owi Island, Schouten Island Group on 12 August 1944. Private First Class Smith was on detail as part of a construction crew working on taxiways of Owi Island Airdrome. An air raid was sounded at about 0330 hours. An enemy aircraft made a bombing run over the newly constructed taxiway and scored direct hits on several aircraft, resulting in a P-38 catching fire. This craft was in a hardstanding with two others of the same type, becoming a fire hazard to the remaining craft. Each of the airplanes' gasoline tanks, including auxiliary tanks, were completely full and the airplanes were completely armed ready for action. The heat from the burning plane exploded its ammunition causing 50 caliber and 20mm shells to ricochet in the hardstanding. The heat also caused gasoline expansion in the auxiliary tanks of the two undamaged aircraft and the gasoline commenced running from the overflow pipes thereby increasing the fire hazard. Disregarding personal safety, Private First Class Smith voluntarily accompanied two others into the area and helped remove the two undamaged aircraft from the hardstanding. Home address: Mrs. Nancy Lysorgorski, (mother), Seataupet, Long Island New York.

V. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant ARTHUR L. BERGER, (02035286), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 12 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Berger, a platoon leader, took charge of a twenty man patrol and set out to assist in clearing the enemy from a defile around a water-hole between a beach and cliff. His platoon was to secure their company's flank by clearing a ridge of the enemy. He and his patrol, after reaching the top and moving about forty yards came upon the enemy in positions around a bivouac area. Due to the terrain, it was impossible to maneuver his men to the flanks. Second Lieutenant Berger disregarding his own safety, and under heavy enemy machine-gun fire, ran forward to a position behind a coral formation on higher ground, firing his carbine and throwing hand grenades, thus making it possible for his patrol to move forward and assume better positions. Second Lieutenant Berger was killed by a sniper in the fire fight that followed, but the mission was accomplished. Next of Kin: Mrs. Augustine Berger, (mother), 6327 N. E. Ainsworth, Portland, Oregon.

Private ZALMEN GOLDBERGER, (33458796), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. The motorized patrol, of which Private Goldberger was a member, proceeded approximately a half mile on their mission when they were fired upon from concealed positions. The leading elements of the patrol were unable to move as the intense fire was concentrated on them. Private Goldberger immediately assumed command of a group of the patrol in a rear-ward vehicle not then under fire, bringing them forward with such drive that the increased fire power dispersed the enemy, enabling the patrol to proceed to a successful accomplishment of their assigned mission. Next of Kin: Mr. Louis D. Kanel, (uncle), 134 W. Oak Street, Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant BEANIE T. GRANITO, (36022970), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 10 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Granito observed a soldier hit by a burst of machine gun fire during an attack on an enemy position. His squad was covering the rear of the attacking platoon at the time. The soldier fell into a crevice on the slope of a gully nearest the enemy. He was still conscious and wounded only in the leg. He tried to pull himself back up and succeeded only in drawing more fire and was wounded again in the arm and side. Staff Sergeant Granito worked his way over coral rocks in an attempt to give the wounded man aid. He crawled forward to the man's position and on reaching him, he found it necessary to stand in an upright position to lift him from the crevice in which he was lodged. Disregarding the fire directed toward him, he stood in an upright position and with great effort was able to dislodge the man and carry him to safety. Next of Kin: Mrs. Lena Granito, (mother), 2934 W. Luren Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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Private First Class ALLAN G. MARTIN, (36128665), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Private First Class Martin's road repair squad was proceeding forward from a bridge site when it was fired upon and pinned down. The squad returned the fire, but were unable to advance. Private First Class Martin left his place of concealment and advanced on the enemy position from which the fire was being received. Within five minutes of his departure, the firing ceased, silenced by Private First Class Martin. A second position opened fire with an automatic weapon, first on Private First Class Martin's position then traversing its fire to the balance of the squad. Two unsuccessful attempts were made to join Private First Class Martin, but the fire was so intense, the party was forced to withdraw. Private First Class Martin was killed during this action. Next of Kin: Mrs. Nancy Martin, (mother), Route 2, Stoneboro, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant LINCOLN J. WILLIAMS, (39675095), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 6 June 1944. In the afternoon, the advance of Sergeant Williams' battalion was halted by heavy enemy fire. His company organized a defensive line on a small ridge along the battalion's front. When the defense was established, Sergeant Williams went through terrific enemy fire to see that all wounded men were evacuated. He assisted in the evacuation and giving of medical treatment to two of the wounded. While assisting with the last case, he was killed. Next of kin: Mrs. Fern E. Williams, (mother), Box 4, Draper, Utah.

VI. 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, 41st Infantry Division to the following officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class JAMES L. ALDRIDGE, (36161171), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 21 June 1944. As lead scout of a forward squad on patrol, Private First Class Aldridge observed nine of the enemy behind a tree protected by piles of ammunition boxes. He moved to within ten yards of the position before he received grenade fire. Oblivious of the danger, he rushed the enemy, firing his Thompson sub-machine gun, annihilating most of them and the balance were killed by his squad. Private First Class Aldridge's daring and aggressiveness eliminated a serious enemy pocket and strengthened the spirit of his squad. Home address: Mrs. M. Mangrum, (mother), RFD #2, Fairview, Tennessee.

Second Lieutenant ARNOLD W. ARFSTEN, (02034658), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 15 and 24 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Arfsten and his forward observation party were assigned to an infantry company to adjust artillery fire at the request of the supported unit. On one occasion, during a tank attack, in order to accurately adjust fire it was necessary for him to climb a steep ridge to obtain observation. He promptly did so though exposed to enemy fire throughout the ensuing action. He succeeded in neutralizing the tactical advantage of the enemy tanks sufficiently to allow infantry troops to advance and disrupt the attack. On another occasion, Second Lieutenant Arfsten, while accompanying a patrol, assisted his crew lay a remote control telephone line to an observation post. Despite fierce enemy fire, he climbed a tree and from this exposed position adjusted artillery fire on enemy emplacements. Home address: Mrs. Marie Arfsten, (mother), 4511 Altgeld Street, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant DOUGLAS B. BARNES, (01110917), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. First Lieutenant Barnes

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volunteered to lead a convoy of LVT's in an amphibious movement essential to supply a battalion which was cut off from overland supply. At considerable risk, he succeeded in leading the convoy through heavy enemy gunfire and reached his objective with the supplies. Thereafter, he made several trips under the same dangerous circumstances to evacuate wounded soldiers. All trips were under enemy fire. In the evening of this date enemy fire rendered a previously used jetty impassable, cutting off evacuation of patients from a portable surgical hospital. Seriously wounded patients at the hospital made further evacuation essential. Again, at great risk to his life, he organized a shuttle system from shore to boats lying out of range of enemy fire. Using LVT's, First Lieutenant Barnes personally led many trips during the night, constantly exposed to enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Thomas S. Barnes. (mother) 225 Southwest Greenwood Road, Portland, Oregon.

Captain MORTON BERGER, (0374526), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 5 June 1944. Captain Berger, assistant battalion surgeon, was with his battalion when ordered to dig in for the night. While the men were digging in, enemy mortar shells landed in the area and a man was hit in the chest. Disregarding the danger of remaining in the open, Captain Berger gave the man medical treatment which saved his life. He had just finished when another casualty arrived with a severed artery in his arm. He gave treatment on the spot. The firing at this point let up somewhat and Captain Berger commenced digging in for his own protection when a mortar shell landed in his vicinity wounding a man in the back. Captain Berger rushed to the man and gave him necessary treatment. His courageous performance in rendering medical treatment under fire, exposed to serious injury or death, reflect great credit on himself and his profession. Home address: Mrs. Rosa Berger, (mother), 95-07 158 Avenue, Howard Beach, Queens, New York, New York.

Private First Class DONALD L. CLAUSON, (39047619), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 6 June 1944. The unit to which Private First Class Clauson was attached as aid man had moved into position on a ridge in an attempt to get above an enemy pocket which was holding up the advance of part of a battalion. While setting up a light machine gun, one of the men was wounded in the leg and received facial wounds from flying chips of coral surrounding the emplacement under construction. Private First Class Clauson moved across terrain exposed to enemy observation, half of which was under fire and gave assistance to the wounded man. While still under fire he gave first aid and then assisted in evacuating the casualty to safety. Home address: Mrs. Florence Clauson, (mother), 1731 Blake Street, Berkeley, California.

Sergeant EARL A. ERICKSON, (39679144), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. During one phase of the Wakde Island operation when Sergeant Erickson's unit encountered heavy enemy opposition, his squad was one of the forward elements of the company and was the first to contact the enemy. The enemy laid down a furious barrage of mortar and automatic fire. After crawling forward a short distance to observe, he spotted a number of enemy firing mortars. Alone, he killed the entire crew and damaged the mortar with grenades and rifle fire. He then ordered his squad to withdraw to better positions and covered the withdrawal of all of his men before he followed. Sergeant Erickson repeatedly exposed himself to danger in assuring the men were supplied with ammunition and water. His actions materially aided in repulsing several enemy counter attacks. Home address: Mrs. W. F. Rehuss, (mother), Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Private First Class DONALD P. HARGATE, (37616739), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 12 and 13 June 1944. The unit to which Private First Class Hargate was attached had just completed an envelopment of an enemy position on a ridge. The unit was situated between,

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two enemy positions on the ridge, the Japanese having excellent observation. During the night, the enemy commenced dropping accurate mortar fire in the position, causing several casualties. Although it was exceedingly dark and dangerous to move about within the defensive perimeter, Private First Class Hargate left his foxhole, and with the assistance of another aid man gave aid to all casualties while mortar shells were still falling on their positions. They worked in total darkness, stopping serious bleeding and applying bandages in an efficient manner, entirely by touch. They remained with the casualties throughout the night as evacuation was impossible. The next morning, they administered blood plasma to two of the casualties. The courageous performance and devotion to duty of Private First Class Hargate were an inspiration to the men of the organization. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Hargate, (mother), 7345 LaVeta Avenue, Richmond Heights, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant WAYNE R. HILLS, (36053465), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Clark Hills, (mother), 1810 E. Main Street, Jacksonville, Illinois.

Private First Class FELIX JURASIN, (39201900), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Private First Class Jurasin's company was advancing up a narrow coral strip bounded on either side by Japanese aircraft revetments, which were fortified with machine guns concealed in the sides. His squad was moving around the flank of one of these revetments when the squad leader and the man in rear of him were killed by the cross fire of machine guns. Private First Class Jurasin immediately assumed command of the squad, led them in their withdrawal, and deployed them to the flank of the enemy position. He then led his men up the side of the revetment and knocked it out with hand grenades and automatic fire. Private First Class Jurasin's work was instrumental in the final rout of the enemy. The safety of his entire company would have been jeopardized had it not been for the efficient work of his squad. Home address: Mr. John Jurasin, (father), 411 East Curtis Street, Aberdeen, Washington.

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT KASPER, (021084), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy at Biak Island from 10 June to 30 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anne U. Kasper, (wife), Box 1842, Carmel, California.

Staff Sergeant DARRELL R. LEABO, (20935571), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. In an attack on enemy positions, Staff Sergeant Leabo's section of heavy machine guns were attached to an assault platoon. They came under terrific enemy fire as they advanced. Staff Sergeant Leabo put his section into action immediately, neutralizing enemy fire and aiding the riflemen to advance. He directed the fire of his guns at all times and exposed himself to enemy fire concentrated on his guns in order to better observe and bring to bear the most effective fire. When their advance was held up, Staff Sergeant Leabo's section was attached to the support platoon which then advanced. The support platoon came under heavy fire and was ordered to withdraw and the section of machine guns stayed in position bringing rapid fire on the enemy and drawing enemy fire away from the riflemen. On this occasion he exposed himself to direct the fire of his guns. After his section had withdrawn, Staff Sergeant Leabo returned to the action with another section which was firing in support of another unit. Because he knew where most of the firing was coming from, he took the gunners position and fired on the enemy emplacements thus indicating the target for other gunners. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Leabo, (mother), Route #1, The Dalles, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant VICTOR LILLEY, (01318056), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mr. William J. Lilley, (father), 3125 2nd Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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Private WALTER H. MONSKE, (36162980), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 25 April 1944. Private Monske, a runner in his company, was acting as a forward scout from his unit. He encountered a rock emplacement on the bank of a river occupied by four Japanese. Advancing, alone, to within ten yards of the position, he received fire from the four enemy. Disregarding the hazards of his position he stood upright and returned the fire. He killed two of the enemy and caused the other two to cease firing. The courageous performance of Private Monske resulted in the quick destruction of an emplacement and prevented possible casualties to his company. Home address: Mr. Leon H. Monske, (father), 12850 Ward Avenue, Winandott, Michigan.

First Lieutenant NELSON A. NELSEN, (0420859), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. On reaching its objective, First Lieutenant Nelsen's battalion was subjected to heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire from ridges about them. The enemy had excellent observation and because the fire was so intense, development of a defensive position was impaired. Disregarding personal safety, First Lieutenant Nelsen advanced twenty five yards over open terrain, climbed a ten foot tree stump to gain observation of enemy positions. Remaining in his precarious position, exposed to enemy fire and observation for approximately an hour, he directed fire so effectively that much of the fire was silenced long enough to permit the troops to dig in. Home address: Mrs. Julius Nelsen, (mother), 304 Hamilton Street, Medford, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant HOWARD H. SMALL, (02035442), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 May to 14 July 1944. On one occasion, Second Lieutenant Small's platoon acted as support to an advance party. The advance party came under heavy fire and was pinned to cover. The enemy then attacked the rear and flank of his battalion and tanks were seen advancing in attack formation. When informed of the situation, Second Lieutenant Small realized only one platoon was in a position to meet the attack. He reorganized his platoon and moved forward under constant fire. The platoon moved forward in proper formation, coordinated their defense, and the oncoming attack was repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. Second Lieutenant Small on several occasions handled his command in a like manner on various types of missions. His performance throughout this period resulted in killing many Japanese, capturing numerous objectives, and much intelligence information. Second Lieutenant Small's leadership, courageous actions, and devotion to duty were a material contribution to the success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Edna B. Small, (mother), Route #2, Hagerstown, Maryland.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES E. SMITH, (39159997), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 9 August 1944. Staff Sergeant Smith's squad was pinned down by enemy fire coming from the side of a trail. He and three men were wounded by the intense fire which limited movement. Disregarding personal safety, Staff Sergeant Smith moved freely throughout the area, giving aid to the wounded. While doing so, he was again wounded, one shot going through his helmet and several through his jacket. He was under fire for one hour before the enemy was forced to withdraw. He remained with the other wounded until medical attention was available, at which time he refused medical aid until all others had been treated. The courageous performance of Staff Sergeant Smith was an inspiration to his platoon and helped considerably in accomplishing their mission. Home address: Mrs. Frieda Smith, (mother), 416 Hillcrest Street, Elsegundo, California.

Private First Class JAMES C. THARPE, (04069369), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 28 April 1944. Private

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First Class Tharpe's platoon was ambushed while patrolling the Cyclops Drome area. Though wounded twice during the ambush and his assistant killed, he maneuvered to a more advantageous position where he silenced one enemy machine gun with his automatic rifle while drawing heavy fire on himself. His effective fire killed five of the enemy, allowing his unit to withdraw and also permitting removal of wounded and dead. His valiant act saved many casualties to his unit. Home address: Mrs. Grace Carr Tharpe, (mother), Unadilla, Georgia.

VII. AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER (BRONZE STAR MEDAL).

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain MARVIN E. SPEER by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 5, Section III, General Orders Number 45, dated 21 July 1944. Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Citation amended by Lt Col 5 Jan 1945
*Captain (then First Lieutenant) MARVIN E. SPEER, (0337342), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Sanananda, New Guinea from 1 March to 30 April 1943. Home address: Mrs. Marion B. Speer, (wife), 601 Washington Road, Grosse Point, Michigan.

VIII. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted man:

Sergeant CHARLES W. MANN, (35161795), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 25 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Priscilla Mann, (wife), Candy Kitchen, Mitchell, Indiana.

IX. AWARD OF THE COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE.

Under the provisions of Circular 186, War Department, 1944, the Combat Infantryman's Badge is awarded the following named officers for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, effective dates indicated.

Colonel HAROLD HANEY (06807), Infantry, United States Army 5 May 1944
Colonel WILLIAM J. MORONEY (012473), Infantry, United States Army 27 May 1944
Colonel OLIVER P. NEWMAN (015016), Infantry, United States Army 5 May 1944

X. REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS.

1. So much of Section II, General Orders number 57, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 12 August 1944 as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Staff Sergeant BENNY T. GRANITO is revoked.

2. Section VI, General Orders number 59, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division dated 14 August 1944 is revoked.

3. So much of Section II, General Orders number 59, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 14 August 1944 as pertains to award of the Silver Star Decoration to Second Lieutenant NEAL A. DIKEMAN is revoked.

XI. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.

amended
orig. Gen. Order No. 59, 14 Aug 44
So much of Section I, General Orders number 55, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 9 August 1944 as pertains to award of the Silver Star Decoration to Colonel WILLIAM J. MORONEY is amended to read as follows:

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Colonel WILLIAM J. MORONEY, (012473), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Insoemear Island, Wakde Group from 18 to 21 May 1944. Colonel Moroney, commanding officer of an infantry regiment, landed with the initial wave to reach the island when fighting was at its peak. He immediately established a command post well forward in order to better direct and control the operation. Despite intense enemy resistance he led the forward element in driving a wedge between the eastern and western halves of the island which broke organized resistance. Subsequent to that date air corps and service troops which had landed on the beaches were attacked by small groups of the enemy. Despite the fact that these troops were untrained in ground combat, Colonel Moroney organized them in a defensive position and the area was successfully defended. His outstanding tactical ability and cool leadership were responsible for the sound defeat administered the enemy. Home address: Mr. J. J. Moroney, (father), 1103 East 6th Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

By command of Major General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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

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, 41st Infantry Division to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant ROBERT L BAUCOM, (20940304), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Douglas Harbor, Morobe, and Nassau Bay, New Guinea, from 31 March to 28 August 1943. Home address: Mrs. Rose Baucom, (mother), 105 Harvard Avenue, North Seattle, Washington.

Captain TOM E FERGUSON, (01107942), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Owi Island, Schouten Group, from 6 June to 31 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Tom E. Ferguson, (wife), Plymouth, Indiana.

Lieutenant Colonel MARVIN O KRUSE, (0308951), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Owi Island, Schouten Group from 11 June to 31 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Kruse, (wife), 827 Maxwell Drive, Des Moines, Iowa.

Lieutenant Colonel SHERWOOD E LILES JR., (0246195), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island, from 9 July to 16 August 1944. Home address: Mrs. S. E. Liles, (wife), 301 West Henderson Street, Salisbury, North Carolina.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Colonel HERBERT G LAUTERBACH by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders Number 33, 6 July 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Colonel HERBERT G LAUTERBACH, (0199098), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Herbert G. Lauterbach, (wife), Twin Falls, Idaho.

By command of Major General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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Approved by J.P.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec II; Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named officers and enlisted men.

Technical Sergeant CLYDE V ALLEN, (39081089), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Cora Allen, (mother), Route #1, Coaling, , California.

First Lieutenant RAYMOND G BRAY, (01170662), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 22 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. R. G. Bray (wife), 19A Forest Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Technician Grade V EARL L BRYANT, (20429222), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 3 June 1944. Technician Grade V Bryant's battery was in position in a congested area and engaged in a fire mission when enemy aircraft flew over their positions. The men took cover in fox holes while the planes were immediately overhead and then returned to their guns to continue firing. The planes made a second run on the area and the men again took cover in fox holes. This time strafing bullets struck a powder storage near one of the guns, which immediately burst into flames. The men were warned to leave the area because of intense heat and the danger of explosion. Technician Grade V Bryant moved in close to the position with four other men to see what could be done to stop the blaze. It was noted that there were several fused projectiles to the rear of the gun, and the powder explosion had spread the fire close to the gun, igniting the mats on which the projectiles rested. Technician Grade V Bryant, with the four other men, unfused the projectiles which were so hot the men's finger tips were burned. They then ran to the far end of the powder pile and pulled unburned cases free of the fire, even though the flames forced them to jump for safety. They saved valuable equipment and ammunition which could not be replaced at the time and enabled the battery to resume firing immediately. Home address: Mrs. Earl L Bryant (wife), Benton, Kentucky.

Corporal MARSHALL L CONNELL, (20429201), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 3 June 1944. Corporal Connell's battery was in position in a congested area and engaged in a fire mission when enemy aircraft flew over their positions. The men took cover in fox holes while the planes were immediately overhead and then returned to their guns to continue firing. The planes made a second run on the area and the men again took cover in fox holes. This time strafing bullets struck a powder storage near one of the guns, which immediately burst into flames. The men were warned to leave the area because of intense heat and the danger of explosion. Corporal Connell moved in close to the position with four other men to see what could be done to stop the blaze. It was noted that there were several fused projectiles to the rear of the gun, and the powder explosion had spread the fire close to the gun, igniting the mats on which the projectiles rested. Corporal Connell, with the four other men, unfused the projectiles which were so hot the men's finger tips were burned. They then ran to the far end of the powder pile and pulled unburned cases free of the fire, even though the flames forced them to jump from time to time to safety. They saved valuable equipment and ammunition which could not be replaced at the time and enabled the battery to resume firing immediately. Home address: Mrs. T. F. Connell, (mother), Erin, Tennessee.

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Second Lieutenant RALPH C CRAWFORD, (0428436) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 2 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Crawford's platoon was divided and unplaced on two ridges on either side of a trail north of Ibdi with the mission of defending and keeping open the trail for use of friendly troops. Due to the nature of terrain, and the late hour at which the position was occupied, it was impossible to dig in or build any but hasty fortifications. The enemy **attacked** the ridge defended by Second Lieutenant Crawford and fifteen men. Having expended all of their hand grenades, and having suffered several direct hits by mortar, the men occupying the forward position were forced to withdraw to a less favorable position. Second Lieutenant Crawford covered the withdrawal, remaining until the last man had withdrawn. Due to the darkness, he became separated from his unit and remained there until early morning, observing enemy activity. During the night, enemy machine gun fire sprayed the area intermittently and on one occasion the Japanese sent out a small patrol, but Second Lieutenant Crawford was not detected. The following morning he selected a position concealed from the enemy, but visible to his men, and signaled them forward and reoccupied the ridge. Home address: Mr. Fulton Crawford, (father), Combs, Kentucky.

First Lieutenant FRANCIS E ELWELL, (01170356), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 22 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Constance S Elwell (wife), Cheltenham Avenue, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant ALFRED H FIERKE, (01177793), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 3 June 1944. First Lieutenant Fierke's battery was in position in a congested area and engaged in a fire mission when enemy aircraft flew over their positions. The men took cover in fox holes while the planes were immediately overhead and then returned to their guns to continue firing. The planes made a second run on the area and the men again took cover in fox holes. This time strafing bullets struck a powder storage near one of the guns, which immediately burst into flames. The men were warned to leave the area because of intense heat and the danger of explosion. Lieutenant Fierke moved in close to the position with four other men to see what could be done to stop the blaze. It was noted that there were several fused projectiles to the rear of the gun, and the powder explosion had spread the fire close to the gun, igniting the mats on which the projectiles rested. Lieutenant Fierke, with the four other men, unfused the projectiles which were so hot the men's finger tips were burned. They then ran to the far end of the powder pile and pulled unburned cases free of the fire, even though the flames forced them to jump to safety from time to time. They saved valuable equipment and ammunition which could not be replaced at the time and enabled the battery to resume firing immediately. Home address: Mr. Alfred A Fierke (father), 219 West Elm Street, Albion, Michigan.

Captain GARFORD R HARRIS, (0501468), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. On this date, the battalion of which Captain Harris was surgeon, was in process of digging into its assigned position in the vicinity of Mandom. Virtually no protection was afforded by the terrain and the positions had not been completed. Severe enemy mortar fire fell throughout the battalion area, the first shell landing in the Headquarters Battery, killing four and wounding eight. Later shells killed and wounded others in other batteries. Although there was no protection in the vicinity of the wounded and the shelling was continuous, Captain Harris rushed to the side of the casualties wherever they fell and administered aid with coolness and skill, directing his medical detachment with the utmost efficiency. Home address: Mrs. Mary I Harris, (mother), 6549 South Green Street, Chicago 21, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH JOBANIK, (39300951), Infantry, United States

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Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Jobanek's platoon was directed to move to the left flank of an adjoining company to provide security for the battalion. As the platoon was moving forward in an attempt to locate the adjoining company's flank, they were subjected to intense enemy fire. Rather than move the whole platoon, the platoon leader decided to send a small patrol to reconnoiter the situation. Staff Sergeant Jobanek volunteered to make the reconnaissance alone. His mission was especially hazardous because of the proximity of the enemy and his platoon could give him no covering fire as the position of the adjoining company was uncertain. The reconnaissance was successful in locating the adjoining company and in locating a route over which the platoon could move in comparative safety. The resulting movement produced only one casualty. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jobanek, (mother), General Delivery, Scappoose, Oregon.

Captain FRANK J KIRK, (0327199), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 8 to 12 June 1944. Captain Kirk, supply officer of an artillery organization during this period, voluntarily conducted several ammunition convoys through hazardous enemy territory to a battalion badly in need of resupply. On 10 June when the ammunition supply of a battalion became critical he lead sixteen trucks loaded with 75 mm ammunition over a road in total blackout receiving sporadic fire enroute. On 12 June Captain Kirk again volunteered to conduct a convoy over the same route under the same hazardous conditions. Home address: Mrs. Frank J Kirk, (wife), 1416 E 41st Street, Seattle 5, Washington.

Private GREGORY A MATTEO, (13029148), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Private Matteo, and another soldier, volunteered to carry a seriously wounded soldier from a ridge infested with snipers. The ridge on which both the wounded man and snipers were located could be reached only by climbing a twenty foot ladder. Private Matteo and his assistant carried a litter up the ladder onto the ridge, placed the wounded man on it and carried him to safety. This act was accomplished in the face of enemy sniper fire. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Matteo, (mother), General Delivery, Walsenburg, Colorado.

Major CHARLES NELSON, JR., (0395561), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 15 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Charles Nelson, Sr., (father), Hillwood Drive, Nashville, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant RICHMOND W NOBLE, (02036073), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 22 June 1944. While leading a combat reconnaissance patrol, First Lieutenant Noble encountered enemy machine gun fire delivered from positions on commanding terrain. Cleverly deploying his men, he moved them forward by groups, firing alternately until they reached hand grenade distance of the fortification. As the patrol gained points of observation, they received heavy small arms fire. Having his men in various positions raise their helmets to draw fire, First Lieutenant Noble was able to keep his head up high enough to observe the enemy. In this manner he secured sufficient information to enable his battalion to attack. He safely withdrew his patrol from the hazardous area, suffering no casualties. Home address: Mrs. Bessie P Noble, (mother), Dalton, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD B FUCKETT, (20429351), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Aline Puckett, (mother), 1335 Pennock Avenue, Nashville 7, Tennessee.

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Private MELVIN F PYLES, (37136508), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Private Pyles' battery had just entered an assigned position when heavy enemy mortar fire began falling in the area. The first shell killed four and wounded eight men. The area was flat and clear of brush, offering no protection and the battery had not had time to dig in. Private Pyles, disregarding personal safety, rushed to the side of the casualties as soon as they were hit and began giving assistance to the medical officer in caring for and evacuating the wounded, though his normal duty was telephone operator. This was his first experience under fire and he acquitted himself in an exceptionally heroic manner. Home address: Mrs. Lydia E Shuler, (mother), 3850 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rhodes Avenue, New Boston, Ohio.

Captain HAROLD W ROEMER, (01168438), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Hulda M Roemer, (mother), 1452 Millbrook Avenue, Fresno, California.

Staff Sergeant JOHN L ROSS, (20428655), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. The battalion to which Staff Sergeant Ross was assigned in the medical detachment had just arrived at an assigned position when heavy enemy mortar fire began falling in the area. The first shell killed four and wounded eight men and further casualties were sustained from later shelling. Staff Sergeant Ross, senior noncommissioned officer in the medical detachment, accompanied the medical officer to the aid of the wounded, giving them early assistance and aiding in the evacuation under fire. Staff Sergeant Ross acted immediately. He did not wait until the shelling ended to render assistance. His conduct and efficiency did much to keep up the morale of the medical detachment, setting a fine example, and contributing much to the speedy treatment and evacuation of the wounded. Home address: Mrs. Mary Jo Ross, (wife), 2109 Oak Street, Chattanooga 4, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant GEORGE L ROUSSEAU, (01170951), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary C Rousseau, (mother), 5 Grout Court, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Corporal GEORGE G RUSSELL, (38075444), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 10 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Zula Russell, (mother), 1830 San Antoni Avenue, Port Arthur, Texas.

Private First Class HARLEY V SHEPHERD, (35219940), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 10 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Nellie M Shepherd, (wife), Route #2, Cambridge, Ohio.

First Sergeant SEBASTIAN B WALKER, (34071339), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 May to 28 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. J. J. Walker, (mother), Route 4, Box 127, Mansfield, Louisiana.

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Captain HENRY R WIGGANS, (0402173), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 3 June 1944. Captain Wiggans' battery was in position in a congested area and engaged in a fire mission when enemy aircraft flew over their positions. The men took cover in fox holes while the planes were immediately overhead and then returned to their guns to continue firing. The enemy made a second run over the area and the men again took cover in fox holes. This time strafing bullets struck a powder storage near one of the guns, which immediately burst into flames. Captain Wiggans directed his men to leave the area because of the intense heat and danger of explosion. The blaze had spread to one of the guns and ignited a mat on which several fuzed projectiles rested, endangering the gun and further endangering lives of the men in the area. He led four men to the gun and unfuzed the projectiles which were so hot the men's hands were burned. They then ran to the far end of the powder pile and pulled unburned cases free of the fire, though the flames forced them to jump to safety from time to time. Captain Wiggans and his men saved valuable equipment and ammunition which could not be replaced at the time, and enabled the battery to resume firing immediately. Home address: Mrs. Bertha J Wiggans, (mother), 812 North Arcadia Place, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Technician Grade IV WILTON C WATTS, (20429264), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 3 June 1944. Technician Grade IV Watts' battery was in position in a congested area and engaged in a fire mission when enemy aircraft flew over their positions. The men took cover in fox holes while the planes were immediately overhead and then returned to their guns to continue firing. The planes made a second run on the area and the men again took cover in fox holes. This time strafing bullets struck a powder storage near one of the guns which immediately burst into flames. The men were warned to leave the area because of the intense heat and danger of explosion. Technician Grade IV Watts moved in close to the position with four other men to see what could be done to stop the blaze. It was noted that there were several fuzed projectiles to the rear of the gun, and the powder explosion had spread the fire close to the gun, igniting the mats on which the projectiles rested. Technician Grade IV, with the four other men, unfuzed the projectiles which were so hot the men's finger tips were burned. They then ran to the far end of the powder pile and pulled unburned cases free of the fire, even though the flames forced them to jump to safety from time to time. They saved valuable equipment and ammunition which could not be replaced at the time and enabled the battery to resume firing immediately. Home address: Mrs. H. W. Watts, St Bethlehem, Tennessee.

Master Sergeant CLAUDE R WILLIAMSON, (20429368), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 May to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sarah Williamson, (mother), Shelbyville, Tennessee.

By command of Major General DOE:



KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 Decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant ARTHUR E LUEDKE, (36218596), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 27 June 1944. When Staff Sergeant Luedke's company experienced its first fierce counterattack, he observed a position from which the enemy force could be broken up. He advanced approximately twenty yards down a slight slope where he could use his rifle and grenades more effectively. Advancing into the face of the oncoming enemy, he opened fire with his rifle and killed several. The Japanese momentarily stopped their advance, but before Staff Sergeant Luedke could regain his former position, they charged again. He fired all of his ammunition into the enemy, threw his grenades and disorganized the attack. He was wounded by a sniper in this action and died of wounds the following day. Next of kin: Mrs. William Luedke Sr., (mother), 3533 A North 11th Street, Milwaukee 6, Wisconsin

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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officers and enlisted men:

Captain MERTON E AUSTIN, (0389609), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. Captain Austin was acting as artillery observer with an infantry battalion on this date. In the late morning, heavy mortar fire began falling on their front lines. The enemy had the advantage of terrain and observation and it was found necessary to withdraw the battalion to enable the artillery to reduce the resistance. Captain Austin remained with his radio after the troops about him had been withdrawn, completing his adjustment of fire. He exposed himself to enemy mortar fire, fixing an adjustment which temporarily silenced the mortars and enabled the battalion to evacuate its casualties. Home address: Mrs. Marie Anne Austin, (wife), Box 41, Pittsburg, Texas.

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Second Lieutenant (then acting Second Lieutenant) NEAL A DIKEMAN, (01686179), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Dikeman was assigned the mission of covering the withdrawal of a company of infantry of his platoon. The position from which the withdrawal was to be accomplished became untenable because of heavy fire sweeping the area. Several casualties were sustained and small groups of enemy pressed forward to take advantage of their success. With no regard for personal safety, Second Lieutenant Dikeman moved among his men directing their fire, thus giving them confidence. By maintaining such excellent control over their actions, he skillfully deployed his men and made it possible for the company to successfully move to the rear without further casualties. He calmly and efficiently held his position until all of the company's wounded were safely evacuated despite despite the pain of a bullet wound in his face. Home address: Mr Isaac W. Dikeman, (father), Halfway, Oregon.

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First Lieutenant SAMUEL P GORDON, (01166493), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island from 26 May to 30 June 1944. During this period, First Lieutenant Gordon successfully accomplished twenty aerial missions over enemy territory, reconnoitering enemy positions, and carrying command personnel on reconnaissance flights for adjustment of artillery fire. On numerous occasions it was necessary that he bring his plane over the target at an exceptionally low altitude and he was fired on by anti-aircraft and small arms. Despite many adversities First Lieutenant Gordon continued with his missions, contributing greatly to successful artillery support throughout the operation. Home address: Mrs. Rita H. Gordon, (wife), 494 Quincy Avenue, East Braintree, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant JOSEPH R McINERNEY, (01174067), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 5 and 7 June 1944. On 5 June First Lieutenant McInerney, an artillery liaison pilot, adjusted fire on two enemy anti-aircraft guns to which he had to approach closely to identify. On 7 June he again registered artillery on anti-aircraft positions from which he had received fire. He also risked the possibility of attack by enemy aircraft while flying a fragile Piper Cub airplane far from a landing strip. He registered the positions so effectively that the battalion was able to safely fire only a hundred yards in front of the infantry. These deeds contributed in great measure to the success of his battalion's fires and marked him as an exceptionally able pilot and artilleryman. Home address: Mrs. Norman McInerney, (wife), 30 Broadway, Los Gatos, California.

Corporal HARRY R SMITH, (39676939), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 1 June 1944. Corporal Smith's organization had been driven to cover by an enemy 70mm field piece firing from a ridge overlooking their position. Early in the evening the enemy had secured a bracketing adjustment on the area which was approximately thirty by eighty yards and had set fire to a gasoline and ammunition dump just outside their defensive perimeter. With the area well illuminated, the enemy increased the rate of fire. Corporal Smith, who was on guard, aroused the men about him and checked the area to insure that all men were under cover. A call was made for medical aid for a seriously injured man, and Corporal Smith, disregarding the flying shrapnel from the ammunition dump and artillery fire, left his shelter and moved over open ground for approximately thirty yards to give aid. He applied a compress to a gushing wound in the man's neck and carried him through the flying shrapnel and debris to an aid station. He returned and checked shelters for wounded men and looked after one man who was suffering from shock and hysteria. Home address: Mrs. Martha J. Smith, (mother), Bluebell, Utah.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star decoration awarded to Major BRYON A ARMSTRONG, by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders Number 8, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 1 May 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major (then Captain) BRYON A ARMSTRONG, (0384217), United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 19 and 20 May 1944. Major Armstrong landed on Wakde Island at H hour plus thirty-five minutes with the regimental commander and personnel of the forward regimental command post. Although considerable enemy fire was encountered, he established the regimental command post on the beach and made immediate plans to move forward to the command post of the battalion in assault. To furnish the higher command with accurate information, he made repeated trips to forward positions by three-quarter ton vehicle, LVT, and on foot, many times under fire. Throughout the intense fighting, Major Armstrong did superior staff work. He maintained an accurate situation map, and his sound tactical advice was of inestimable value to the commanding officer of the assault battalion and the regimental commander. His personal reconnaissance, verification of reports, and thorough knowledge of infantry, artillery and tanks, achieved successful results in the application of supporting weapons. Major Armstrong's performance as S-3 contributed a great deal to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Florence Armstrong,

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(wife), Glasgow, Montana.

IV. AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant RICHARD A. HANSEN, (02035425), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 9 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Hansen's company was in a temporary defensive position holding the line from Mokner Drome to the beach. Sporadic artillery and small arms fire was covering the whole area. Second Lieutenant Hansen was a mortar observer, and in order to bring neutralizing fire on enemy positions, it was necessary that he move from his fox hole within the company perimeter to a small hill about forty yards distant. He obtained information which he relayed by telephone to the mortar battery executive, enabling the mortars to fire effectively and neutralize the enemy. He was killed while on this mission. Next of kin: Mrs. Richard A. Hansen, (wife), 1901 E. Shorewood Boulevard, Milwaukee 11, Wisconsin.

V. 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, 41st Infantry Division to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), GERALD W. ANDERSON, (02035414), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 19 May 1944. First Lieutenant Anderson's platoon was advancing with the mission of eliminating enemy strong points on commanding ground and establishing contact with another company in the vicinity. The left flank of the company encountered strong, well-organized enemy resistance. When heavy fire threatened to slow the progress of his men, First Lieutenant Anderson disregarding enemy fire, moved forward and directed the fire of the accompanying tank which resulted in the destruction of the enemy strong point. Home address: Mr. Eddie I. Anderson, (father), 403 4th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD E BOGARDUS, (20947435), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 May to 21 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Harry Bogardus, (father), 1347 Center Street, St. Maries, Idaho.

Chief Warrant Officer LLOYD E BRYANT, (W2114741), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 22 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Virginia E. Bryant, (wife), 9520 SE 38th Street, Milwaukie, Oregon.

Sergeant ERNEST DAY CONLEY, (20936205), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Virginia Lyona Conley, (wife), Mohawk, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant ALEX E COX, (20929357), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toem, Dutch New Guinea on 27 May 1944. A large group of Japanese attacked the battalion perimeter of Staff Sergeant Cox's organization during the night. The first warning of the attack came by the explosion of front line booby traps and enemy mortar fire landing in the area. At the same time the air raid warning sounded adding to the confusion. Staff Sergeant Cox, conscious of the danger involved both from his own men and the enemy, rounded up twenty men and established a secondary line of defense. After establishing

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the defense line he went forward to reconnoiter the situation. A small enemy force had infiltrated through the line increasing the danger of movement in the darkness. Ignoring this danger, he returned to his men who were dispersed about the area and led them up to reinforce the perimeter defense. Home address: Mr. Alex L. Cox, (father), Harlowton, Montana.

First Lieutenant GORDON W FOSTER, (02035086), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 25 June to 4 July 1944. Home address: Mr. Richard A. Foster, (brother), DeHoop Avenue, SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Technician Grade IV MORGAN L GILLESPIE, (38058323), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea, Toem, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 20 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. George B. Gillespie, (mother), 1437 Godwin Street, Houston, Texas.

Private First Class EDWARD E GRANQUIST, (39301017), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 17 July 1944. Private First Class Granquist was second scout of a reinforced rifle platoon on patrol. Their mission was to secure a coral ridge on which the enemy held an observation post defended by automatic weapons. Private First Class Granquist on reaching the top of the ridge was seeking cover when he was fired on by an enemy machine gun. Disregarding the danger, he crawled forward and threw grenades which killed one of gun crew and forced the withdrawal of those remaining. His action enabled other men of the platoon to join him in securing the flank and ultimately the entire ridge. Home address: Mrs. Hilda Granquist, (mother), P.O. Box #54, Williamette, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant CHESTER B HEALY, (20933829), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Healy's platoon, during the initial landing at Biak was the leading element of the entire force. When the battalion was pinned down by fire, Staff Sergeant Healy's platoon and company were cut off from the balance of the battalion. The platoon leader was mortally wounded and casualties in the platoon were steadily mounting. Staff Sergeant Healy assumed command of the platoon and maneuvered them to cover from the intense mortar fire which was producing so many casualties. He and a member of his platoon dragged the platoon leader out of the intense fire at the risk of their lives. Staff Sergeant Healy was wounded on the following day while performing his duties in the same courageous manner. Home address: Mr. G. O. Healy, (father), 419 Miller Ave., Dallas, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant WARREN D HOLLEY, (38079233), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 10 May 1944. Home address: Mr. H. S. Holley, (father), Route #1, Asher, Oklahoma.

Corporal LOWELL A IVERSON, (39006035), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. Corporal Iverson was a member of a forward observer and liaison party which was accompanying an assault platoon of infantry into enemy territory. Due to the rate of advance and the limited personnel of the party, communication equipment had to be cached and returned for later. Shortly after the advance commenced, the area was subjected to a fierce enemy mortar barrage. Corporal Iverson, of his own volition, returned into the barrage area to retrieve the radio and equipment. At the time, the enemy was continuously firing into the position where the equipment was located. In spite of this, Corporal Iverson moved into the area, exposed to bursting shells and small arms fire, and successfully retrieved the equipment. Home address: Mrs. Anna Iverson, (mother), Leigh, Nebraska.

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Private ROBERT E. L. MIEUX, (36455385), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 25 April 1944. Private LaMieux was a member of a forward observation party located approximately two miles east of Cyclops airdrome in the vicinity of Sentani Lake when the infantry was fired upon by enemy anti-aircraft guns. An observation post had been established by an officer who was attempting to bring fire on the enemy emplacements when his communications were shot out. The officer of Private LaMieux's party decided to establish an observation post from which he could accomplish the mission. He called for a volunteer to climb a bare ridge over which shells from the gun were bursting. Private LaMieux without regard for personal safety volunteered for this hazardous assignment, climbed the ridge under fire and established the desired communications. Home address: Mrs. Erna LaMieux, (mother), 636 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Private GEORGE A. MANGES, (32211539), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bink Island on 28 May 1944. Private Manges' battalion was receiving heavy fire from enemy mortars located on a ridge from which hostile forces had excellent observation. One of the men of his company was seriously wounded in the leg and fell in an exposed area. Private Manges, who had been unloading ammunition nearby when the shelling began, left his place of cover to administer first aid to the wounded man. Despite further shell bursts, one of which wounded him in the nose and lip, he stayed with his comrade and with the help of another man succeeded in evacuating the casualty to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Virginia E. Manges, (wife), 202 Columbus Street, Depew, New York.

Technician Grade III GLENN F. MATTESICH, (39076513), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bink Island on 3 June 1944. Two observation planes were in the air at the time of an air raid and at the time of the first warning prepared to land on the strip which was located in the middle of the beach. The first plane stopped in the middle of the strip. Technician Grade III Mattesich, plane mechanic with the artillery observation group, realized that if the plane remained on the runway, the pilot of the second plane would be forced to crash. Leaving his place of shelter, he began wheeling the craft to a nearby revetment. At this time an enemy plane came over a ridge strafing and then released a bomb which fell about twenty-five yards from Technician Grade III Mattesich. Shrapnel ripped one of the planes to pieces and the strafing filled another with holes. Technician Grade III Mattesich persisted, and was successful in removing the plane from the runway, thus enabling the second to safely land. Home address: Mrs. May Madeline Mattesich, (mother), 52 Farmington, California.

Staff Sergeant LAWRENCE W. MCKNIGHT, (39675883), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Toem, Dutch New Guinea on 27 May 1944. In the early evening, a force of Japanese attacked the battalion perimeter of Staff Sergeant McKnight's organization. The first warning of the attack came by the explosion of front line booby traps and enemy mortar fire landing in the area. At the same time the air raid warning sounded adding to the confusion. Staff Sergeant McKnight rounded up his men and assisted in forming a secondary line of defense. By this time an enemy force had infiltrated causing considerable firing within the perimeter making it extremely dangerous to move about. Staff Sergeant McKnight ignored this danger and set out to investigate defenses on the perimeter. Discovering the defenses to be inadequate to withstand a strong force, he set up a fifty caliber machine gun to cover a flank and took the remainder of his men to reinforce a weak portion of the line. Home address: Mr. Wright McKnight, (father), North Los Vegas, Nevada.

Corporal MARSHALL L. MUNNEKE JR., (39006121), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 5 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Munneke, (mother), Route 1, Box 663, Vallejo, California.

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First Lieutenant ELIENS M NELSON, (02034896), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 14 to 19 June 1944. During this period, First Lieutenant Nelson was acting as forward observer with the infantry. He was constantly with the most forward elements adjusting and directing artillery fire. Although counterattacked by the Japanese, First Lieutenant Nelson and his party fought them off and he personally accounted for two. This attack was supported by Japanese tanks and First Lieutenant Nelson remained at his post to skillfully and successfully direct fire on them. Although under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire during this period, First Lieutenant Nelson, without regard for his personal safety, remained in the open to better direct fire and locate positions. His gallantry and courage in the face of the enemy was an inspiration to the men of his party. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Nelson, (mother), 802 11th Avenue, South East, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Staff Sergeant PALMER EHRLICH, (39078892), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. S Sgt Ehrlich, supply sergeant, was performing his normal duties in his company's command post when intense fire swept the area. He was seriously wounded, having his jaw almost severed by the impact. Given first aid, and suffering from shock, he refused the services of a litter squad, to eliminate any depletion in effective strength at the front. He crawled under machine gun fire about twenty yards to a covered position. His action was a great contribution to the excellence of the morale of his organization during a particularly trying time. Home address: Mrs. Sam Ehrlich, (mother), Antioch, California.

First Lieutenant RALPH W SCONCE, (0378045), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 22 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruth I. Sconce, (wife), 207 Wembly Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

First Lieutenant GORDON R SITTON, (0391968), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 22 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Veronica C. E. Sitton, (wife), 9 Ann Street Mitchell, Queensland, Australia.

Private First Class EARL H SORLIE, (36301278), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea from 22 April to 3 May 1944. Home address: Mr. Einar Sorlie, (father), 3424 N. Overhill Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class PAUL C VALDEZ, (39251336), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 17 July 1944. Private First Class Valdez was first scout with reinforced rifle platoon assigned the mission of taking an enemy occupied coral ridge and to obtain information as to position, arms, possible strength and physical condition of the enemy. The almost vertical ridge consisted of rough coral, pitted with large holes and deep caves, covered with dense undergrowth. The enemy could easily observe the actions of the patrol from their observation post on the commanding terrain. Private First Class Valdez crossed an open canyon, crawled upon an extremely steep trail to the ridge top and killed the enemy observer at that point. His skillful act, performed under the very eyes of the enemy, enabled his platoon to advance unobserved and secure the ridge. When Private First Class Valdez had completed his hazardous mission, he motioned forward the second scout, then acted as security for the balance of the patrol as they moved forward. Home address: Mrs. Manuela C. Valdez, (mother), P.O. Box #433, Erimart, California.

VI. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.

So much of Section I, General Orders No. 55, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 9 August 1944 as pertains to award of the Bronze Star to Colonel WILLIAM J MONROE is amended to read as follows:

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Colonel WILLIAM J. MORONEY, (012473), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Insoemear Island, Wakde Group from 18 to 21 May 1944. Colonel Moroney, commanding officer of an infantry regiment, landed with the initial wave to reach the island when fighting was at its peak. He immediately established a command post well forward in order to better direct and control the operation. Despite intense enemy resistance he led the forward element in driving a wedge between the eastern and western halves of the island, which broke organized resistance. Subsequent to that date Air Corps and service troops which had landed on the beaches were attacked by small groups of the enemy. Despite the fact that these troops were untrained in ground combat, Colonel Moroney organized them in a defensive position and the area was successfully defended. His outstanding tactical ability and cool leadership were responsible for the sound defeat administered the enemy. Home address: Mr. J.J. Moroney, (father), 1103 East 6th Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.



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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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officers and enlisted men:

Technician Grade V FOREST M ANDREWS, (39679382), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, on 19 May 1944. Technician Grade V Andrews, an aid man attached to a rifle company, was called forward to give first aid to a casualty while most of the men in his area were pinned down by heavy enemy fire. Despite the fact that he was handicapped by his medical impedimenta, he moved forward rapidly. The fire at this time became more intense and he was told that he should remain under cover until the enemy fire could be stopped. Technician Grade V Andrews disregarded these warnings and continued forward, crawling better than a hundred yards under fire and with practically no cover. Anxious to get to the wounded man, he further exposed himself by running across open ground in an upright position. Although the casualty was fatally wounded, Technician Grade V Andrews treated him and prepared for his evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Andrews, (mother), 1310 North Winter Street, Salem, Oregon.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) OSCAR J RAINVILLE JR., (0888818), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 19 June 1944. First Lieutenant Rainville, an artillery liaison pilot, flew his L4 type airplane over enemy territory accompanied by a tank commander in a reconnaissance for routes of maneuver for a tank assault. During the flight, anti-aircraft fire was heavy, but he continued his flight, successfully completing the mission. On return, he took to the air once again with an artillery observer to adjust artillery fire from the air. He flew over the same area from which he had previously received fire from enemy anti-aircraft weapons. The fire completely surrounded his plane and was of such violence that it was thrown out of control. However, in spite of the dangers involved, he continued the flight and successfully completed his mission. Home address: Mrs. Dora Rainville, (mother), Box 44, Duncan, Arizona.

First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant) DOUGLAS C ROBINSON, (0888680), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Aitape, New Guinea, and Wakde Island from 22 April to 13 June 1944. During this period, First Lieutenant Robinson, an artillery liaison pilot, flew a total of thirty-nine combat missions. It was necessary for him to take off from and land on narrow sloping beaches and hastily prepared strips. His first missions were accomplished on D Day and it was necessary to fly over enemy held territory to register fire and report enemy activity. Later, he flew numerous reconnaissance missions, thirty to forty miles into enemy territory, gathering information for the tank force intelligence officer. To accurately and efficiently accomplish these missions, he flew low over trees and villages, and on several occasions he drew fire. On one occasion, he flew at tree top height to drop ammunition, food and water to an infantry patrol which was surrounded by the enemy. The delivery of these supplies enabled the patrol to fight their way out of a dangerous situation. To have otherwise relieved the patrol would have taken at least fourteen hours by overland trail. At Wakde Island he flew fifty three missions. On several occasions he was fired on by Japanese anti-aircraft and

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small arms. First Lieutenant Robinson, without regard for personal safety, accomplished all missions assigned him regardless of dangers encountered. Home address: Mrs. F. B. Robinson, (mother), 15 Ashmont Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

First Lieutenant MARVIN E VAN DYKE, (01041468), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Aitape, New Guinea and Wakde Island, from 22 April to 12 June 1944. At Aitape, First Lieutenant Van Dyke, an artillery liaison pilot, flew a total of thirty-six missions. It was necessary to take off from and land on narrow sloping beaches and hastily constructed strips. On D Day, to register artillery, he flew over enemy held territory. After the operation became more stable, he flew daily patrols, thirty to forty miles into enemy territory, to gather information for the task force intelligence officer. To obtain this information, he flew low over the jungle to observe trails and locate Japanese occupied villages, drawing fire on numerous occasions. At Wakde Island, he flew sixty one missions, the majority of which were to adjust artillery fire, flying deep into enemy territory. On two occasions, First Lieutenant Van Dyke drew fire from anti-aircraft artillery, but stayed in the air to adjust fire on enemy positions. The knowledge gained as a result of First Lieutenant Van Dyke's outstanding accomplishments were invaluable in planning schedule and harassing fires. Home address: Mrs. L. O. Van Dyke, (mother), 138 North Moore, Ottumwa, Iowa.

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, W.D. 944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following officers and enlisted men:

Captain (then First Lieutenant) DOUGLAS F BROWN (0390735), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 26 June to 4 July 1944. Captain Brown, commander of a rifle company, led his unit well inside Japanese defenses in the Ibbi Pocket in a surprise pre-dawn attack. Due to his competent control, the company was able to penetrate the enemy's outer defenses before their presence was detected. Several sleeping Japanese sentries were by-passed and guards left over them. When an adjoining company's advance was impeded by automatic fire, Captain Brown made a hasty reconnaissance of the situation, at great risk to himself, and maneuvered a portion of his unit to a position from where they gained fire superiority and broke up a possible stalemate. Gaining their objective, the company held a ridge line for nine days, from which position it was conservatively estimated they killed fifty of the enemy and caused him to completely alter his defense plans. Conditions for the troops were severe, but Captain Brown instilled a remarkably high state of morale by his cheerful attitude. During the entire period, he continually exposed himself to enemy fire in order to visit his positions and men. Several times from a position of concealment, but devoid of cover, Captain Brown acted as mortar fire observer and placed effective fire on the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia Brown, (wife), 109 W. Galeny Street, Butte, Montana.

Private First Class PAUL BROWN, (38483286), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Odellia Brown, (mother), Box 74, Dusan, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM H BUTTS, (20946248), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Tirfoam River, Dutch New Guinea (Maffin Bay), on 25 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Butts was a member of a forward artillery observation party. Strong enemy positions were encountered on this date and in order to adjust artillery fire effectively on the enemy, Staff Sergeant Butts, without regard for personal safety, established wire communications with the battalion and assisted in adjusting fire. Many Japanese were killed, aiding

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materially in clearing the way for the advance of an infantry regiment. Staff Sergeant Butts was subjected to intense rifle fire from the enemy who were concealed in the dense undergrowth within forty yards of his position. He continued to perform his duties efficiently until all resistance was overcome. Home address: Mr. Herman Butts, (father), 4026 Brooklyn Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Second Lieutenant WATSON W FLINT, (02034675), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Airdrome, Biak Island, from 6 to 9 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Flint was assigned to duty as a forward observer. He and his party of four enlisted men joined an infantry regiment in its advance on Mokmer Airdrome. The mission of securing the airdrome was accomplished under heavy fire. In order to neutralize the fire which was holding up the advance and causing many casualties, Second Lieutenant Flint moved from a covered position to a more advantageous point from which to conduct fire. He moved forward and adjusted fire while under heavy enemy barrages. Though his position was in full view of the enemy, he periodically stood up in the face of enemy sniper fire to adjust his artillery. Home address: Mrs. Bessie Flint, (mother), 515 South Second Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Corporal BERNELL M GILBERT, (38024613), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Airdrome, Biak Island, from 6 to 8 June 1944. Corporal Gilbert was assigned as a member of a forward artillery observation party. The party joined an infantry regiment in their advance on Mokmer Airdrome. The airdrome was reached and crossed without much enemy resistance. When proceeding along the beach, the enemy delivered a heavy enfilading fire from all types of weapons from well prepared positions. Corporal Gilbert capably and efficiently assisted the party in the installation and maintenance of communications between the radio and the observation post. On numerous occasions he moved over open ground subjected to enemy fire in the performance of his duties. Corporal Gilbert gave first aid to a wounded comrade, probably saving the man's life and assisted in his evacuation even though the enemy continued to shell the locality. Home address: Mrs. Mellie Gilbert, (mother), 5409 - C Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Corporal FRANK GREENWOOD, (32685999), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Isabelle Greenwood, (wife), 80 Henry Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Technical Sergeant ROLLIE W HARRIS, (20930689), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island, from 11 to 12 July 1944. Technical Sergeant Harris' company was ordered to attack and destroy all enemy emplacements in Ibuli Pocket. Acting in the capacity of platoon sergeant, he led his men up a steep ridge, over difficult terrain against an estimated 175 Japanese who were occupying a series of positions atop the ridge which were covered by protecting fire from adjacent emplacements. By directing his bazooka fire and placing flame thrower personnel in most advantageous positions, he was able to destroy nine pillboxes, annihilating the occupants, and advance well into the enemy's perimeter. The following day forty Japanese counter-attacked Technical Sergeant Harris' platoon flank and front. The heavy fire necessitated withdrawal, and disregarding personal safety, he concentrated his fire power so effectively that he was able to execute a withdrawal with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mr. Nelson Harris (father), Lodge Grass, Montana.

Technical Sergeant MAURICE A HOLLAND, JR., (39600515), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technical Sergeant Holland volunteered to move forward and obtain the location of the command

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group of his battalion so that the headquarters company and sections could move forward from bivouac. To accomplish this, he had to cross about five hundred yards of open terrain, across the main runway of Mokmer Airdrome. As he started across the strip, enemy fire reached a greater intensity, artillery shells landed nearby and most movement was halted. Technical Sergeant Holland, however, continued forward, obtained the information he desired and returned across the same area, this time under fire from enemy machine guns. The executive officer of his battalion was then able to move his unit across the strip in small dispersed groups when the enemy ceased firing periodically. Technical Sergeant Holland's courageous deed permitted the movement to be executed rapidly, under control, and into a better location. Home address: Mr. Maurice Holland, Sr., (father), 1914 S. Washington Street, Butte, Montana.

Private First Class ART P HUMPHREY, (39381096), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Private First Class Humphrey's squad was left behind as a holding force as the company continued its advance. To the flank of the deployed squad were three reinforced pillboxes which had slowed the company's advance, but were then considered to be cleared. Private First Class Humphrey, hearing suspicious noises from this direction, volunteered to scout them in order to dispose of any enemy who showed signs of life. Two of the positions were clear of enemy, but while advancing toward the third position, he heard the enemy manipulating the bolt of a machine gun. Private First Class Humphrey opened fire with his rifle into the emplacement and threw six well aimed grenades into the apertures. When the last grenade exploded, a Japanese came rushing out of the emplacement brandishing a bayonet and dashed headlong toward him. Private First Class Humphrey tackled the Japanese, threw him to the ground and choked him to death. Home address: Mrs. Melba Humphrey, (wife), Tieton, Washington.

Staff Sergeant JOHN A JASINIK, (39602987), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Jasinik was leading his squad up an enemy held slope during a bitter struggle for control of a coral ridge when one of the men of his squad was severely wounded by machine gun fire coming from a concealed bunker. The man fell to the ground as soon as he was hit. Staff Sergeant Jasinik immediately deployed his squad, crawled up to the man and removed him to a position of safety. In doing this, he exposed himself to the same fire that had wounded the rescued man and he received several bullets through his back. Home address: Mrs. Joe Jasinik, (mother), Red Lodge, Montana.

Captain HOWARD JACOB KAHM, (0315850), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ann Ilene Kahm (wife), 208 Linden Street, Fort Collins, Colorado.

First Sergeant JAMES A KITTLEBAND, (20429337), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. First Sergeant Kittleband's battery came under enemy mortar fire. The first shell landed in the midst of a group of men, killing four, and wounding several others. The fire continued, with shells landing all around. First Sergeant Kittleband, completely disregarding the fire, ran for a stretcher, and assisted in rendering first aid to the most seriously wounded. Then, since the chief switchboard operator had been killed, he went to the switchboard, which was completely exposed, and operated it until it could be dug in. Home address: Mrs. James A. Kittleband, (mother), 3520 Murphy Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

Corporal FRANK A KLOBUCHAR, (20653040), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 6 and 7 June 1944. Corporal Klobuchar was assigned to a forward artillery observation party attached to an infantry regiment in its attack on an airdrome. The drome was reached and crossed, but as

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the troops were proceeding along a beach road, the enemy delivered a withering onfilading fire from well prepared positions. Corporal Klobuchar capably assisted in the installation and maintenance of telephone and radio communications with their battalion. On the following day, he became separated from the other personnel, but succeeded in moving through enemy sniper fire, to bring essential radio and telephone equipment to the observation post. That evening he was seriously wounded in the upper leg by a shell fragment, but he remained calm when forced to remain under fire until it was possible to evacuate him under cover of darkness. Home address: Mrs. Mary Klobuchar, (mother), 830 West Scott Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Major JAMES L LAIN, (0347569), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 28 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eleanor Lain, (wife), 1916 Northwest 23d Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Private BURTON E LINDBERG, (36731352), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island from 18 to 20 May 1944. Private Lindberg in the performance of his duties as litter bearer made many trips into forward areas, and although these trips were under enemy fire, he managed to return all wounded safely to the aid station. At times it was necessary for him to maneuver around remaining pockets of enemy resistance in order to evacuate the wounded. His coolness displayed during these missions was outstanding, and an inspiration to his fellow litter bearers. Home address: Mrs. Jenny W Lindberg, (mother), 10212 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal ELBERT T MACKAY, (37067889), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Corporal Mackay was a member of a forward artillery observation party. When the forward observer moved his observation post from a protected position within the lines to an exposed position ahead to better observe artillery fire supporting the action of the infantry, Corporal Mackay, without regard for his personal safety and in the face of severe enemy fire, extended the telephone line to the new position and remained at that position until the entire force withdrew. Home address: Mrs. Iva Mackay (mother) 1256 Belmont Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Private JAMES R MARTIN, (19182911), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island from 18 May to 21 May 1944. During a three day pitched battle, Private Martin worked continually with different assault companies. He exposed himself many times to heavy fire, gathering information regarding positions, strengths, and movements of the enemy and reporting to his battalion commander. The task force intelligence officer requested information as to the number of enemy planes destroyed on the wakde airstrip. Private Martin, alone, canvassed the entire airstrip which was still subject to enemy fire, and returned with the requested information. Home address: Mr. J. W. Martin, (father), 40 Los Lauvellas Avenue, Salinas, California.

Private First Class JOSEPH A MERCIER, (39327827), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea, Toem, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 22 April to 26 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Arthur Mercier, (mother), Grand Ronde, Oregon.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) MARCUS A PESAVENTO, (36049964), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. When Sergeant Pesavento's squad made a landing on the beach at Wakde, the concentrated fire they met on leaving their boat forced them to spread out over a large area in search of cover. It was necessary that the squad be reorganized immediately so that it could join its platoon and enable the company to commence its mission. Sergeant Pesavento, quickly grasping the situation and observing that his position was the most advantageous, reorganized the squad. During this

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maneuver, the assistant squad leader was badly wounded. He lay in such a position that anyone approaching to rescue him would come under fire of a number of enemy who were in a ditch nearby. Sergeant Pesavento crawled up to within four yards of the enemy position and with his rifle fire succeeded in keeping the enemy under cover and ineffective. This action allowed the squad leader to reach the wounded man and carry him to safety. Home address: Mrs. Mary Pesavento, (mother), 702 Vine Street, Lockport, Illinois.

First Lieutenant WILLARD H. PIERCE, (0287572), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 19 May 1944. When the battalion supply officer was fatally wounded, First Lieutenant Pierce volunteered to complete the supply of assault companies in addition to his duties as transportation officer. At this stage, two companies were in immediate need of re-supply of water and ammunition. To accomplish the re-supply, it was necessary to maneuver through heavy enemy fire. First Lieutenant Pierce accomplished this by personally leading supply trains across open terrain. At one point, he and his party were pinned down by fire, and he led his train through the fire without casualty to personnel or loss of supplies. To execute the maneuver in extracting themselves from this situation, First Lieutenant Pierce moved about in the open and directed his men concerning routes and approaches to the companies. Home address: Mrs. Sarah H. Mulford, (mother), 157 Prospect Street, Merchantville, New Jersey.

First Lieutenant MAX A. SCHAEFFER, (0888439), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 10 June to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mr. M. A. Schaeffer, (father), Vernalis, California.

Corporal WAYNE I. SHROCK JR., (20937297), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 4 to 17 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gladys Shrock, (mother), 3438 N. E. 62d Avenue, Portland, 13, Oregon.

Sergeant ALEXANDER A. SIENIENKIEWICZ, (36301497), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 19 May 1944. While assisting his squad leader in advancing against an enemy position on high ground between the beachhead and the airstrip, Sergeant Sienienkiewicz was wounded by rifle fire. The bullet entered his shoulder and came out his back. However, despite his wound, he came up from the rear of the squad to assist his leader in directing operations on the position. He crawled to within ten yards of the enemy, pointing out the emplacement and directing a group of men in their attack. He remained in this dangerous position until he was so weak from loss of blood that he became unconscious. His bravery and devotion to duty despite great physical pain reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Anthon Sienienkiewicz, (father), 2831 South 50th Street, Cicero, Illinois.

Captain JAMES C. THOMSON, (0253925), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tor River, Dutch New Guinea, from 19 May to 25 May 1944. Captain Thomson was assigned as liaison officer with an infantry regiment in their operation from the Tor River toward Maffin air strip. On 23 May, the battalion with which he was operating received fire from Japanese artillery. Captain Thomson was directed to neutralize the fire by adjusting artillery in counter battery. To get better observation, he moved forward to an exposed observation post. During the trip, the party drew fire from Japanese snipers and machine guns, but they continued and accomplished the mission. The enemy had the advantage of position and observation over the party and their being ahead of infantry elements rendered their task extremely hazardous. Home address: Mrs. June A. Thomson, (wife), West 3307 Dalton Street, Spokane, Washington.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain SAMUEL B HUNTING by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section III, General Orders Number 44, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 20 July 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain SAMUEL B HUNTING, (0274186), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 30 May, 1, 2, and 15 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Francis E Hunting, (wife), Box 205, Route 1, Lake Grove, Oregon.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Captain MARVIN E SPEER by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 5, Section III, General Orders Number 45, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 21 July 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Captain MARVIN E SPEER, (0337342), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 26 June to 4 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marion B. Speer, (wife), 601 Washington Road, Grosse Point, Michigan.

By command of Major General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officer:

Second Lieutenant HENRY J. DUBSKY, (0417490), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island from 27 May to 7 July 1944. On the initial day of operations on Biak Island, Second Lieutenant Dubsky was assigned as forward observer in an amphibious craft. The craft was sent down the coast beyond the front lines for better observation to enable artillery fire to be directed on enemy installations in his rear area. This was a hazardous assignment, in that the craft was fired upon on occasions by several types of weapons. Throughout the first week, Second Lieutenant Dubsky courageously remained at his post, accurately conducting fire, observing enemy activity and reporting intelligence information to his battalion headquarters. His work enabled his battalion to give continuous fire support to the Infantry and also deliver fire which neutralized enemy action in the rear area. On 8 June, Second Lieutenant Dubsky accompanied an Infantry battalion which was attempting to seize enemy gun emplacements in the hills and ridges overlooking Mokmer Air Dome. The attack was undertaken in the face of heavy enemy fire. Second Lieutenant Dubsky maintained his observation post under fire and proceeded to conduct fire and relay fire missions from other observers whose radios could not contact the battalion. This excellent display of courage under fire enabled his battalion to furnish continuous fire support to the Infantry, materially contributing to their success. Home address: Mrs. Antonia Dubsky (mother), Zone 11, Melrose Park, Illinois.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Sergeant LESTER S. ANDERSON, (12011067), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 22 May to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marguerite Rowley (mother), 2009 Marine Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant PAUL K. ANDERSON, (37030324), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Anderson was section leader of a battalion aid station which was brought under heavy enemy mortar fire. During the shelling, the battalion surgeon was struck by shell fragments and mortally wounded. Staff Sergeant Anderson immediately assumed charge of the aid station and though the shelling continued, moved about the area caring for the casualties. He operated the aid station in an

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extremely efficient manner. His courage and devotion to duty were responsible for the saving of many lives. Home address: Mrs. Paul K. Anderson (wife), 2237 Brighton Boulevard, N.E., Minneapolis 13, Minnesota.

Technician Grade Five JOSEPH A. BALDONI, (35162439), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Airdrome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Baldoni was a member of an artillery forward observers party attached to an Infantry battalion advancing on Mokmer Airdrome. Heavy resistance was encountered upon reaching the airstrip, pinning our troops to the ground. A forward observation post was immediately established in order to direct fire on enemy positions. Technician Grade Five Baldoni performed his duties as section leader and radio operator in an outstanding manner, continuing his work under constant fire. He coolly directed the establishment of radio communications and performed his duties efficiently, which contributed greatly to the successful fire support of the Infantry. Home address: Mr. N. Baldoni (father), 901 East Bowman Street, South Bend, Indiana.

Corporal HARVEY A. BEACH, (36209047), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Airdrome, Biak Island from 6 to 8 June 1944. Corporal Beach was section leader of an artillery forward observer party during the advance on the airdrome. After reaching the objective, the party was subjected to heavy fire from well prepared enemy positions. Throughout a two day period Corporal Beach relayed fire commands and messages to the radio while under fire. The efficient performance of his duties greatly aided in the adjustment and observation of artillery fire. On one occasion he rendered first aid to a member of the group while under mortar fire, and during the night assisted in evacuating casualties. Home address: Mrs. Adolphus Beach (mother), Wausaukee, Wisconsin.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM C. BEQUETTE, (39603149), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 July 1944. Staff Sergeant Bequette led a four man reconnaissance patrol in a flanking movement of a Japanese perimeter which had been holding up a battalion's advance. His mission was to approach enemy positions undetected and accurately locate the automatic weapons which had stopped the advance. He had not entirely accomplished his task when his group was discovered and subjected to heavy fire. Despite this, he continued on his mission, located the enemy emplacements and brought back valuable information. As a result, the artillery were able to accurately shell the enemy. Home address: Mrs. C. W. Bequette (mother), Box #493, Thompson Falls, Montana.

Chaplain (Captain) JOSEPH H. CASTLE, (0468862), Chaplain Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Samaranda, New Guinea from 1 January to 30 April 1943. Home address: Mrs. Mable G. Castle (wife), Gowrie, Iowa.

Private WILLIAM H. CURL, (6250058), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. During heavy enemy fire on the positions of his unit, one man lost his leg. Private Curl immediately assisted in applying a tourniquet, though entirely exposed in a fire swept area. He helped the man to an aid station and returned to the danger zone to assist in the care of three other wounded men. During this performance, he was himself wounded, receiving a broken arm from a shell burst. He treated his own wound and proceeded alone to the aid station. His performance under fire created much confidence among the other men enabling them to courageously carry on in a dangerous situation. Home address: Mr. William M. Curl (father), RFD, Tillamook, Oregon.

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First Lieutenant BERNARD R. DAWSON, (0427846), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 13 May 1944. First Lieutenant Dawson and a portion of his communications platoon landed from an LCM under heavy fire. Immediately upon landing, he contacted the battalion adjutant and determined the location of command post installations. He then traversed the beachhead area, organizing communications installations and directing his sections into position. To accomplish this, it was necessary for him to constantly subject himself to intense enemy fire which was concentrated on the landing area. The terrain offered little protection, but he personally located company wire heads and directed the installation of lines, establishing communications in a minimum of time. The courageous and efficient performance of his duties on this occasion was a valuable contribution to the success of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Dawson (wife), 2207 Los Angeles Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant DEXTER D. WHITTLE, (20946244), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tor River, Dutch New Guinea, on 21 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Whittle conducted a survey along a beach for four thousand yards and inland to a point one thousand five hundred yards up the Tor River. He was constantly subjected to sniper fire from the jungle which was only twenty five yards from the beach. In addition, the enemy had machine guns in position across the river and were firing at the troops in the area through which Staff Sergeant Whittle and his crew were working. Though confronted with these dangers, he completed an accurate and thorough survey which proved of great value in a subsequent attack. Home address: Mr. Wilmer P. Whittle (father), 3533 E. 148th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Sergeant JOHN M. DONALDSON, (20937697), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokner Airdrome, Biak Island, on 28 May 1944. Sergeant Donaldson was attached to an Infantry battalion to coordinate naval shore fire. When the advance was held up by enemy fire he kept the telephone line in operation from the naval radio to the forward observation post. The line was cut on numerous occasions by mortar fire and repaired by Sergeant Donaldson. Throughout the day he conducted naval fire on enemy positions with telling effect and later assisted in evacuating the naval radio. Sergeant Donaldson performed his duties under fire in a superior manner. Home address: Mr. John M. Donaldson (father), 3103 N.W. Wilson Street, Portland, Oregon.

Technician Grade Three RONALD A. DORSETT (20946388), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tor River, Dutch New Guinea, on 2 June 1944. Technician Grade Three Dorsett was a surgical technician in a battalion aid station. A patrol of nine Japanese attempted to infiltrate into the battalion position. During the counter action, one man was wounded. Enemy rifle fire was coming from ground positions located in the undergrowth approximately thirty yards away, but in spite of this, he advanced to the wounded man and rendered first aid. He then assisted litter bearers and supervised evacuation to the aid station. The courage and devotion to duty of Technician Grade Three Dorsett reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. R. A. Dorsett (father), 626 36th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Technician Grade Four RUSSELL C. DUNCAN, (20945191), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island from 17 April to 16 June 1944. Technician Grade Four Duncan, through his courageous and efficient performance of duty, contributed materially towards the successful installation of communications to the Infantry. He was a member of an LVT crew employed in laying wire from the mainland to Wakde Island, acting as mechanic for the vehicle. During the landing, he was subjected to constant enemy fire. While communications were being established, he volunteered to guard a switchboard, enabling the wire crew to continue with their work. Home address: Miss Betty Peterson, (friend) 8313 20th Street, N.W., Seattle, Washington.

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Private First Class CHESNEY L. ELLIS, (34093092), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Airdrome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Private First Class Ellis was a member of a forward artillery observation party. The party advanced with an Infantry regiment over exceedingly rough terrain, reached the airdrome, and crossed it without a great deal of interference. After proceeding a short distance along a road they were subjected to intense fire from all types of weapons. Immediately the party set up an observation post in order to bring artillery fire to bear on enemy positions which were pinning the troops to all available cover, and causing a number of casualties. Private First Class Ellis performed his duties as radio operator under fire in an exemplary manner. Home address: Mrs. Bernice Ellis (mother), Box 318, Greer, South Carolina.

Private First Class ODDEN E. ERICKSON, (36229124), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private First Class Erickson was in position as assistant gunner of a light machine gun when the enemy opened fire with anti-aircraft guns. Although shells were bursting throughout the area he stayed in position delivering steady count fire on enemy positions. He was wounded in the head during this action, but refused to be evacuated and remained at his post until enemy resistance was overcome. Home address: Mrs. Emma Erickson (mother), Rothchild, Wisconsin.

Captain CHARLES J. FOLTZ (0353065), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Captain Foltz, commanding a rifle company, was engaged with his unit in a maneuver over rough terrain, cleaning out pill boxes and gun emplacements. During the movement, his first platoon was pinned down and was suffering casualties. His third platoon was ordered to flank this position and it was also pinned down. Enemy fire was directed upon the company from three sides. Captain Foltz, disregarding the danger to himself, moved about in the open area directing the fire of his remaining platoon to cover the pill box which was firing at his first platoon, thus enabling each to withdraw. Captain Foltz then led litter bearers to the wounded and provided covering fire with his own weapon. He did not leave the area until the last man of his company had withdrawn. Home address: Mrs. Louise Foltz (mother), Penn Street, Royaltown, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant WERNER M. GEBHARDT, (39376678), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 to 29 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Gebhardt was section leader detailed from the medical battalion to an Infantry battalion aid station. He worked tirelessly day and night, taking only a few hours from his duties to have a piece of shrapnel removed from his arm at the insistence of his section commander. Throughout this period he was under heavy fire, leading his litter squads safely to the front line and back to the aid station. His courageous and outstanding leadership was the main factor in holding the number of casualties of his section to a minimum and in evacuating wounded expeditiously. Home address: Mrs. Helen M. Gebhardt (wife), 609 West Stewart Avenue, Puyallup, Washington.

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Staff Sergeant BENIE T. GRANITO, (36022970), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 10 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Granito observed a soldier hit by a burst of machine gun fire during an attack on an enemy position. His squad was covering the rear of the attacking platoon at the time. The soldier fell into a crevice on the slope of a gully nearest the enemy. He was still conscious and wounded only in the leg. He tried to pull himself back up and succeeded only in drawing more fire and was wounded again in the arm and side. Staff Sergeant Granito worked his way over coral rocks in an attempt to give the wounded man aid. He crawled forward to the man's position and on reaching him, he found it necessary to stand in an upright position to lift him from the crevice in which he was lodged. Disregarding the fire directed toward him, he stood in an upright position and with

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great effort was able to dislodge the man and carry him to safety. Home address: Mrs. Lena Granito (mother), 2934 W. Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant BENARD HALL, (34075601), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lula Mae Hall (wife), 58 Kendall Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Private ANTHONY W. MASCILO, (3664403), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private Mascilo was assigned as litter bearer to a battalion aid station. On this date his unit came under a particularly heavy concentration of enemy fire. Private Mascilo on his own initiative left his foxhole and dragged a litter to the edge of a nearby airstrip to aid a wounded man. Still under fire, and in full view of the enemy, he rendered first aid to the soldier, placed him on the stretcher and dragged him to safety. Home address: Mr. Michael Mascilo (father), 834 S. Loomis St., Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant FRANCIS E. PARSONS, (39303925), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 2 June 1944. Sergeant Parsons' battalion had established a defensive position about a sector in which a strong enemy force was trapped. During the night, the enemy attacked in an attempt to break through. Sergeant Parsons was located with two other men on an exposed flank of his platoon. They had been told to withdraw from the position if resistance became too strong. Although wounded, he remained in position with his two comrades and together they held back each enemy attack against their sector. Eleven enemy dead were found in front of their position on the following morning. Home address: Mrs. Edna Parsons (mother), Box 295, Fellows, California.

Corporal STORY S. STONER, (37067768), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 1 to 19 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Noreen Stoner (wife), 35 Murray Street, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia.

Corporal KENNETH D. WIELAND, (20945900), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Tor River, Dutch New Guinea, on 20 May 1944. Corporal Wieland voluntarily accompanied the forward observer of his battalion with an Infantry regiment across a river into a small bridgehead that was under heavy enemy attack. From the forward observation post he moved across the field of fire of an enemy light machine gun into a position on the river where he could assist the forward observer in the adjustment of fire. His action enabled an extremely close adjustment which broke up the enemy attack. Home address: Mr. Carl A. Wieland (father), 1904 East 66th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Private SAM WEITZMAN, (36033771), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Tor River, Dutch New Guinea, on 21 May 1944. Private Weitzman assisted in laying wire through an area where the enemy had just completed the adjustment of 75 mm artillery fire. It was necessary to lay the wire along an open beach after nightfall, making the task especially hazardous. At the risk of being struck by shrapnel, Private Weitzman continued at his job until it was completed. The enemy was within a distance of 150 yards from the path of the line. Home address: Mrs. Annie Weitzman (mother), 4655 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private HOWARD R. WITTMER, (6898017), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Harry Wittmer Sr., (father), 657 E. Alleghany Avenue, Philadelphia, 34, Pennsylvania.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant MEMO SCHEMA by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 7, Section III, General Orders No. 49, dated 31 July 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

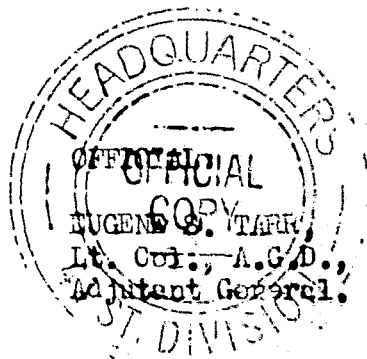
Staff Sergeant MEMO SCHEMA, (39679644), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 10 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Schema and his squad were given the mission of protecting the right flank of their company. The adjoining company at this time, sent a light machine gun out past his company's flank with no protection. After they had set up, a force of about thirty Japanese started a counter attack on this flank. The machine gun sergeant sent a message back that he was out in front alone and needed help. Staff Sergeant Schema's squad was then sent to protect the gun. He skillfully moved his squad around the gun under heavy enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Schema shot at least two of the enemy and threw hand grenades. After the firing had ceased, dead Japanese were as close as fifteen yards in front of these positions. A man on the gun was wounded and Staff Sergeant Schema helped him back to the aid run and then returned to his squad. The counter attack was defeated and the two companies continued on their mission. Home address: Mr. Angelo Schema (father), Mammoth, Utah.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of A R 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following enlisted man:

Private JOSEPH L. DAVIS, (37526334), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 14 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Davis, (mother), 553 South 4th Street, Kansas City, Kansas.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:



KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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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 decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant TOM DEWHURST, (20933418), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mokmer Drome, Biak Island on 11 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Dewhurst led his squad as the point of an assault platoon under heavy fire against a well entrenched enemy position. The emplacement was well concealed, capable of protecting a number of men and was so well constructed that a direct hit by mortar or artillery fire would have been necessary for its destruction. It was impracticable to use mortars, and artillery was not immediately available. When the position was first observed, it had the appearance of being deserted, but Staff Sergeant Dewhurst deployed his squad to cover his advance while he reconnoitered the area, crawling through defilade which provided cover until within twelve yards of the pillbox. When the Japanese opened fire on the covering squad with automatic weapons he moved from his protected position by short sprints to a point five yards from the enemy and between bursts of fire leaped up and reached a corner of the pillbox. He threw two grenades into the aperture and then without regard for the shots being fired by the Japanese, went to the right side of the opening and emptied his M-1 clip into the remaining enemy. Examination of the position revealed eleven dead, seven killed by rifle fire and the rest mangled by grenades. Later in the day, he was wounded while leading his men in the same gallant manner. Home address: Mrs. Christine Dewhurst, (mother), 1905 West 5th St. Bend, Oregon.

Private First Class JOSEPH B MCCOY, (12054679), Signal Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private First Class McCoy voluntarily attached himself to a rifle company for the purpose of taking pictures. The platoon he was with was ordered to make an attack. As soon as the platoon advanced, it was under observation from enemy positions. After taking his pictures of the preparatory firing of bazookas and flame throwers, Private First Class McCoy dropped his camera, armed himself with a carbine and grenades, and voluntarily accompanied the leading elements of the attacking squad. He shot two enemy snipers out of trees, and advancing to a forward position, threw all his grenades and those of three other men into an enemy machine gun emplacement which did not fire thereafter. Private First Class McCoy was among the last to withdraw when the attack was discontinued. Throughout this period, he was constantly exposed to heavy machine gun and rifle fire. Home address: Mrs. Marie B. McCoy, (mother), 116 East Darkway Street, New York City, New York.

Second lieutenant DONALD F STREIGEL, (0888462), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Mokmer Airdrome, Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Streigel advanced with the leading elements of the infantry in its attack on Japanese positions on Mokmer Airdrome. The troops were swept with fire from well concealed and entrenched positions from which the enemy had excellent observation of the movements of the assaulting units. Observation by Second Lieutenant Streigel was restricted and in order to facilitate the conduct of artillery fire, he climbed a tree to a height

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of approximately twenty feet. He adjusted the fire of his battalion until a considerable portion of the enemy fire within his field of observation was silenced. During this period, sniper fire and airbursts from enemy anti-aircraft weapons came very close to his precarious position. Home address: Mrs. John Steigel, (mother), 133 South Rural Street, Hartford, Wisconsin.

II. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class CHARLES P DAVIS, (36128967), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 14 June 1944. The company to which Private First Class Davis was attached as aid man was advancing against the enemy when it encountered heavy resistance. The two leading scouts were wounded and a call was sent for an aid man. Private First Class Davis rushed to the area where the men lay, dressed their wounds and gave blood plasma to one of them. During this time he was exposed to enemy fire, in spite of which he efficiently completed his medical treatment and directed their removal to safety, remaining with the casualties until they reached a point behind the lines. Next of kin: Mrs. Rose Davis, (mother), 18015 Ohio Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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, 41st Infantry Division to the following officers and enlisted men:

Captain EDWARD A ANKLAM, (O398128), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 14 June 1944. Captain Anklam led his company forward as advance guard, protecting the flank of his battalion and a regiment. When the company encountered heavy fire from enemy entrenchments, he immediately moved forward to observe and direct mortar fire on the positions although he was in danger from small arms fire which flanked the approach to the enemy. He moved among his men to direct their fire, and when the mortar barrage lifted, he led his company directly on a heavy machine gun position to mop up the remaining Japanese. Captain Anklam's outstanding performance made possible the reduction of this position in only thirty minutes, when it could have taken many hours and held up the advance of the entire battalion. Home address: Mrs. Dora Anklam, (wife), Culbertson, Montana.

Sergeant CHARLES J BAKER (36006782), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wadke Island, Dutch Guinea from 17 May to 16 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Julia Baker, (mother), 9056 Dauphin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class (then Private) JOHN BANASZEK, (33696510), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. The enemy laid down a heavy mortar barrage on the company to which Private First Class Banaszek was attached as aid man, and raked the area with machine gun fire. Of the two aid men with him, one was killed and one wounded, leaving no one to assist in caring for the casualties. The enemy made an attack on the area, inflicting many casualties and, in spite of danger to his personal safety, he treated every one until completely exhausted. He continued his work until all wounded were properly cared for. His courage and devotion to duty was of great value in raising and maintaining the morale of the troops who witnessed his actions. Home address: Mrs. Catherine Banaszek, (mother), 24 Revere Way, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

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Technical Sergeant DONALD C BIEDEBACH, (39231469), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 30 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Biedebach's platoon was ordered to gain high ground held by the enemy. The only approach to the positions was a trail wide enough for one man leading up a twenty-five cliff. The attack commenced in a heavy rain, making visibility poor and the trail slippery. When the scout reached within a few feet of the top, the enemy opened with heavy fire, forcing the platoon to withdraw. Technical Sergeant Biedebach led a second attack up the trail, knowing that fire could be expected. He was wounded in the foot and elbow. He withdrew twenty five yards and personally supervised the disposition of his men into proper defensive positions before he accepted treatment for his wounds. Home address: Mr. C. J. Biedebach, (father), 231 South Vinedo Avenue, Pasadena, California.

Technician Grade V PRIMO BONILLA, (39040782), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 1 to 19 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Carmen Bonilla, (mother), 360 Angel Avenue, Sunnyvale, California.

Corporal U. L. BROWN, (38115651), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mable Brown, (mother), 2825 Ross Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

Staff Sergeant PERRY W COTTINGHAM, (20934898), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Two Japanese light tanks approached the road block occupied by Staff Sergeant Cottingham, firing machine guns and 37 mm cannon. Although the enemy fire was actually hitting his parapet so close as to cause cuts on his face from bits of flying coral, he stood up and fired his bazooka until he damaged one tank, causing them to withdraw. His courageous deed contributed to the saving of the lives of many of his comrades and removed a serious threat to his company's position. Home address: Mr. Perrey Cottingham, (father), 411 Main Street, Sisseton, South Dakota.

Corporal JACK H. FRY, (39303268), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 23 June to 28 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Leona F. Fry, (mother), Wedderburn, Oregon.

Technician Grade V ALFRED S GRABINSKI, (36023272), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tor River, Dutch New Guinea on 20 May 1944. Technician Grade V Grabinski established and maintained wire communications in a particularly difficult situation. Realizing the extreme importance of communications with forward parties of his battalion, he overcame extreme adversities to maintain the wires intact. Technician Grade V Grabinski succeeded in this job although it was undertaken in rough jungle country within forty yards of enemy snipers and over area covered by machine gun fire. Home address: Mr. Vincent Grabinski, (father), 1525 Jackson Street, North Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant OTHO HAMPTON, (34130115), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Hampton, (wife), Lexington, Mississippi.

Technician Grade V CECIL E HARRISON, (39379654), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at War e Island from 17 May to 16 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. W. E. Harrison, (mother), Route #2, Couer d'Alene, Idaho.

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Technician Grade IV JOHN C. JOYNER, (17066707), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea and Wakde Island from 22 April to 13 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Una G. Joyner, (mother), Route #1, Corning, Arkansas.

Private ROMAN E. LEWIS, (35437728), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 17 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Eva Trowbridge, (mother), 505 4th Avenue, St. Albans, West Virginia.

Private First Class HARRY G. McNERNEY, (20933502), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 to 30 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mabel N. McNERNEY, (mother), Walker Avenue, Ashland, Oregon.

Private First Class WINSTON E. MOORE, (20453718), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Parai Village, Biak Island on 3 June 1944. Private First Class Moore, assistant machine gunner in a heavy machine gun squad, was in the command post of his unit when orders came through to the unit commander to withdraw his point squad to enable mortar fire to be placed in the area. The enemy had allowed the point squad to move along a road past their positions and then opened fire, cutting off the squad and driving the remainder of the unit to cover. To contact the squad, approximately seventy five yards of fire-swept terrain had to be crossed. It was decided to employ a tank, but it was discovered that a bridge over which the tank must approach the position had been demolished. Private First Class Moore volunteered to contact the squad, in spite of the hazards involved. He dashed through the fire, delivered the withdrawal order and indicated the best route of withdrawal to avoid as much of the enemy fire as possible. Home address: Mrs. Mable J. Moore, (mother), 619 Vichers Avenue, Durham, North Carolina.

Technician Grade V EDWIN RASHKIND, (32181070), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 and 29 May 1944. When the company to which Technician Grade V Rashkind was attached as aid man was cut off from the rest of its battalion, he disregarded the hazards of enemy fire and moved about administering aid to the wounded. After the company withdrew to a defiladed area, he remained behind to continue his work. He organized carrying parties to move the wounded with the rest of the company and later supervised their evacuation by LVT. His efficiency and courageous performance saved the lives of two men on this occasion. The following day, his performance was equally outstanding, saving the lives of many men. Home address: Mrs. Ida Rashkind, (mother), 148-15 87th Avenue, Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

Private First Class WALTER H. RUPINSKI, (36507380), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 and 8 June 1944. Private First Class Rupinski was telephone operator and wireman of a forward observer group of his battery. The party advanced with the Infantry, crossing an airrome under fire and proceeded along a road where they set up an observation post. Under heavy fire Private First Class Rupinski assisted in manning and installing communications. On the following day operations of the observation posts were under the same conditions, subject to enfilading enemy fire. Private First Class Rupinski, throughout this period never faltered in his duties as telephone operator and wireman for the group and contributed greatly to neutralizing the enemy fire enough so that troops were able to gain their objectives. Home address: Mrs. Hedwig Rupinski, (mother), Route 2, Hillman, Michigan.

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First Lieutenant OTTO SCHILD JR., (02035895), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. First Lieutenant Schild was detailed as forward observer operating with an infantry battalion. Forward movement of the battalion was halted in terrain covered with heavy brush. First Lieutenant Schild's party was at the point, and spread out on either side of a road as the road was the only opening for observation. During registration, friendly tanks moved up the road behind them drawing enemy fire. While the shelling was taking place, First Lieutenant Schild completed a second registration and proceeded to locate the enemy fire. He located an enemy mortar position and laid down a concentrated barrage. A short time later, Japanese tanks were heard approaching and First Lieutenant Schild brought fire on the road in the immediate vicinity which stopped the advance of enemy tanks. Later, he adjusted fire to cover the withdrawal of an infantry battalion, though subjected to an enemy mortar barrage. First Lieutenant Schild's courage, initiative, and efficiency was a material contribution to the successful completion of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Otto Schild, (mother), Gooding, Idaho.

Sergeant GLENNON S. STANEK, (39165242), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Sergeant Stanek's platoon sustained several casualties as a result of a direct hit in their midst by two mortar shells. Sergeant Stanek was among the wounded. In spite of his wound, he personally checked his squad for casualties and helped the wounded to reach first aid. Not until all the men had been treated did he report himself wounded. Shrapnel had penetrated his back and pierced his lung causing internal bleeding and making it difficult for him to breathe. The heroic performance of Sergeant Stanek was an inspiration to all who witnessed his actions. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Stanek, (mother), 5208 Maple Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant EDGAR D. WILCOX, (02035901), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 and 8 June 1944. First Lieutenant Wilcox was assigned as a forward observer of his battalion, and proceeded with the infantry in its advance on an air drome. His party crossed the air drome under heavy concentrations of enemy fire. First Lieutenant Wilcox established a communication and fire direction center and calmly and efficiently adjusted fire into enemy areas. The following day his party was assigned to accompany a patrol in locating a mountain gun which had delivered damaging fire on our troops. The patrol encountered heavy machine gun fire, pinning them to cover and breaking them up into small groups. First Lieutenant Wilcox moved about contacting the members of his party and directed them in withdrawing from the danger area. The outstanding performance of First Lieutenant Wilcox under fire and his determination to accomplish his missions was an inspiration to those serving with him during this action. Home address: Mrs. Edgar D. Wilcox, (wife), Flandreau, South Dakota.

Technician Grade IV VERNON C. WOLTERS DORF, (36214415), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Technician Grade IV Woltersdorf was operating a radio which was the only contact his battalion had with its forward observers. During a mortar bombardment, the battalion was firing all batteries on enemy tanks, mortar emplacements, and machine guns. Without regard for his safety, Technician Grade IV Woltersdorf maintained contact with the forward observers and relayed commands and sensings to the fire direction center. Mortar shells landed within a few yards of the command car in which the radio was mounted, and although fragments hit the vehicle a number of times, he did not leave his post. The courage and devotion to duty of Technician Grade IV Woltersdorf reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Frank Smith, (mother), Somers, Wisconsin.

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IV. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Technician Grade V EDWIN RASHKIND, (32181070), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division as published in Section II above, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st 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 Grade V EDWIN RASHKIND, (32181070), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmor Air Drome, Biak Island on 12 and 13 June 1944. Technician Grade V Rashkind, during the hours of darkness, left his foxhole to attend four men who had been seriously wounded by Japanese mortar fire. He did this at great risk to his life as mortar shells were still dropping in the area and there was danger of being shot by his own men in the dark. He worked on the wounded entirely by touch, applying tourniquets and bandages. He remained with them all night, watching over them constantly. In the morning, Technician Grade V Rashkind administered plasma and supervised their evacuation. Later that same morning, the company was again attacked, one squad being forced to withdraw. The squad left behind a man they thought had been killed. Technician Grade V Rashkind went forward through enemy fire and found the man still alive. He ordered two men to help carry him out and then administered two units of plasma which strengthened the man so he could be evacuated. Home address: Mrs. Ida Rashkind, (mother), 148-15 87th Avenue, Jamaica, Long Island, New York.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officer and enlisted men:

Technician Grade IV EDWARD FREAUFF, (20931208), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 22 July 1944. Home address: Mr. Henry Freauff, (father), 4606 N. E. Cleveland Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Technician Grade V CLYDE GIBSON, (32885900), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Kate Gibson, (mother), 526 W. 145th Street, Apartment #52, New York City, New York.

Staff Sergeant HAROLD H. HUNT, (32890452), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gloria S. Hunt, (wife), 50 Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Private DAVID C. THOMAS, (35702393), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Amelia Thomas, (mother), 124 National Avenue, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

First Lieutenant JOHN VANASKY, (01579248), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Rose M. Vanasky, (wife), 710 Long Avenue, New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Corporal ERVIN WILLIAMS, (35141920), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Essie Williams, (mother), 3716 Catalpa Street, East Chicago, Indiana.

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Private First Class LeROY D. WILLIS JR., (2887073), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gwendolyn Willis (mother), 509 W. 142nd Street, New York City, New York.

VI. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.

So much of Section III, General Orders No. 27, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 17 June 1944 as pertains to award of the Bronze Star Medal to Captain WALLACE M. MULLIKEN, (0328408), Corps of Engineers, is amended to read as follows:

Captain WALLACE M. MULLIKEN, (0328408), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island, from 27 May to 16 June 1944. Captain Mulliken served as Liaison officer from his organization to Task Force Headquarters during this period. He continually kept his unit informed of the tactical situation in a most efficient manner. Due to his untiring efforts, unloading of supplies arriving in one area and the movement of troops were greatly facilitated. His outstanding performance of duty contributed materially to the success of the Task Force. Home address: Mrs. Wallace M. Mulliken, (wife), 1003 W. William Street, Champaign, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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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 decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant EDWARD J. MATUSZKO, (01183360), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Mokmer Airdrome, Biak Island on 19 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Matuszko, an artillery liaison pilot flew an observer from Mokmer Airdrome in a L-4H type airplane on a reconnaissance flight over enemy held territory. While engaged in this flight, enemy medium anti-aircraft fire was directed at them. Immediately on returning to the landing field and after making their report, they received permission to make another flight in order to adjust fire on the positions from which they had received fire. They were successful in neutralizing these anti-aircraft positions. The entire flight was made over terrain from which enemy anti-aircraft fire was probable and expected. Home address: Mr. Joseph A. Matuszko (father) RFD 3, Ainsherst, Massachusetts.

Captain KEITH D. McMILAN, (0419155), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Captain McMilan, surgeon of an infantry battalion, was with an aid station which had been established in a cave in a coral cliff overlooking the beach. In the afternoon of this date, landing craft were moving into the shore to discharge tanks. The enemy fired on the craft from the ridges behind and either side of the aid station. The landing craft returned the fire which was directed into the aid station. When the tanks moved from the craft toward the aid station constantly firing; Captain McMilan, disregarding the danger to himself left his covered position, and using a piece of white gauze as a signal flag, turned the tanks and the fire of the landing craft into the enemy positions. Mrs. Keith D. McMilan (wife), 1234 Pearl Street, Eugene, Oregon.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR W. MERRICK, (0390748), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action against the enemy at Biak Island on 26 June 1944. At dawn, First Lieutenant Merrick led the advance of his company in a movement which completely surprised the enemy and resulted in capture of one of their strongest positions. The progress of his company in the execution of this mission was through heavy fire, the enemy having the advantage of high ground. When his advance was held up, he crawled to the most forward position to secure a picture of the situation. He then reported to his battalion commander and his recommendations and clear description aided the commanding officer to quickly maneuver his troops to gain the best possible results. First Lieutenant Merrick was wounded in the hip, but stayed with his company until he had it well organized and resistance had diminished. Home address: Mr. Arthur W. Merrick, (father), 510-5th Street, North, Great Falls, Montana.

Recommended by HQ 59-Aug-14, 1944. (citation)
Colonel WILLIAM J. MORONEY, (012473) Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Insoemear Island, Wakde Group from 18 to 21 June 1944. Colonel Moroney, commanding officer of an infantry regiment, landed with the initial wave to reach the island when fighting was at its peak. He

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immediately established a command post well forward in order to better direct and control the operation. Despite intense enemy resistance he led the forward element in driving a wedge between the eastern and western halves of the island, which broke organized resistance. Subsequent to that date Air Corps and service troops which had landed on the beaches were attacked by small groups of the enemy. Despite the fact that these troops were untrained in ground combat, Colonel Moroney organized them in a defensive position and the area was successfully defended. His outstanding tactical ability and cool leadership were responsible for the sound defeat administered the enemy. Home address: Mr. J. J. Moroney (father), 1103 East 6th Street, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

First Lieutenant RICHARD J. SATRAN, (0422586), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 26 June 1944. First Lieutenant Satran commanded a company in a pre-dawn attack on enemy positions. One platoon leader, whose platoon had been forced to withdraw, was killed. First Lieutenant Satran assumed command of the sector. He moved forward abreast of the foremost troops to a point from which he could observe the enemy though he had little protection. He brought mortar fire in so close that fragments sprayed all around him. When some of the resistance was silenced First Lieutenant Satran motioned to a group of men near his position and on his signal all friendly fire ceased. He led the men forward, delivering assault fire and grenades as they advanced. They regained all formerly held positions. Home address: Mr. Arthur F. Satran (father), Whitefish, Montana.

Captain EDWARD L. WAISBROT, (0391375), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. In order to give more rapid and effective care to the wounded, Captain Waisbrot established his portable hospital within 1500 yards of the front lines. During a heavy mortar bombardment of the hospital area he remained in the open and treated wounded as they were carried in. When the tactical situation made it imperative that the position be evacuated he calmly and efficiently supervised the removal of all patients and hospital equipment, remaining behind until all other personnel had gone. Captain Waisbrot's coolness and bravery under fire was an inspiration to the members of his organization. Home address: Joseph J. Waisbrot (father), 1916 Frazier Ave., N.W. Frazier, Ohio

Technician Grade V LESLIE O. WINKLER, (39617458), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Parai Village, Biak Island on 3 June 1944. When the point of an advance guard was cut off from the main column and pinned down, Technician Grade V Winkler drove his D-7 dozer through heavy barrage fire in order to assist two tanks in fording a stream so that they could screen the enemy fire from our troops. When this action had been completed Technician Grade V Winkler followed behind the tanks so that he could clear the path for them in the event of road blocks. When the lead tank became disabled because of enemy action and was having difficulty in backing up to evacuate its wounded, Technician Grade V Winkler moved forward in full view of the enemy and removed a large log and rock pile which obstructed the tanks' line of withdrawal, thus enabling the disabled tank to reach cover. During the withdrawal he helped to provide mobile cover for our own riflemen. Technician Grade V Winkler's dozer did not have an armored cab and he was exposed to the full view of the enemy at all times. Home address: Mrs. Clark White (aunt), Bonham, Texas.

Private First Class ALBERT J. ZALESKI, (13007108), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action in Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 9 May 1944. Private First Class Zaleski was a member of a medical collecting station which was attacked by a group of forty Japanese who had infiltrated during the night. They had set up a machine gun in close proximity to the station and were raking the area with machine gun and small arms fire, endangering the lives of helpless men lying wounded in the collecting station. Since

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there were no combat troops in the vicinity Private First Class Zaleski secured a carbine and set out for the enemy position. He killed the machine gunner and his two protecting riflemen, thus destroying the strong point of the enemy attack. Private First Class Zaleski exhibited heroism beyond the call of duty in this act, and saved the lives of many casualties under his charge. Home address: Mrs. Susan Zaleski (mother), 1205 Hampton Street, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class VIRGIL H. GORDON, (36454514), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 June 1944. Private First Class Gordon's platoon was holding the pinnacle of a coral ridge when the enemy crept up on the blind side and commenced a vicious counterattack. When the platoon was forced to withdraw from the temporary position he volunteered to stay behind and cover the withdrawal with his automatic rifle. Though two other men who were with him were killed by shrapnel, Private First Class Gordon remained at his post holding off the brunt of the attack while his platoon withdrew. Next of kin: Mrs. Chester Gordon (mother), Route 3, Midland, Michigan.

Technician Grade IV HERBERT C. HELLAND, (39376116), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 6 June 1944. The company to which Technician Grade IV Helland was attached was located on a ridge under heavy machine gun fire. One of the men was wounded and called for medical aid. Technician Grade IV Helland, without a moments hesitation, moved forward under the heavy fire to where the casualty lay. He gave him aid and dressed his wounds. He thought it advisable to administer plasma and in order to do so properly, he stood and held the container, exposed to the fire. His courageous action in this instance, earned him the respect of all men in the company. Next of kin: Mrs. Ada Helland, (mother), 503 N. Water Street, Ellensburg, Washington.

Staff Sergeant EVERETT J. SALVON, (20936077), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 8-9 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Salvon's Company, which formed the central section of a battalion defense on a beach head at the south end of Mokmer Drome, was fiercely attacked by the enemy. The enemy had excellent observation of the company's position and the advantage nearly resulted in a breach of their lines. As communications were blown out in the initial phases of the attack, Staff Sergeant Salvon moved back behind his sector to the 60mm mortar section to give locations of groups that had infiltrated close to the line. About midnight, the enemy reached positions directly in front of the company, inflicting several casualties thereby creating gaps in the defense. Staff Sergeant Salvon moved along the front line under fire, securing men from other platoons to strengthen his weakened defenses. He then secured litters and directed evacuation of the wounded. At dawn, the enemy withdrew leaving fourteen dead in the area. Next of kin: Mr. Jalmer Salvon (father), 1169 Grand Avenue, Astoria, Oregon.

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

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Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel VIRGIL L. ANDERSON, (0155343), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 20 April to 6 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Betty I. Anderson, (wife), 1025 West 30th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Corporal JAMES F. BRUCE, (39003108), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 17 to 18 May 1944. Corporal Bruce was assigned as a machine gunner to a LVT crew laying wire from Sarmi to Wakde Island. On completion of the installation, he volunteered to guard a switch board which was under fire. He further volunteered to participate in a patrol and to guard its right flank alone. While guarding this flank, he sighted a Japanese machinegun nest which he destroyed while the balance of the patrol was engaged in a fierce attack by the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Eunice Moore, (mother), 280 Bickford Avenue, Santa Ana, California.

Private REN K. CASTNER, (20937755), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 8 to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Theresa Castner (mother), 2405 North Schofield Street, Portland, Oregon.

Technician Grade IV SHIRLEY W. GUNDLACH, (39005636), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tor River, Dutch New Guinea on 22 May 1944. Technician Grade IV Gundlach was a wireman engaged in laying wire communications in this area during operations of his organization. On this occasion while laying wire to forward observers, he was subjected to intense enemy fire. In spite of this, he continued with his work, disregarding available cover in the performance of his duty. His accomplishment enabled artillery observers to adjust fire on enemy positions thus neutralizing a great deal of the opposition. Home address: Mrs. Gladys B. Lindley, Mother, Rohnerville, California.

Private First Class JAMES J. JAMISON, (32764581), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Hill, (mother), 68 West 113th Street, New York City, New York.

Private First Class JOSEPH R. LEE, (33095139), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn Diggs, (mother), 2431 Madison Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland.

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM R. MATSON, (36119188), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tor River, Dutch New Guinea from 17 May to 16 June 1944. Technical Sergeant Matson, as communications sergeant was responsible for installing and maintaining wire and radio communications during this operation of his unit. He and his crew overcame numerous obstacles and adversities in the accomplishment of these duties. On one occasion while Technical Sergeant Matson was engaged in removing a front line switchboard, the position was charged by the enemy, pinning him to cover, but with complete disregard for his personal safety, he accomplished his task before withdrawing, thus preventing valuable equipment from falling into enemy hands. Home address: Mrs. Lenora Charlton, (mother), 4509 Collingwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

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Technician Grade IV ROGER C. McCLINTOCK, (37047032), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Technician Grade IV McClintock was horizontal control operator in the fire direction center of his battalion. During a fire support mission he was lying on the ground by a telephone controlling the fire of two batteries, his only protection being two supply boxes beside him. When it became necessary to shift fire to other targets, he got up and worked in the open on firing charts to get data for the firing. Men were wounded all about him, but he stayed at his post, disregarding the danger involved. He also assisted in caring for wounded after communications were knocked out. Home address: Mrs. Edna McClintock, (mother), 615 Sumner Street, Waterloo, Iowa.

Corporal JAMES W. MEISE, (35250756), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. During a heavy concentration of mortar fire on an artillery command post, several casualties were sustained. Corporal Meise immediately loaded a truck with the wounded and drove them to an aid station. Despite the fact that the route of evacuation was subject to sporadic enemy fire he returned for a second load. His prompt and courageous actions saved the lives of several wounded soldiers. Home address: Mr. James W. Meise, (father), RR #1, Hillsboro, Indiana.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. MENNEL, (01163915), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 3 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Mennel, (mother), 2155 Collings Boulevard, Toledo, Ohio.

Sergeant LLOYD E. NELSON, (36039923), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island from 17 May to 16 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lena Nelson, (mother), Plano, Illinois.

First Lieutenant FRANK M. J. O'LAUGHLIN, (0395525), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Maffin Village, Dutch New Guinea on 25 May 1944. First Lieutenant O'Laughlin was assigned as a forward observer with the infantry in their advance toward Maffin Air strip. On the morning of this date, he received the mission of adjusting artillery fire prior to an attack on a well fortified enemy position. To observe and adjust the fire, he advanced forward of the infantry perimeter. During the trip to the post, he and his party received fire from enemy snipers. Before the party could return to the comparative safety of the perimeter, the preparation fire was started and on the return trip, some rounds of artillery and mortar fire landed in their near vicinity, wounding one man by fragmentation. Home address: Mrs. Marjorie O'Laughlin, (wife), 3408 15th Street South, Seattle, Washington.

Staff Sergeant CLEM W. PRENGER, (37071277), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea, Wakde and Sarmi, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 2 July 1944. Home address: Christina A. Prenger, (mother), Box 484, Creighton, Nebraska.

First Lieutenant FRANK E. RIDENOURE, (01171735), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. When the command post of his battalion was subjected to mortar fire, Lieutenant Ridenoure, without regard for his personal safety, supervised reinstallation of wire communications after the switchboard and the operator had been hit. Later he assisted in evacuating the dead and wounded while under severe fire.

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He continually exposed himself to fire while helping load the wounded onto trucks. First Lieutenant Ridenoure was an outstanding example to his men of cool-headed and determined leadership. Home address: Mrs. Frank E. Ridenoure (wife), 117 Cottage Avenue, Goshen, Indiana.

Corporal JOHN WEAVER, (38129154), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mr. John Weaver Sr., (father), Route #3, Wagner, Oklahoma.

IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named officer and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM J. SCANLON JR., (0452976), Signal Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: W. J. Scanlon Sr., (father), 131 North Quincy, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Grade IV ROBERT C. SELLERS, (39228448), Signal Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Home address: Charles J. Sellers, (father), 612½ North Genesee, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class PHILIP S. KEARNEY, (19064769), Signal Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action near Tor River, Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 25 May 1944. Home address: Margaret Kearney, (mother), Truckee, California.

Private HOWARD W. BLOOM, (36303491), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Home address: Mary Bloom, (mother), 565 Bird Street, Elgin, Illinois.

Private WILBUR W. DRENNEN, (37085181), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mary Etta Drennan, (mother), 167 Julian St., Denver, Colorado.

- By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
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AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF THE SILVER STAR ... I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL II

I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 Decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant FRANK X HARRISON, (38059832), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Harrison led his squad against an estimated enemy force of eighty men who were hidden in caves. Despite determined resistance, he aggressively led his men in the attack, and successfully deployed them to repulse two enemy counter attacks and drove the remainder of the Japanese back into the caves. Throughout the action, he moved openly among the men to direct their fire. When he observed a blind spot in the line of attack, he immediately moved forward in advance of his squad and was mortally wounded. Staff Sergeant Harrison's leadership and personal bravery were entirely responsible for the defeat of the enemy on this occasion. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Swensen, (aunt), Galveston, Texas.

Private ANDREW J TRGINA, (36666176), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 22 June 1944. During an attack on enemy fortified positions, Private Trgina was a member of the left flank squad in the leading echelon. The advance was made directly in the face of fire from anti-aircraft guns. When one soldier to his front was seriously wounded, Private Trgina immediately dashed forward into the exposed area, reached the casualty, and commenced dragging him to the rear. He was mortally wounded by machine gun fire just as he reached cover. Private Trgina's act of sacrifice inspired all those who witnessed the deed. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Trgina, (mother), 2234 W Erie Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers:

Major WHEELER S MC CALL, (0178745), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Southwest Pacific Area from 23 June 1943 to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lillian N McCall, (Wife), 2806 Hadley Street, St Louis, Missouri.

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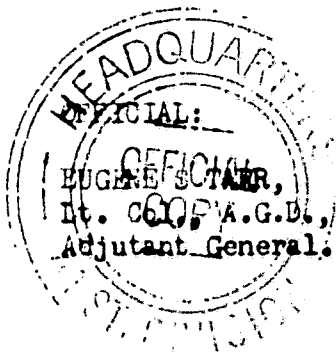
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Captain MANTON J SPEAR, (O346170), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island from 27 May to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruth J Spear, (wife), 1505 38th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

By Command of Brigadier General DOE:

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

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, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Corporal EARL A. ROSE, (39303239), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Tor River, Dutch New Guinea from 17 May to 16 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Stella G. Rose, (mother), 1524 11th Street, Baker, Oregon.

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

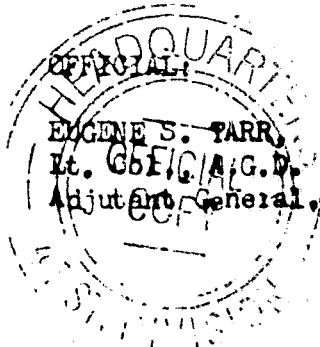
By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Lieutenant Colonel CLARENCE E. REID, (0329493), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I. General Orders No. 33, 6 July 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

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~~Lieutenant Colonel CLARENCE E. REID, (0329493), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Bink Island from 22 April to 30 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Reid, (wife), Box 689, Ketchikan, Territory of Alaska.~~

by command of Brigadier General DOE:

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AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER IV

I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private JAMES STAFFORD, (35581675), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 24 April 1944. Private Stafford's platoon was counter attacked twice by the enemy and each time repulsed the attack, inflicting heavy losses upon the Japanese. During this action Private Stafford was suffering from fatigue and severe heat exhaustion but refused to leave the fight. He continued firing until he became delirious. He failed to revive and died shortly thereafter. By extraordinary courage and persistence to a point beyond physical endurance, Private Stafford rendered distinguished and valorous service for his country. Next of kin: Mrs. James Stafford, (wife), 501 Southerland Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

II. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class OLLIE GRIZZLE, (33047002), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 9 June 1944. Private First Class Grizzle was number one gunner with a heavy machine gun squad attached to a rifle Company. The company was set up in a defensive position on the right flank of its battalion. During the hours of darkness at approximately 0100 hours, about twenty-five Japanese made an attack on the perimeter. Private First Class Grizzle opened fire killing and wounding several of the enemy. When his machine gun jammed due to a fault in the bolt, without orders, while under heavy fire he ran to an adjoining gun fifty yards away to obtain another bolt. He was killed by sniper fire on his return to the gun pit. Private First Class Grizzle's performance prevented an enemy break through in the perimeter. Next of kin: Mrs. Katherine Grizzle, (mother), Artrip, Virginia.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Sergeant DONALD B BAILEY, (39376580), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 30 June 1944. Sergeant Bailey, a litter bearer section leader, many times during the campaign, personally led his litter bearers to the front lines to administer immediate first aid and evacuate the wounded to the rear. He carefully instructed his men in the utilization of natural cover. The fact that but two of his men were slightly wounded

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after being repeatedly exposed to fire is an indication of their efficiency. Home address: Mrs. Tholm H. Bailey, (mother), Grand Valley, Colorado.

Technician Grade V JOSEPH B BOOTHE, (35108076), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 3 to 6 June 1944. Technician Grade V Boothe, while exposed to enemy fire during the construction of an important supply road to front line positions, exhibited exceptional skill and courage in the operation and repair of a D-7 bulldozer. The mission of his unit was to construct an inland route toward Mokmer Air Drome. Faced with difficult terrain, and working under hazardous conditions of combat operations, Technician Grade V Boothe brought credit to himself and his organization for the splendid manner in which he accomplished his duties. Since the equipment was used long after it should have been deadlined for repairs, it was often necessary to accomplish hasty repairs in the field. He overcame these difficulties in a superior manner that allowed little delay in the progress of a vital job. Technician Grade V Boothe's ability, endurance, and devotion to duty in the construction and maintenance of the road made possible the continuous flow of supplies to the front lines. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Boothe, (mother), RFD #4, Elizabeth, Kentucky.

Technician Grade V WILLIAM P BUTLER, (36046200), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 3 to 6 June 1944. Technician Grade V Butler's unit constructed a supply road to support an Infantry Regiment in their advance over an inland route to Mokmer Air Drome. This was a hazardous mission calling for three miles of road construction per day, and strenuous demands were made of bulldozer operators. Technician Grade V Butler operated a bulldozer with a great deal of courage throughout this period, since he was exposed to enemy action and frequently under fire. With cool and unerring judgment he worked his bulldozer to the maximum under all conditions to make the completion of the mission of his unit possible in the allotted time. Home address: Mrs. Julia Butler, (mother), Graham, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant ALEX G CARPENTER, (39231593), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 and 19 May 1944. On these dates Staff Sergeant Carpenter acted in the capacity of platoon sergeant in the absence of his platoon leader. He spent his entire time coordinating the attacks of his squads and on many occasions personally led them in their attacks because of a critical shortage of non-commissioned officers. He was always forward with the most advanced scout pointing out possible enemy positions and deploying his platoon to the best advantage. He moved about in the face of heavy enemy fire carrying ammunition and maintaining the organization of his platoon. Home address: Mrs. Alex G. Carpenter, (mother), 448 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia, California.

Technician Grade V GEORGE J DISTEL JR., (39228041), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 24 June 1944. Throughout the entire campaign, Technician Grade V Distel distinguished himself as a Medical Department soldier. He repeatedly volunteered for the most hazardous assignments. Until his ambulance jeep was wrecked, he evacuated casualties to a portable surgical hospital, many times under enemy fire. He then volunteered for litter bearing, carrying casualties from high ridges over rough ground, subjected to all types of enemy fire. Home address: Mr. George J. Distel Sr., (father), 4147 Vantage Avenue, Studio City, California.

Private First Class THOMAS F FITZPATRICK, (32799275), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 27 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Arthur J. Fitzpatrick, (father), 2452 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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Staff Sergeant NORMAN E GODFREY, (20926143), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 1 to 6 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Godfrey's unit had the mission of constructing a supply road for the movement of supplies to an infantry regiment in their advance along an inland route toward Mokmer Air Drome. Since the road had to be constructed over difficult terrain and under hazardous combat conditions as rapidly as the Infantry advanced, a large burden of responsibility was placed on the noncommissioned officers. Staff Sergeant Godfrey, who commanded his platoon on this mission exhibited exceptional devotion to duty and outstanding leadership. By courageously and intelligently discharging the many problems that confronted him, he made possible the prompt accomplishment of this important mission. He displayed such sound judgment and extraordinary courage when under enemy fire, that he was an inspiration to the men under his command. Home address: Mr. Josia H. Godfrey, (father), 555 D Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

First Sergeant ROBERT GONZALEZ, (20928831), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 and 19 May 1944. During the assaults on wakde beaches, First Sergeant Gonzalez's company commander was seriously wounded. On reaching the beach in the face of heavy enemy fire, First Sergeant Gonzalez began to organize the platoons of the company for the initial attack. Up until the time the executive officer could take over the company, he led the company off the beach and deployed its platoons for the initial attack. On numerous occasions, he worked directly with the platoons and squads, planning and coordinating their attacks and often-times leading them on their individual missions because of the critical shortage of noncommissioned officers. Home address: Mrs. Faustine Gonzalez, (mother), Sydney, Montana.

Technical Sergeant CHRISTIAN A HANSEN, (20928861), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. After heavy casualties and the loss of his platoon leader, Technical Sergeant Hansen reorganized the remnants of his platoon into a highly efficient fighting force and carried out the remainder of the action in an outstanding manner. During the time his platoon was in company reserve, he organized and personally escorted carrying parties for ammunition, water, and the evacuation of litter cases. These parties led by Technical Sergeant Hansen were constantly under enemy fire as they moved over almost impassable terrain and at times were subjected to artillery and mortar fire. His personal bravery saved the lives of many of the men in his platoon and the wounded men of his company. Home address: Mr. Carl F. Hansen, (father), Box 423, Sydney, Montana.

Sergeant LEVIE P HESSON, (34013335), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Sergeant Hesson, with his squad, was moving toward Mokmer Air Drome as advance guard for the battalion. In the afternoon of this date, accurate machine gun and mortar fire was delivered against the leading troops, pinning them to the ground. Strong Japanese patrols were operating in the area. Sergeant Hesson, grasping the situation, placed his men individually into positions where they were most protected from mortar fire and where they would be prepared to meet the oncoming attack. Casualties were heavy, and Sergeant Hesson rendered first aid and assisted in carrying the wounded to a place of safety. Home address: Mrs. Ella Hesson, (mother), General Delivery, Carthage, Tennessee.

First Lieutenant HAROLD B HOUSTON, (0888436), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 26 June 1944. First Lieutenant Houston's company was ordered to execute a pre-dawn attack against the enemy. During the movement he constantly checked the positions and the condition of his men, although it was extremely dark at the time. On reaching a high ridge, positions were consolidated, and shortly thereafter, an attempt was made to drive on further. When

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the company commander was wounded and evacuated, First Lieutenant Houston competently and efficiently assumed command of the company for the remainder of the action, directing operations which resulted in a difficult mission successfully accomplished. Home address: Mr. Lester A. Houston, (father), Vandalia, Missouri.

Sergeant RODGER J. JENSEN, (20935426), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 22 & 23 June 1944. The mission of Sergeant Jensen's squad was to repel enemy infiltration and to provide local protection for a machine gun position near by. Visibility was almost nil during the night, terrain was flat and rough with thick brush, permitting the enemy to approach within physical contact. Sergeant Jensen controlled the defence of his area, successfully repelling a heavy Japanese counter attack. He coordinated firing by his squad while the enemy was in close proximity, some enemy dead being found seven to fifteen feet away from their positions. He directed close defense of the machine gun position which accounted for a large share of the one hundred and nine killed during the attack. Home address: Mrs. Rodger J. Jensen, (wife), Ordnance, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant LEVI JOKELA, (39377998), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Jokela was given orders to organize his platoon and assume a defensive position on the right flank of his company which was vulnerable to enemy fire and counter attack. Quickly grasping the situation, Staff Sergeant Jokela personally placed his squads in the best positions, then moved from position to position directing their fire, exposing himself time and again in order to insure that all men were coordinated and kept informed of the situation. When the platoon was ordered to withdraw to a better position, he covered the withdrawal, despite heavy fire. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Jokela, (mother), Fossburg, Washington.

Staff Sergeant MIKE G KRUSHEVSKY, (20928839), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Krushevsky's company was moving forward over extremely difficult terrain. The tangle of debris became so thick that an escorting tank was unable to continue its advance. Observing that the situation was practically hopeless, Staff Sergeant Krushevsky stepped out in front of the tank intending to pick a path for it over the tortuous terrain. He was met by a hail of machine gun fire from a concealed position to the direct front of the tank, but he continued his advance, firing his automatic rifle until the tank crew could spot the pillbox and put it out of action with heavy weapons. Home address: Mrs. Barbara Krushevsky (mother), Bellfield, North Dakota.

Second Lieutenant JAMES A. LUFKIN, (01304921), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 12 June 1944. During an advance by his company on an enemy strong-point, consisting of dug-in positions reinforced by logs containing about twenty Japanese, Second Lieutenant Lufkin was following the lead platoon closely with a light machine gun section. He observed the necessity for reinforcing the front line, brought up his section and placed its weapons into position. Although enemy fire was heavy, he personally checked the section for Japanese activity. In doing so, he saw the enemy placing a machine gun on a flank to better direct fire on the company's positions. Second Lieutenant Lufkin picked up a machine gun under fire and carried it to a position from which fire was brought on the enemy gun, putting it out of action. Home address: Mrs. Emma E. Lufkin, (wife), 2011 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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Captain FRANK W. MOORE, (0374574), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Oro Bay, New Guinea from 19 February to 7 June 1943. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia J. Moore, (wife), 1001 South Monroe, Spokane, Washington.

Captain GEORGE G. MORRIS, (0370795), Dental Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Morobe, New Guinea from 20 June to 20 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. Lillian G. Morris, (mother), 3229 Northeast 67th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant RANT N. NEELY, (20931861), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Neely's company held a defensive perimeter north of Mokmer Air Drome when attacked by an enemy light tank. Staff Sergeant Neely was occupying a position with three other men, including a Browning Automatic Rifleman. They had no anti-tank weapons which made it necessary for the men to evacuate their positions. The tank came directly toward Staff Sergeant Neely's position, firing machine guns and 37mm guns. He took the Browning Automatic Rifle from his gunner and ordering the other occupants of the position to take cover, fired into the approaching tank. Although he used armor-piercing ammunition it did not damage the tank, but it did distract its crew, for when it reached a position some forty yards directly in front of Staff Sergeant Neely's gun it halted, turned to the side, and after firing several more rounds, withdrew. By holding his position under extremely heavy enemy fire, knowing that everyone on his flanks had abandoned their positions, Staff Sergeant Neely was an inspiration to the unit. Had he failed to divert the tank, their positions would have been overrun. Home address: Mr. Rant Neely, (father), Williamina, Oregon.

Technician Grade V RAYMOND R. NOLAN, (34435328), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 5 June 1944. Technician Grade V Nolan, a tank gunner, participated in the heaviest fighting of his unit at Biak Island. On various occasions during this period when his tank was under intense fire and in close contact with the enemy unavoidably vulnerable to attack, he fearlessly and efficiently manned his guns. While on a mission near Parai Village, a Japanese dropped a grenade into his tank, killing the driver and wounding other members of the crew. Although he received shrapnel wounds, he remained at his post until the tank could be moved from the area. During all engagements in which Technician Grade V Nolan participated, he constantly manned his guns in an efficient and brave manner. Home address: Mrs. Carrie D. Nolan, (mother), Route #1, Waynesville, North Carolina.

Private First Class EARL L. PERRY, (35038189), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 20 June 1944. Private First Class Perry, an aid man, moved forward from the company's defensive positions with a combat patrol whose mission was to scout high ground and knock out any enemy resistance encountered. The patrol became engaged in a fire fight on a coral ridge, resulting in several casualties. Private First Class Perry gave immediate aid to three wounded men while under fire. He helped drag another to a covered area to give treatment. When another soldier was reported to be mortally wounded, lying in an exposed position, he ran through an exposed area to give what aid he could. Home address: Mrs. Edith Kehl (sister), 416 George Street, Marietta, Ohio.

Private First Class LEO F. PORENSKI, (33001403), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 18 June 1944. During an attack in force

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on his unit's left flank, Private First Class Porenski seeing that all riflemen protecting a machine gun were killed, immediately reinforced the position at great danger to himself. He remained at his post until the machine gun ammunition was exhausted, then moved with the gunners to another position. His courageous actions in the face of the enemy afforded the machine gun section flank protection which enabled them to carry out their mission. Private First Class Porenski assisted materially in repelling the vicious enemy attack. Home address: Mr. Albert Porenski, (brother), 5223 Framore Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

Captain FRANK H. ROBINSON, (0331969), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Morobe, New Guinea from 20 June to 20 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. Frank H. Robinson (wife), 1114 Windsor Place, South Pasadena, California.

First Sergeant RALPH W. RYAN, (20926566), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 1 to 6 June 1944. First Sergeant Ryan, with a small detachment of Engineers and a D-7 bulldozer that had been cut off from the main body by enemy action, exhibited superior leadership that made it possible to accomplish the construction of an important supply road after the hour of darkness with an inadequate number of men. With the few personnel he had, First Sergeant Ryan was able to protect and mark the route of advance so that the work could continue. Constantly exposed to enemy fire that had already killed one of the group, First Sergeant Ryan's exceptional courage and sound judgment resulted in the early completion of this mission that permitted the continuous flow of supplies to front line troops. Home address: Mrs. Grace Ryan, (mother), 1319 8th Avenue, East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Private RAY N. WILSON, (39376573), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 19 May 1944. Private Wilson went with a litter squad to a forward position to bring a wounded soldier back to the aid station. With little cover, he worked his way to the wounded man and administered first aid. Then, after being forced to take cover for a time, once more exposed himself to heavy fire in an attempt to evacuate the wounded man. During the process of evacuation, the casualty was once again wounded and Private Wilson was hit in both legs, fracturing his right thigh and receiving a bullet through his left knee. Home address: Mrs. Maude M. Wilson (mother), Route #1, Box 284, Omak, Washington.

Staff Sergeant JOSEPH M. YOUNT, (39152567), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Yount, a mess sergeant, volunteered to carry a message over ground exposed to enemy fire. Disregarding the hazards involved in movement through this area, he carried a message directing the movement of a mortar section to a forward position. He helped the section pack their equipment and showed them where to set up, then personally laid the wire communications from the battery to the observation post. Home address: Mrs. Edna Yount, (mother), Route 2, Box 53, Conover, North Carolina.

IV. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star awarded to Staff Sergeant HAROLD L. FRAZIER, (20926578), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section III, General Orders No. 27, 17 June 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the Provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

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Staff Sergeant HAROLD L. FRAZIER, (20926578), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. After a fire had broken out in a Japanese supply dump, Staff Sergeant Frazier worked with a bulldozer operator as a spotter and helped to make a fire break in order to prevent the loss of valuable supplies and equipment. He preceded the bulldozer on foot, locating and removing unexploded bombs and artillery shells from the path of the dozer. He worked long hours and was in constant danger of severe injury or death because of intermittent explosions of bombs and ammunition. Staff Sergeant Frazier displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty in saving this valuable equipment; Home address: Mr. A. C. Frazier, (father), 140 Monroe Street, Twin Falls, Idaho.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class COSMO J. LOMBARDOZZI, (20253333), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 5, Section IV, General Orders No. 49, 31 July 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st 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 COSMO J. LOMBARDOZZI, (20253333), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Private First Class Lombardozzi was in the lead company in the initial landing of American Forces at Humboldt Bay. The company's first objective was a strategic piece of high ground which had been shelled and bombed clear of vegetation. Private First Class Lombardozzi was the lead scout and his platoon was the advance party of the company. His instructions were to advance boldly, almost recklessly, in order to seize quickly the strategic hill so later units could land in safety. He followed these instructions perfectly and the hill was seized twenty minutes after the landing. He ignored intermittent fire from his left in order to reach his objective. His outstanding work contributed a great deal to his company's success in accomplishing its mission. Home address: Mr. G. Lombardozzi (father), 111 East Fifth Street, Brooklyn, New York.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant EDWIN S OLSON, (0395185), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. First Lieutenant Olson's company was one of the leading units in an attack during the push toward Lokmer Drome. His company was met with very heavy Japanese mortar and small arms fire, completely pinning it to the ground, on unfavorable terrain. Hard coral rock prevented the men from digging in, and the company suffered heavy casualties. First Lieutenant Olson, with no consideration for his personal safety, moved his men to better positions, inspiring them with confidence by his own courageous actions. He was struck by a piece of shrapnel during this engagement and died of wounds a few hours later. Next of Kin: Mr. Edwin S. Olson Sr., (father), 1922 1st Avenue North, Seattle, Washington.

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 decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class SANDERS M CASTOR, (39019956), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 19 May 1944. Private First Class Castor's company was assisting in cleaning the enemy from caves on the island. One soldier was mortally wounded while investigating a cave, and rolled down a steep incline to a point directly in front of another cave where it was impossible to reach him without endangering the lives of the men in the attempt. Two men, one of them Private First Class Castor, volunteered to rescue this man while their platoon occupied the enemy with their fire. They were successful in this rescue at great risk to their lives. Home address: Mrs. Jennie Castor, (mother), 607 N. Oak Street, Santa Paula, California.

Technical Sergeant DALE E GIBSON, (20933432), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island from 28 May to 12 June 1944. Technical Sergeant Gibson, in the absence of the platoon leader, displayed outstanding leadership and courage in the direction of his platoon. On one occasion when his platoon was given the mission to overcome an enemy strongpoint, he made his own reconnaissance and then made plans and gave orders to the minutest detail coordinating all supporting components. Every man was acquainted with the situation and knew exactly what was expected of him. His attack order was an example of military thoroughness, and was undoubtedly responsible for the successful completion of the mission. Home address: Mrs. E. J. Gibson, (mother), 820 Newport Avenue, Bend, Oregon.

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Staff Sergeant JOHN H GRAHAM, (2093027), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wake Island on 18 and 19 May 1944. Sergeant Graham's platoon was bearing the brunt of a fierce enemy counter attack. One enemy machine gun in particular was causing much trouble. Unable to determine its exact position, Staff Sergeant Graham worked his way around until he had spotted it and then wiped out the entire crew. To insure the gun was not again manned, he posted men to keep vigilant guard. Later in the day he checked ammunition supplies and found them to be running low. Since it was extremely dangerous for a man to carry a message to the command post, he carried the information himself, crossing an elevated and open area swept by small arms fire and successfully accomplished his mission. Home address: Mr. John H. Graham, (father), Frazee, Minnesota.

Technician Grade V (then Private First Class) ROBERT E LUNDSTROM, (20931682), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. The company to which Technician Grade V Lundstrom was attached as aid man was subjected to heavy small arms fire on a trail near the beach. When a casualty was incurred he moved towards the wounded man to give assistance. Enroute he was hit in the stomach by rifle fire, penetrating into his abdominal cavity. In spite of his wound and still under fire, he continued on, reached the wounded man and dressed his wounds. Home address: Mrs. Pearl Morgan, (mother), 2032 S. E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant RAY J MATTICE, (36126773), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wake Island on 18 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Mattice's squad was sent ahead of his company to act as a point in an advance to relieve a platoon which was pinned down by enemy small arms fire. As the company advanced, Staff Sergeant Mattice and his squad were pinned down by machine gun fire coming from an emplacement covered with coconut logs and brush. While his squad sought cover, Staff Sergeant Mattice moved forward boldly and aggressively with his Thompson submachine gun and killed all six of the enemy within the position, thus enabling his company to continue its advance. Home address: Mrs. Robert Mattice, (mother), Bad Axe, Michigan.

Private First Class THOMAS R MOORE, (35536283), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wake Island on 19 May 1944. During the final mopping up operations on the island, Private First Class Moore's company was cleaning out the enemy entrenched in caves along the northeast shore. A patrol leader from another company was wounded by sniper fire from within a cave and rolled down an embankment near the mouth of the cave from which the fire was coming. Receiving support fire from the rear, Private First Class Moore and another soldier advanced into the enemy fire and carried out the wounded man. Their advance was over terrain in full view of the enemy who were fighting a determined last stand. Home address: Mr. Everett W. Moore, (father), 2554 Edgar Street, Toledo, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) PEDER R PEDERSEN, (39165222), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 11 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Pedersen, squad leader of the assault platoon of his company, assisted in the mission of clearing enemy resistance from a scrub covered coral ridge running parallel to Mokmer Air Drome. The fire was heavy and the enemy were well entrenched. Staff Sergeant Pedersen and his squad volunteered for the task of flanking the enemy, who had perfect observation. They quietly worked their way to a point ten yards from the enemy when they were discovered and drew fire. Staff Sergeant Pedersen, estimating the situation at a glance, decided on an aggressive assault. He led his squad in a charge despite determined resistance fire, personally killing four Japanese with his rifle, and two others with grenades. The members of his squad eliminated nine more of the enemy, clearing the position. During the action, Staff Sergeant Pedersen received a shrapnel wound, but remained with his squad and directed them until the mission was accomplished. Home address: Mr. Theodore Pedersen, (brother), 3981 South Menlo Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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Technical Sergeant EDWARD H RUSS, (36157142), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. After Technical Sergeant Russ's company had accomplished its initial mission at Wakde Island, it was ordered to relieve a platoon of another company which had been pinned down by enemy fire. While his company commander was obtaining information from the leader of the platoon, Technical Sergeant Russ advanced up a steep slope and killed nine Japanese snipers who were bringing fire on the position. He had little cover from a fanatically fighting enemy. Later in the day the platoon led by Technical Sergeant Russ killed fifty-seven of the enemy without loss to themselves. Home address: Mrs. Eva Russ, (mother), East Lansing, Michigan.

Sergeant WILLARD D WILSON, (37064946), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Sergeant Wilson led his squad through a tangle of debris, caused by pre-invasion bombing, in the lead of his company. They were met with heavy automatic fire emanating from a reinforced "L" shaped trench. In spite of the fanatical resistance, Sergeant Wilson grabbed a Thompson submachine gun from a terrified soldier and rushed forward firing as he proceeded. At the edge of the trench, he stopped and killed its occupants with grenades. Home address: Mrs. W. J. Wilson, (mother), Route 1, Harrison, Arkansas.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Major PAUL A CAWLFIELD, by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 11, 25 February 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major PAUL A CAWLFIELD, (0280798), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 and 29 May 1944. At the most critical juncture in the second day of the advance from Bosnek to Mokmer Air Drome, Major Cawfield, aware of the intermittent failure of the normal means of communications, unhesitatingly went forward to the front line battalions for conferences. The battalions at that time were pinned down by heavy fire. Major Cawfield secured timely and indispensable information needed by his regimental commander for the control of his command. While in contact with the forward elements, he capably advised them on the coordination of their local defense. Constantly under fire during these personal reconnaissances and contact missions, Major Cawfield exhibited a sound knowledge of tactical problems and terrain appreciation as well as noteworthy courage and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Verna E. Cawfield, (wife), Route 3, Box 23, Corvallis, Oregon.

IV. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JOHN R MAAG, (39082867), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 11 May 1944. Private First Class Maag disregarding personal safety, saved the life of a man considerably larger than himself who was in danger of drowning. He completely exhausted himself in struggling with the drowning man before he was able to start for shore and safety. The current in the bay was strong and waves breaking about him impeded his progress. He was pulled beneath the surface many times, but retained his hold on the drowning and unconscious man and persisted in swimming toward shore, where in shallow water, he was relieved of his burden and received assistance himself. Home address: Miss Ann Benkey, (sister), 527 Evelyn St., Albany, California.

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V. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class BILL A JOAQUIN, (39009874), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Lokner Air Drome, Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Private First Class Joaquin was an ammunition carrier awaiting orders to move into position in the line. Suddenly a Japanese platoon appeared, having filtered through the right flank, and assaulted Private First Class Joaquin's machine gun platoon from very close range, jumping from the brush practically on top of the deployed men. Private First Class Joaquin's squad leader was killed, but the squad took up the fight, killing the Japanese officer who led the assault. Private First Class Joaquin, in plain view of the enemy, manhandled his machine gun into position, opening fire on the attackers at a range of twenty yards. This act stopped the attack, prevented the platoon from being beaten back and protected a company deployed in their rear from being cut off from their battalion. Next of kin: Mr. Lawrence Joaquin, (father), Hopland, California.

Sergeant ANTON F KLEPEC, (39012148), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 4 June 1944. Sergeant Klepec's company was ordered to seize a ridge during the offensive on Biak Island. The enemy had excellent observation of the company's movements and fiercely resisted. The attacking platoon was pinned to what cover was available, momentarily holding up the advance. Sergeant Klepec, an assistant squad leader, moved forward beyond the advance elements of the platoon and crept to within a few feet of the Japanese pill box that was the main obstacle of the attack. From very close range, he killed the two occupants of the position and then, still alone, stood upright and fired his Browning automatic rifle into the enemy further to the rear. He was killed by sniper fire at this point. The results of Sergeant Klepec's heroic and courageous act enabled his unit to occupy the ridge and successfully accomplish their mission. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Klepec, (mother), 1325 Hampshire Street, San Francisco, California.

VI. 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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private JOHNNIE W CLIFTON, (38058742), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Private Clifton repeatedly exposed himself to danger from enemy fire to aid the wounded in the platoon to which he was attached as aid man. When his unit encountered stiff resistance along an airstrip he was wounded while performing his duties but refused treatment until all others had been cared for. Private Clifton's efficiency and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his comrades and instilled a great deal of confidence in the men depending on him for first aid. Home address: Mrs. Audrey B. Clifton, (mother), General Delivery, Buna, Texas.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES F. DUSEK, (39300594), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 30 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Dusek's squad was sent with another platoon to reconnoiter an area and eliminate enemy resistance from known fortified positions. The platoon was forced to withdraw by squads after encountering a superior enemy force. A squad leader in the platoon, which was furnishing covering fire for the withdrawal, was seriously wounded and fell in an area swept by enemy fire. Staff Sergeant Dusek, without hesitation, moved into the area and dragged the wounded squad leader to a sheltered position where he could be given treatment. Home address: Mrs. Anne K. Dusek, (mother), Rossfork, Montana.

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Private First Class FIDEL A. GARCIA, (37085172), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Douglas Harbor, New Guinea from 31 March to 24 May 1943. Home address: Mrs. Claudina Garcia (mother), 3021 Lawrence Street, Denver, Colorado.

Sergeant EDWARD P. HIGGINS, (37662996), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 19 June 1944. During a patrol of enemy occupied territory fire from a Japanese emplacement killed the squad leader and pinned down the remainder of the patrol. Ignoring his personal safety Sergeant Higgins immediately commenced to work his way towards his squad leader's body, taking advantage of the cover offered by a fallen log. Although unable to raise more than a few inches from the ground due to enemy fire which raked the area sporadically, he reached the body and succeeded in dragging it to his own position. Sergeant Higgins was in constant danger of death during this entire period of an hour and forty five minutes while performing this heroic act. Home address: Mr. Charles M. Higgins, (father), 1505 Jersey Ridge Road, Davenport, Iowa.

Private First Class CLYDE M. HUFF, (34776068), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 2 June 1944. Private First Class Huff was commanding a squad in a patrol and was sent forward as the point for his battalion's advance. The route of march was over a precipitous ridge, overgrown with jungle; the patrol's mission was to draw enemy fire so that hidden emplacements could be discovered and eliminated. Knowing the dangers involved, Private First Class Huff determinedly set forth. While descending a ridge, an enemy machine gun opened fire, killing two of his men and wounding others. Having accomplished his mission by locating a hidden position, he ordered a withdrawal. He covered the movement and not until the men had left the area, taking the wounded with them, did he leave his position. Home address: Mrs. Lee D. Huff (mother), Route 2, Brevard, North Carolina.

Private First Class SHERRILL A. JACOBSON, (20930169), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Douglas Harbor, New Guinea from 9 April to 24 May 1943. Home address: Mrs. Wanda E. Jacobson (mother), 2949 Cass Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Private First Class JOHN F. KEARNEY JR., (39376423), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Douglas Harbor, New Guinea from 18 April to 24 May 1943. Home address: Mrs. James L. Simon (sister), 520 Eastlake, Seattle 9, Washington.

Captain GEORGE W. REIGHTLEY, (0349990), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Captain Reightley's company was cut off from the leading rifle companies of his battalion and was pinned down about three hundred yards to the rear of the forward elements by an enemy mortar barrage. Several casualties were suffered. He quickly reorganized the company, moved them through the fire, and personally supervised the placing and disposition of his flank security. He then directed and assisted in the evacuation of casualties. His leadership and sound tactical employment of his command prevented a great many more casualties and materially assisted the battalion in repelling a later Japanese counterattack. Home address: Mrs. George Reightly (mother), East 25 Twenty-ninth Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

Private First Class RICHARD C. SCOBLE, (36130900), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Private First Class Scoble, the aid man attached to

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a rifle company, went forward to care for a casualty who had been severely wounded. Meanwhile, the forward platoon of this company had withdrawn to the rear with the exception of a few key men. This left Private First Class Scoble ahead of the forward position of the company. Knowing this, and regardless of intense enemy fire, he remained with his patient until other help came to assist in removing the casualty to the rear. Home address: Mrs. Edith Scoble, (mother), 45 Pilgrim Avenue, Highland Park, Detroit, 3, Michigan.

Private First Class CHARLES M. SHAYLOR, (34010707), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island from 28 May to 11 June 1944. During this period, Private First Class Shaylor performed courageous and outstanding services in his battalion. On one occasion, in the absence of his company commander he made his way through mortar and machine gun barrages, contacting all platoon leaders and orienting them as to the location of other units and as to the general plan of battle. On his return to the command post, he spotted a wounded comrade lying in the open. Disregarding bursting mortar shells, he went to his side and rendered first aid, then assisted the wounded man to a place of safety. On another occasion he was sent forward to contact the leading platoon to gain information concerning the enemy's location, disposition and general situation. He obtained the information and further crawled through intense machine gun cross fires to place himself in an advantageous position from which he could observe. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Shaylor, Route 1, Box 1-A, Camden, South Carolina.

Sergeant HOWARD R. SULLIVAN, (33141334), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Sergeant Sullivan was in charge of a squad situated on the left flank of his company's perimeter on the beach. A battalion was withdrawing through a defilade position extending along the beach above the company perimeter. Because of the battalion's position, it was frequently impossible for them to determine whether fire was that of friendly or enemy troops and as a result, they were for the most part hemmed in and pinned down. Sergeant Sullivan quickly grasped the situation. Without regard for the heavy fire, he waded out into the water from which point he had visible contact with the battalion. When he was recognized, he signalled to those who could see him when to move forward and when to take cover. He remained in this position until the last of the battalion was safely through. Sergeant Sullivan's squad then moved into the route of withdrawal and examined the casualties lying there, evacuating the wounded and moving the dead to a place where their bodies would not be carried out by the rising tide. Home address: Mrs. Anna Sullivan, (mother) 1207 North Muntland Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Technician Grade IV LESTER T. WILKINSON, (33132640), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island 29 May 1944. Technician Grade IV Wilkinson, during heavy engagements on this date was attached to an infantry company. He never hesitated to expose himself to the hazards of heavy enemy fire to aid a wounded man. He was tireless in his efforts and sincerely devoted to his duties. When his platoon was required to set up its defensive positions on a flat, barren coral strip under enemy observation and heavy fire, two men were killed and several wounded. Technician Grade IV Wilkinson, intent only on rendering aid and assistance to the wounded, exposed himself many times in the course of his activities. Home address: Mrs. T. V. Wilkinson (mother), Rustburg, Virginia.

Sergeant STANLEY L. WINKA, (36305987), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Finschhafen, New Guinea; Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and on Biak Island from 10 April to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Winka (mother), Rural Route No. 1, Flora, Illinois.

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By command of Brigadier General DOW:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant FRANCIS J HOVORKA, (36212290), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 3 June 1944. When two elements of an antitank company were ambushed, resulting in three men being seriously wounded, Sergeant Hovorka volunteered to enter an area covered by enemy machine gun and sniper fire in an attempt to aid the wounded and to direct others through a safe route of withdrawal. Due to the dense growth, the exact enemy positions could not be determined. Knowing his movements might be observed by the enemy, without hesitation he proceeded in his mission. He succeeded in rescuing one severely wounded man and guiding two squads of one platoon in a safe withdrawal. While attempting to rescue a second wounded man, both Sergeant Hovorka and the casualty were killed by sniper fire. Next of kin: Mr. Joseph Hovorka (father), Strongs Prairie, W.consin.

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* Private EDWARD MORALES, (39131880), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Two coral and log emplacements containing coastal defense guns were encountered by Private Morales' platoon during an assault. One of them opened up with grenade and rifle fire upon the flank of the platoon. Private Morales, without hesitation, moved toward the emplacement throwing grenades and firing his Thompson sub-machine gun. When he reached a position near the entrance of the emplacement, he threw another grenade and ran up the side, stood crouched there while he sprayed the gun pit with fire from his weapon, emptying all his clips and killing eight of the enemy. Returning to his pack, he refilled his clips and moved out on the double to the flank of the next emplacement. As he moved up over the brow of the ridge, he was killed by sniper fire from a ridge to the north. Private Morales' gallantry in attacking and reducing this enemy emplacement single-handedly, and his daring disregard of his own safety in his effort to assist the company in the accomplishment of its mission, contributed greatly to the success of the operation. Next of kin: Mrs. Bertha Morales (mother), Box 52 A, San Jose, California.

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 decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) HORACE C BRADBURY, (0335428), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Bradbury, a battalion commander, assigned a certain dangerous mission, knowing fully the hazards involved, chose to execute it himself although it was necessary to expose himself to enemy fire each time he moved. He made a personal reconnaissance of the entire line to be defended

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and personally directed and escorted his units into position. There were numerous wounded and killed close to him and three times he was thrown to the ground by fire from an anti-aircraft gun, but in spite of this, he coolly and firmly controlled his troops and successfully accomplished his mission in a manner which inspired his officers and enlisted men with confidence in him and assurance in their ability to cope with a dangerous situation. Home address: Mrs. H. C. Bradbury (wife), Route 1, Box 517, South Tacoma, Washington.

First Lieutenant LESTER E HANSEN, (0450240), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 14 June 1944. During an enemy tank attack, First Lieutenant Hansen's company was called on to employ flame throwers in defense. The tanks were firing 37 mm shells into the position, but despite this, First Lieutenant Hansen reconnoitered the area and indicated the positions the flame throwers were to occupy to his noncommissioned officers. Before completion of his reconnaissance, he was struck by a 37 mm shell and seriously wounded. He had, however, succeeded in his reconnaissance and placed the flame throwers into position. If the tanks had not been stopped by other means, the flame throwers would have prevented breach of the battalion's defensive positions. Home address: Mrs. Rolf E Hansen, (mother), 816 13th Avenue, Lewiston, Idaho.

Captain SIDNEY E PENDEXTER, JR., (0473660), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 11 June 1944. The battalion of which Captain Pendexter was surgeon received many casualties during an attack on this date. Disregarding personal safety, he moved from one wounded man to another administering aid. Many times he carried the wounded from areas exposed to enemy fire, permitting careful treatment and eventual evacuation. He often exposed himself to fire in order to organize litter squads, and determine safe routes of evacuation. On one occasion, he administered plasma to a seriously wounded man and on completing the task, moved from cover to organize a litter squad. Captain Pendexter, though ill with fever and dysentery, refused to be hospitalized so that he might serve the men of his battalion. Such heroism and devotion to duty reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: r. S. E. Pendexter (father), 11 So. Arlington Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey.

Private First Class JOHN J RIGLER, (39676918), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Private First Class Rigler was advancing with his platoon following a barrage on well established enemy positions. The platoon was nervous and tired and was not advancing as rapidly as it should have. Private First Class Rigler, though not a member of the lead squad, rushed forward to act as point in the platoon's advance. He moved ahead quickly and attacked a pill box, killing the Japanese remaining there. By his outstanding leadership and inspiring courage, he became a determining factor in the success of their mission. Home address: Mr. Andy Rigler (father), Box 94, Magna, Utah.

Sergeant HASKELL S THOMPSON, (35104951), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 21 June 1944. The first squad, led by Sergeant Thompson was acting as point of advance when suddenly fired upon from a cave. Quickly estimating the strength and disposition of the enemy, he deployed his men to cover the cave and then ran forward to within fifteen yards of its entrance. From this point he threw grenades directly into the mouth of the cave, though the enemy was able to direct fire and grenades in return. Twice he ran to his squad for additional grenades and returned to his point of attack. When one Japanese moved into the open, he killed him with his rifle. Finally, still operating alone, he fired an anti-tank grenade into the position and all six of its occupants were killed. His prompt and courageous action was inspirational to his men and made it possible for his unit to successfully advance on its mission without delay. Home address: Mrs. Mayme Thompson, (mother), Greensburg, Kentucky.

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III. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM L VANALSTINE, (39600479), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 16 June 1944. Throughout this period, Staff Sergeant Vanalstine's company was engaged in the mission of sending out reconnaissance patrols to locate enemy strong points. The terrain consisted of wooded coral ridges with many caves and sink-holes that gave the enemy advantage of camouflaged positions as well as high ground. Staff Sergeant Vanalstine led his men on numerous occasions to feel out the enemy and determine their strength and disposition. On every sortie into these areas, he displayed unusual initiative and courage by personally advancing ahead of his squad to reconnoiter possible enemy strongpoints, never risking the lives of his men until he had determined the situation at hand. Staff Sergeant Vanalstine was killed on his last patrol mission. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Vanalstine (mother), 518 B Street, Brainard, Minnesota.

IV. 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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Chaplain (First Lieutenant) CHARLES H ASHCRAFT, (0517335), Chaplains Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island from 26 June to 4 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sarah E. Ashcraft, (wife), 2509½ Howard Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Captain BLANCHARD H BLAND, (0400752), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Captain Bland was moving forward with his battalion, in which he commanded a heavy weapons company, when it ran into enemy resistance in the vicinity of an airdrome. The enemy, who had the advantage of terrain and visibility, were able to cover the advance effectively from their positions. Captain Bland immediately moved forward and made a reconnaissance of the line, personally supervising the placing of six heavy machine guns in the best possible places to cover the front and flanks. In so doing, he exposed himself many times to enemy small arms fire. His outstanding courage on this occasion contributed immeasurably to the repulse of three succeeding enemy counter attacks. Home address: Mrs. B. H. Bland (wife), 1153 West 9th Street, Albany, Oregon.

Technician Grade IV ORVAL O BUCHANAN, (39378400), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. The platoon to which Technician Grade IV Buchanan was attached as aid man came under heavy fire during an advance on the enemy. He displayed a great deal of courage in going forward to aid a seriously wounded soldier in the face of this fire. In order to reach the wounded man it was necessary for him to move forward a distance of twenty-five yards down the forward slope of a hill and over ground affording no cover. He was subjected to machine gun fire during the entire time it took him to reach the wounded man and administer necessary first aid. He displayed outstanding heroism on this and many other occasions throughout the course of the day's battle. Home address: Mrs. M. R. Hart (mother), 1020 North Street, Sumner, Washington.

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Staff Sergeant ERNEST R DAVIS, (35037763), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 24 April 1944. During an engagement with the enemy throughout the night and early morning, Staff Sergeant Davis moved around his defensive area controlling the fire of his squad. He received three wounds from rifle fire and numerous minor shrapnel wounds; but in spite of his condition, he walked over extremely rough terrain for five hours without complaint. His gallant action during the engagement, and his courage and fortitude while on a difficult march, were an inspiration to the men of his company. Home address: Mrs. Ella Davis (mother), 1905 Young Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant PAUL A DIERS, (39378417), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Leo R Diers, Sr., (father), 1106 E. Thomas Street, Seattle, Washington.

Private DONALD D GILSTRAP, (34656454), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. When Private Gilstrap's regiment seized Mokmer drome and beachhead, it was imperative that tanks be brought ashore by landing craft. Private Gilstrap, a scout and member of a four-man patrol reconnoitered a landing site for the craft and signalled the craft with semaphore flags he had improvised. When the barges were fired on by enemy artillery and small arms, and personnel on the beach were fired on by the landing craft, he remained at his post signalling the barges in an attempt to stop their firing on our troops, though he had been warned to take cover. His efforts stopped the firing and facilitated the safe unloading of the tanks. Home address: Mr. Claude Gilstrap (father), 7 Smith Street, Greenville, South Carolina.

First Lieutenant JAMES H GOGGIN, (0420843), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island, on 27 May 1944. During an advance, First Lieutenant Goggin's unit was held up in column by a tank that had crashed through a bridge. While righting the tank, First Lieutenant Goggin assumed command of the situation and organized local security for the force. A small group of his men came under fire, wounding one and pinning the rest to the ground. First Lieutenant Goggin, located the source of the fire and scaled a fifty foot cliff, surprising a Japanese force from the flank, killing four of the enemy and routing the balance. His actions resulted in the successful evacuation of a seriously wounded man from a dangerously exposed position and enabled his organization to continue an orderly advance. Home address: Mrs. Alice L Goggin (mother), Box 83, Lake Grove, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant BERNARD G GREINER, (01109333), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 26 June to 4 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Joan M Greiner, (mother), 601 W. Canadian Avenue, Vinita, Oklahoma.

Captain EARL S HOOKER, (0399403), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 June to 4 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Earl S Hooker, (wife), 522 4½ Avenue, S.W., Great Falls, Montana.

Sergeant ELMER R JESSER, (20934762), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. Sergeant Jesser's Company, having assisted in securing a beachhead, moved forward to the top of a ridge overlooking the captured jetties. As his squad moved up a steep draw, Sergeant

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Jesser observed what he believed to be a cave entrance. He pulled the covering brush aside and received fire wounding him in the arm and back. Lying wounded between two entrances of the cave, he continued to fire with his rifle and throw hand grenades. He neutralized the fire to such an extent that the company was enabled to move around the cave and gain the ridge. Sergeant Jesser's actions accounted for several enemy dead, prevented casualties, and materially assisted in the successful completion of his company's mission. Home address: Mrs. Amelia Jesser (mother), 4515 N E 77th Avenue, Portland Oregon.

Captain JAMES R KENT, (0420422), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 26 June to 4 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Norma G Kent, (mother), Willacreek, Montana.

Private First Class ROY C LINDSTROM, (39087926), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. In the evening of this date, Private First Class Lindstrom, a light machine gunner, was attacked by an overwhelming enemy force. After being wounded twice by shrapnel, and when his light machine gun failed to function properly, he stayed by his gun and defended it with rifle fire. Not until the enemy had practically surrounded him did he withdraw from his position. As it was dark, he edged back into the brush and stayed there until dawn. At that time, he returned to his gun position and after finding it deserted, reported the incident to the command post and had his wounds treated. Home address: Mrs. Caroline Lindstrom (mother), 2519 "O" Street, Rear, Sacramento California.

Technical Sergeant HAROLD E LITTLE, (39676054), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 13 June 1944. Technical Sergeant Little's company was cut off from its battalion and there were no communications with friendly troops. The company was low on ammunition, water and food. They had repelled several suicidal attacks without the aid of supporting fire and had had several casualties. Another attack by the enemy would have forced the company to withdraw. Technical Sergeant Little volunteered to take a message back to the battalion command post to appraise the commander of their critical position. He ran the gauntlet of fire and managed with luck and poor Japanese marksmanship to get through without being hit. As a result of his actions, wire communication was laid to his company and rations and ammunition were brought forward. Home address: Mrs. Charles M Little (mother), Box 284, Morgan, Utah.

Private First Class COSMO J LOMBARDOZZI, (20453333), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Private First Class Lombardozzi's squad was assisting in the protection of the right flank of a battalion when the advance was halted by heavy fire. One company of the battalion was in reserve approximately five hundred yards to the rear, and was cut off and isolated. It was necessary to get a message through enemy occupied ground by runner. Private First Class Lombardozzi volunteered for this mission and succeeded in getting the message through. His brave accomplishment aided immeasurably in reorganizing the battalion. Home address: Mr. C. Lombardozzi (father), 111 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private First Class KOPAL F LORY, (32273284), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. The unit to which Private First Class Lory was attached as aid man came under a heavy concentration of fire pinning down practically every man behind what cover was available. Private First Class Lory, in spite of the situation

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acted promptly as casualties came to him. While caring for the first three casualties, one of whom had a severed artery, he himself was hit by shrapnel. Disregarding his wound he carried on, treating the men of his and nearby units. When all casualties had been evacuated, Private First Class Lory obtained first aid for himself. Home address: Mrs. Rose Lory (wife), 11553 114th Place, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York.

Captain IRVIN F METZGER, (0453785), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 15 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Letha Metzger, (mother), Camden, Indiana.

Captain CARL M MC INTYRE, (0420127), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 26 June to 4 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Maxine E. McIntyre, (wife), 599 East Broadway, Eugene, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant (then acting second lieutenant) JAMES F MURPHY, (36301898), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Murphy led his platoon to its objective on a ridge. The enemy permitted the platoon to reach its destination and then opened fire with automatic weapons and rifles. One of his men was wounded in the head and lay in a position covered by enemy fire. The nature of the terrain was such that there was no covered route to where the man lay. Covering fire was not possible as the enemy had the advantage of higher positions. Ordering his men to remain under cover, Staff Sergeant Murphy crawled approximately ten yards to the wounded man, exposed to enemy fire both during the approach and withdrawal, and rolled and dragged the man to safety. Home address: Mr. Michael Murphy, (father), 4436 West Adams, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class FRANCIS J RADZIMINSKI, (33696460), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 17 and 18 July 1944. On the morning of 17 July, Private First Class Radzinski's Company was ordered to take and hold a ridge near Kokmer Airdrome. The approach was covered by fire making it necessary to crawl in the advance. Private First Class Radzinski was among the first to reach the objective, where he found a light machine gun which had been abandoned by a company that had occupied the position two days previously. The gun was damaged, but he found a repair kit and put the gun into action. He attained a position in a hole overlooking a valley into which the Japanese had been pushed and fired into their positions with ammunition lying about the gun. As the ammunition became exhausted, he requested more. The attack commenced about noon and for the rest of the day other men carried ammunition while he operated the machine gun and fired his rifle. Private First Class Radzinski refused to be relieved and stayed in position until the night of 18 July. The fire was so fierce around his position that several casualties were sustained among the men carrying ammunition. Private First Class Radzinski accounted for many enemy dead. Home address: Mrs. Constance Radzinski, (mother), 3460 Penn Avenue, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Sergeant WILLIAM L SAWYER, (34163551), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Sergeant Sawyer ably assumed command when his squad leader was wounded and evacuated. On contact with the enemy, he led an attack on several enemy pill boxes about fifteen to twenty-five yards distant. Leading the attack into the midst of enemy positions, and gaining cover, he personally took charge of neutralizing another fortification with grenades, enabling a bazooka team to get into position to complete the job. During this action he was under fire from enemy ridge positions. Home address: Mrs. W. F. Sawyer, (mother), Route #5, Jasper, Alabama.

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Staff Sergeant NEMO SCHENA, (39679644), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mokmer Drome, Biak Island on 7 June 1944. When an intense enemy barrage of artillery and small arms fire was concentrated in the vicinity of Staff Sergeant Schena's squad during their advance on the drome, he disposed his men in sheltered positions and directed return fire. His Browning automatic rifleman was severely wounded by a shell burst which threw him into an exposed area. Staff Sergeant Schena ran about ten yards to the man and dragged him to a shallow hole. He administered first aid and then ran onto the drome to obtain an abandoned litter to expedite evacuation. He placed the man on it, and dug the shallow hole deeper for better protection of the casualty, while artillery shells burst within ten and fifteen yards of him. Home address: Mr. Angelo Schena, (father), Mammoth, Utah.

Private First Class WILLIAM H. SNYDER, (37095076), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private First Class Snyder and a group of men from his organization were given the mission of securing the rear of the battalion command post. They encountered heavy enemy resistance consisting of sniper fire and machine gun fire from caves in the vicinity and immediately attacked. During the foray, the leader of the party was seriously wounded and lay in an exposed position, making it impossible to reach him without risk of life. In spite of this, Private First Class Snyder crept forward, bandaged the man, and dragged him to safety. Home address: Mr. H. J. Snyder, (father), Box 119, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Major CHARLES M. THOMAS, (0405869), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 21 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Charles M. Thomas, (wife), Route #10, Box #492, Milwaukie, Oregon (Portland ?).

Technician Grade IV (then Technician Grade V) CECIL R. WELLS, (38020460), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Parai Village, Biak Island from 28 to 29 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Nettie J. Wells, (mother), 10023 Inglewood Avenue, Inglewood, California.

Technician Grade IV KENNETH L. WHEELER, (36161656), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 24 June 1944. Technician Grade IV Wheeler, attached as radio operator to an Infantry Company, climbed a tree to provide observation for his unit when it was held up by the enemy. He spotted enemy activity and relayed the information to the company enabling them to use their 60mm mortars. He sensed and informed the company of the firing to make it more effective. Following this he did the sensing for an 81mm mortar section. On arrival of the artillery observer, he pointed out five large enemy gun positions which were subsequently eliminated. This work by Technician Grade IV Wheeler, who was not normally an observer, resulted in relieving pressure on the company and destruction of numerous enemy positions. Home address: Mrs. Una May Wheeler, (mother), 211 W Main Street, Fremont, Michigan.

V. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.

So much of Section II, General Orders No. 37, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 10 July 1944 as pertains to award of the Silver Star to Private Archie L. Shovan, (36576071), Infantry, is amended to read as follows:

"Private ARCHIE L. SHO VAN, (36576071), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Toem, Dutch New Guinea on 25 May 1944. In the early evening of this date, Private Shovan was standing his post on a perimeter guarding the Regimental Command Post. Although it was very dark, some Japanese on patrol evaded booby traps and noise makers so as to leave only Private Shovan and two other individuals between them and the Command Post Area. Private Shovan challenged the leader of the enemy patrol and saw him make an upward swing with his sabre. Private Shovan immediately fired, but the Japanese was

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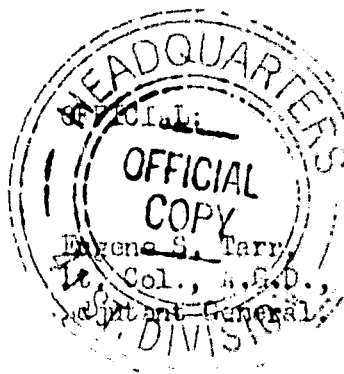
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able to partially complete the stroke and wounded Private Shovan quite severely in the shoulder. Private Shovan's burst of fire killed the Japanese and alerted the two other members of his post. Before the two could get into position to support Private Shovan, he had thrown a grenade and swept the trail with fire, breaking up the Japanese patrol. Although wounded and bleeding badly, Private Shovan remained at his post and continued to lay fire down the trail until the position was adequately reinforced. His courageous performance helped to encourage all the others on the post. Private Shovan's heroic action stemmed this Japanese suicidal attack. Home address: Mrs. Julia H. Shovan, (mother), Route 1, Hamlock, Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEENEY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.



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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class JUNIOR H ZIRKLE, (36575700), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 15 May 1944. Private First Class Zirkle observed that the flank of his platoon was pinned down by heavy enemy machine gun fire coming from a log reinforced pillbox. He dashed forward over fallen trees and piles of coral in full view of the enemy, firing his automatic rifle and throwing hand grenades as he proceeded. He killed six of the enemy entrenched in the emplacement and by his heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades, allowing his platoon to press forward in their attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Irene M. Zirkle, (mother), 1721 South Weadock Street, Saginaw, Michigan.

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 decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain GEORGE W BOYD, (0410772), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Captain Boyd had been seriously wounded when the order came from the battalion commander directing his company to withdraw. When the order was received, the company had enemy on three sides within a range of fifty to one hundred yards. Although Captain Boyd was in need of medical attention, he would not leave his company but remained in command, giving orders and moving about from time to time always under heavy fire from the enemy. He assisted the aid men and litter bearers to move all wounded of the company, and refused to obtain treatment until he was sure every man had withdrawn from the area. Home address: Mrs. Evelyn Boyd, (wife), Porter Road, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Private First Class BILLIE J CLICK, (38046517), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Private First Class Click, a machine gunner, was holding a position with his company in a battalion right flank defense. The company was receiving heavy automatic weapon fire from the enemy about two hundred yards to their front and left. The men were somewhat shaken with the appearance of three enemy tanks, one of which opened fire with 37 mm and machine guns and came to within thirty yards of their positions. During the engagement, Private First Class Click remained extremely cool. In spite of receiving a direct hit through his helmet which grazed his head and another which wounded him slightly in the shoulder, he remained at his gun and returned the enemy fire. His example helped steady the men about him and assisted in repulsing the assault. Home address: Mrs. Laura L. Click, (mother), 3843 Fort Lowell Road, Tucson, Arizona.

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Technician Grade IV ALBIE GALLANT, (20144165), Cavalry, U.S. Army. For gallantry in action at Bisk Island on 3 June 1944. Technician Grade IV Gallant, was bow runner in a tank, moving forward to assist in the withdrawal of an Infantry platoon. When in position, a Japanese soldier dressed in an American uniform, climbed on the lead tank and dropped a grenade into the driver's hatch, killing the driver and wounding two other members of the crew, although Technician Grade IV Gallant received severe shrapnel wounds, he pulled the dead driver out of his seat, moved into the driver's compartment and succeeded in turning the tank around and bringing it to a place of safety, thus saving the tank and the balance of its crew. Home address: Mr. Archie Gallant, (father), 16 Oxford Avenue, Rumford, Maine.

Captain WALTER E. MOORE, (0405507), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bisk Island on 31 May 1944. Captain Moore was sleeping in a foxhole during the night when four Japanese attacked a position about ten yards distant. A soldier gave the alert but before he could get his weapon into action the enemy were upon him. Two of them were killed by a company officer but a third succeeded in bayonetting the soldier, who, seriously wounded, attempted to make his way toward Captain Moore's position. Hearing his call for aid Captain Moore immediately went to the scene and intercepted the fourth Japanese who was pursuing the wounded soldier with a sword. When his rifle missed he beat the Japanese in the face with the barrel, then picked up a machete and slashed him to ribbons, dodging sword slashes aimed at him. Captain Moore's courageous act saved the life of a wounded soldier. Home address: Mr. H. V. Moore, (mother), 1305 Valley Avenue, Baker, Oregon.

Captain RICHARD B. THIEROLF, (0414557), Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bisk Island on 28 May 1944. Captain Thierolf personally led his tank forward in order to relieve pressure on Infantry troops. The terrain offered little cover from the heavy fire received and the enemy made the advance a matter of position. When the tank radio intercommunication system failed, he exposed himself to intense fire on several occasions in order to direct the movement of his tank by visual signals. On this same occasion he assisted the regimental commander in communication with elements of his force when wire and radio communications had been cut off. Home address: Mr. H. A. Thierolf, (father) Box 1144 Lumber Company, Medford, Oregon.

Captain SILVANO TONTAR, (3371274), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bisk Island on 7 June 1944. Captain Tontar and his battalion aid station were following the headquarters company crossing an airstrip when they came under heavy fire. Many casualties were sustained making establishment of an aid station imperative. Captain Tontar passed through a shelled area to reach the site of the headquarters, and, despite the fire, which seemed to be concentrated on that vicinity, proceeded to care for the wounded. His efforts continued throughout the engagement and many lives were saved by his prompt action, undertaken at great risk to his own life. Home address: Mrs. Arnette Tontar, (wife), 53 Redwell Avenue, Lowell, Mass.

Sergeant WILLIAM W. WILKINSON, (2095442), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bisk Island on 15 June 1944. Three Japanese light tanks approached the road block occupied by Sergeant Wilkinson's company, firing continuously with machine guns and 37 mm cannon. Although the enemy tanks were nerve wracking by their steady advance, Sergeant Wilkinson, a constant squad leader, displayed a great deal of courage and heroism by waiting until they were within fifty yards of his position before returning fire with his bazooka. To do this, he completely disregarded the rain of enemy bullets and stood up in this fox-hole in order to have full vision of his target. He continued to stand there and maintained fire until one tank was knocked out and the other two withdrew. Home address: Mrs. G. W. Wilkinson, (mother), 423 1/2 Main Street, Portland, Oregon.

Private JAMES J. WILSON, (36471583), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bisk Island on 2 June 1944. Although wounded by shrapnel in the initial phases of an enemy night attack on his position,

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Private Wilczewski refused to withdraw although he had been ordered to do so if it became necessary. He remained in position all through the night aiding effectively in the successful defense of his sector. On the following morning eleven dead Japanese were found to his immediate front. Private Wilczewski's bravery and determination under fire contributed materially to the repulse of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Wilczewski, (mother), Box 431, Kansas, Michigan.

III AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER (SILVER STAR)

By direction of the President, in addition to the silver awarded to Colonel OLIVER P. NEWMAN, by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section I, General Orders No. 24, 3 June 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 5 July 1918 (Bulletin 13, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Colonel OLIVER P. NEWMAN, (015016), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biko Island on 7 June 1944. During an attack on Colmer Drome Colonel Newman led his regiment in a gallant and courageous manner in the initial phases of the action enemy resistance was light, but a short time thereafter, the Japanese opened with small arms and artillery fire. Although the fire was extremely heavy, Colonel Newman immediately went to the forward elements of his regiment to coordinate the attack. He exposed himself constantly to the enemy in making the rounds of assault element. The entire tactical employment of the regiment was personally directed by Colonel Newman. From a shell hole he directed artillery fire while enemy shells were bursting nearby. The artillery radio and personnel were located in one shell hole and another radio in a shell hole close by. Colonel Newman moved back and forth directing artillery fire and maintaining communications with the next higher echelon. Home address: Mrs. Lurial S. Newman, (wife), 3440 Richmond Boulevard, Oakland, California.

IV AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant ROBERTA E. GRANGER, (39378507), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biko Island on 27 May 1944. On D Day, a beach head had been secured, but further flank security was needed, and the Company of which Staff Sergeant Granger was a member was detailed to provide it. One man of Staff Sergeant Granger's squad was wounded during the maneuver and lay trapped between fields of fire from two entrances to a cave. Staff Sergeant Granger went to his aid. He moved to the top of the cave and attempted to relieve the distressed man by firing into the cave. Failing in this, he passed grenades to the wounded man who in turn tossed them into the cave. To accomplish this deed, it was necessary that Staff Sergeant Granger expose himself to heavy enemy fire. He was killed in this action, but his gallant actions enabled his platoon to overcome and succeed in its mission. Next of kin: Margaret E. Granger, (sister), Route 21, Leesport, Washington.

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Corporal CHARLES KUHN, (3126713), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saide Island on 19 May 1944. During a fierce Japanese attack Corporal Kuhn volunteered to secure ammunition in order to reinforce positions bearing the brunt of enemy fire. To accomplish this mission he passed through a concentrated barrage and received wounds of which he recovered. His courage and devotion to duty was a material contribution to the defeat of the enemy on this occasion. Next of kin: Mrs. Mary Kuhn, (mother), 4450 Humboldt Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private FRANK J. NOWICKI, (36047355), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saide Island on 7 June 1944. Private Nowicki, as chief wireman of a mortar observation party, displayed unusual bravery and coolness under fire in leaving vitally needed wire communication. Although the task necessitated moving about under an almost continual stream of fire he did not hesitate in performing his duty since he was aware of the necessity for efficient wire communication. When the majority of the line was in Private Nowicki was killed by a mortar shell burst. His courage and determination in carrying on under fire was an inspiration to his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Francis Nowicki, (mother), 733 Clarence Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

V. 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, First Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Grade V WALTER B. ALLISON, (114830), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saide Island on 21 June 1944. Technician Grade V Allison volunteered to accompany two others in a mission of destroying some enemy who were holding positions in subterranean caverns. Infantry elements could not reach the enemy with the weapons that were available so it was necessary to use demolitions to blast them out. The enemy covered the entrances with various types of fire so completely that it was impossible to approach without being exposed. Technician Grade V Allison carried a fifty pound charge which would have detonated had it been struck with a rifle bullet. After considerable maneuvering about the area he succeeded in blasting out one cave and silencing a major portion of the opposition the infantry was facing. Home address: Mrs. Mary Isvone Allison, (mother), 2011 Grand Street, Long Beach, California.

Technician Grade V WILLIAM E. BOETTCHER, (3715713), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saide Island from 7 June to 21 June 1944. During the period when enemy counter attacks and artillery barrages on our positions were frequent, Technician Grade V Boettcher, a master breacher of a Collective Company, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered and repeatedly went forward under fire through areas not yet completely cleared of the enemy to render first aid and treated casualties. By his courage and devotion to duty, many lives were saved. Home address: Mrs. Anna Boettcher, (mother), Jenice, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant WILFRED S. CALL, (01101350), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Saide Island on 21 June 1944. First Lieutenant Call and two men volunteered for the mission of destroying some enemy who were holding positions in subterranean caverns. The group first dropped small charges into one of the caves, then proceeded to prepare three tremendously heavy demolition charges. Eight hundred and fifty pounds of dynamite were tamped into each of three fifty gallon drums, a primer in each and to be detonated electrically. These were dropped into each of three large caves. The charges were hauled on trailers through heavy fire to the mouth of the caves and lowered

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by allies. The party received supporting fire from the infantry until they were in position when they were without protection during the lowering of the drums which could have been easily detonated by a rifle bullet. The results of this highly successful mission were very gratifying. Scores of enemy dead were counted and an undetermined number burned beneath huge piles of rubble. Home address: Mrs. Irene J. Gall, (mother), Route #1, La Grange, Idaho.

Corporal DOMINGUES A. CARVALHO, (39076632), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 13 June 1944. Corporal Carvalho was a member of a Battalion Construction Section laying wire forward to establish communications with an isolated company. Although subject to fire for the entire distance the mission was accomplished. Immediately upon reaching the company he realized that it was in a critical situation, being cut off from the battalion, and short of ammunition, water and rations. Corporal Carvalho immediately returned to battalion headquarters to insure that these items were dispatched, escorting litter cases on the way. He then returned to the company position with a truck which had been secured to bring the badly needed supplies. Home address: Mr. Frank Carvalho, (father), 330 East H Street, Benicia, California.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) WILLIAM H. CHAPMAN, (0256649), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Bial Island from 22 April to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. William H. Chapman, (wife), 40 Sunset Drive, Eugene, Oregon.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. CHAPMAN, (36129086), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 28 May 1944. When the section in which Sergeant Chapman was a squad leader was rushed by an enemy platoon which appeared suddenly out of the brush, he temporarily disorganized the attack with rifle fire until his squad, which had been scattered by mortar fire, was reorganized. He also provided covering fire, enabling wounded men to be given first aid and carried to safety. Through his calm, deliberate, and courageous actions, he was instrumental in saving his squad from defeat, and contributed to the complete annihilation of the enemy platoon. Home address: Mrs. William Chapman, (mother), Route #3, Clare, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. CHAPMAN, (36128013), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 2 June 1944. Although Private First Class Chapman was wounded early in an enemy down attack, he stayed at his front position and delivered heavy fire on the enemy. His position was supported by two other riflemen, also wounded. As their determined stand, they prevented an enemy breakthrough and assisted the destruction of the attacking force. Eleven enemy dead were counted within a few feet of their positions. Home address: Mrs. William Chapman, (wife), 152 Union Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Second Lieutenant WILLIAM R. DU PONT, (02559033), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Masohar Island, Wake Island Group on 19 May 1944. During an attack, a corporal in Second Lieutenant Du Pont's section was wounded and lay on the open exposed to enemy fire. With his platoon sergeant he left the security of a slit trench, and rescued the man and brought him to the shelter of a fox hole. In the face of heavy fire he then proceeded to cover litter bearers with his rifle fire in the evacuation of this man. He repeated the same performance when one of the litter bearers was wounded in this action. Home address: Mary E. Font, (sister), 5326 North Waukegan, Chicago, Illinois.

Sergeant WILLIAM J. LARI, (3729361), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 3 June 1944. Sergeant Lari was in command of the lead tank on arrival at a designated point for an attack. During the action, a Japanese soldier dropped a hand grenade into the driver's hatch of the tank, killing the driver and wounding the bow runner and loader. Although wounded, the bow runner managed to move the body of the driver and placed himself in the seat and

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attempted to move the tank. In doing so, he ran into some logs which halted the tank. Sergeant Earl, disregarding enemy fire, climbed out of the turret and placed himself in front of the tank in a guide position. By visual signals, in full view of the enemy he successfully conducted the withdrawal of his tank. Home address: Mrs. Marie S. Esrl, (mother), 827 North Franklin Street, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Corporal LE ROY HAYDEN, (39677407), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 21 June 1944. Corporal Hayden volunteered to accompany two others on a mission of destroying some enemy who were holding positions in sub-terranean caverns. Infantry elements could not reach the enemy with the weapons they had and it was necessary to use demolitions to blast them out. The enemy covered the entrances of the caves in the area with various types of fire so completely that it was impossible to approach the entrances without being exposed. Corporal Hayden carried two twenty-five pound charges which would have detonated had they been struck with a rifle bullet and after considerable maneuvering about the area, succeeded in blasting out one cave and silencing much of the opposition the Infantry was facing. Home address: Mr. George Hayden, (father), Route #2, Sterling, Illinois

Technician Grade V JAMES L HEAL, (39002004) Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 9 June 1944. During an attack by Technician Grade V Heal's company, two platoons were held up by intense enemy fire. The enemy had excellent observation of the company's position at this point forcing a hasty withdrawal. It was discovered that valuable papers and maps had been left behind. Technician Grade V Heal volunteered to return for them. His daring act was successful in retrieving these documents. Home address: Mrs. M. H. Heal, (mother), 5218 Congress Avenue, Oakland, California.

Private First Class MORRIS HUELSMAN, (35110836), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island from 7 to 21 June 1944. Private First Class Huelzman displayed heroic devotion to duty by repeatedly risking his life to render first aid to wounded who had fallen in areas under fire. The infantry units with which he was working were subjected to repeated counter attacks. Often in his tireless efforts to reach casualties he went through areas not completely cleared of the enemy. Although always aware of the danger involved, Private First Class Huelzman continued to render first-aid to as many wounded as possible and evacuate them to aid stations. Home address: Mrs. M. T. Huelzman, (wife), East Huntington, Indiana

Private First Class WILLIE J KELLY, (36076237), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 15 June 1944. Private First Class Kelly's machine gun squad, in which he was assistant machine gunner, was forced to move and assume hasty positions in an attempt to stop an enemy tank attack. Moving under fire, he carried the receiver of the machine gun and quickly assembled the gun for action. Loaded for action, Private First Class Kelly maintained the ammunition supply for the gun during the heat of the attack, keeping three boxes of ammunition linked together at all times. The actions of Private First Class Kelly contributed to stopping the tank attack and preventing a dangerous threat to the defenses of his unit. Home address: Mr. J. S. Kelly, (father), Stratford, Oklahoma.

Private First Class FRANK J KOVALUSKY, (33829799), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island from 7 to 21 June 1944. Private First Class Kovalusky displayed heroic devotion to duty by repeatedly risking his life to render first aid to wounded who had fallen in areas under fire. The Infantry units with which he was working were subjected to repeated counter attacks. Often in his tireless efforts to reach casualties he went through areas not completely cleared of the enemy. Although always aware of the danger involved, Private First Class Kovalusky continued to render first aid to as many wounded as possible and evacuate them to aid stations. Home address: Mrs. Agnes Kovalusky, (mother), 435 West Coal Street, Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

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Private First Class HENRY J LILLY, (35771366), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 26 June 1944. A patrol of which Private First Class Lilly was a member was sent forward to secure a ridge top where an enemy artillery observation post was believed located. The leading squad, with Private First Class Lilly second in command, had reached the top when they came under heavy fire, killing the squad leader and wounding the scout. Assuming command, Private First Class Lilly was forced to withdraw to the bottom of the cliff, leaving the body of the squad leader. Reorganizing his squad in a position to deliver covering fire, he returned alone to recover the body of the squad leader. Home address: Mrs. Henry J. Lilly, (mother), 115 Hanrove Street, Beckley, West Virginia.

Corporal JOHN E SCHABEL, (26558230), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Corporal Schabel, leader of a litter squad, displayed heroic devotion to duty by exposing himself to enemy fire to render first aid to a wounded soldier. At the time, the enemy was counter attacking in an effort to break through to a water hole held by American troops. An Infantry soldier was seriously wounded near the water hole, and Corporal Schabel disregarding personal safety, went forward through the fire to render first aid. Upon reaching the casualty he lay beside him while administering blood plasma. In so doing it was necessary to hold the plasma bottle aloft throughout the treatment, which increased the hazards of his task. Home address: Mrs. Regina D. Schabel, (wife), 3443 Townsend, Avenue, Detroit, 14, Michigan.

Captain RICHARD E E SHROY, (0357372), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 19 June 1944. When the two forward scouts of his company were pinned down by enemy machine gun fire, Captain Shroy, moved through exposed areas to direct fire on the enemy positions. His daring skill during the action saved the lives of his two scouts and relieved pressure on an adjacent company which was receiving fire from the same enemy position. Home address: Mrs. Mae E. Shroy, (wife), Route 2, Box 210, Troutdale, Oregon.

Sergeant LESTER D SIDWELL, (36053443), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Sergeant Sidwell was in command of a squad defending the right flank of a company advancing along an airstrip, when it was stopped by heavy fire. There were no means of communications except by messenger. Sergeant Sidwell, with complete disregard for personal safety, made contact several times with his platoon leader, to report the situation, returning each time to his squad to direct fire on enemy positions. When his squad was forced to withdraw, Sergeant Sidwell covered the withdrawal with rifle fire. His courage and devotion to duty were outstanding throughout the action. Home address: Mrs. Iura Sidwell, (mother), Brownstown, Illinois.

Staff Sergeant VIRGIL L THOMAS, (35046708), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Thomas was ordered to place his 60 mm mortar section in position to fire on an enemy machine gun emplacement. The dense forest required reconnaissance for a suitable location for an observation post and for the mortars. Staff Sergeant Thomas, moved into the open area, alone, having ordered his mortar crew to remain under cover. While personally reconnoitering the area, he was wounded three times by enemy machine gun fire. In spite of this handicap, he was able to determine that no position was available which would provide mask clearance for his mortars. Due to his personal bravery he prevented many casualties in his section. Home address: Mrs. Jane Thomas, (mother), R.R. 1 - Delta, Ohio

Private First Class STANLEY VITOSKY, (3304854), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Talontoc River, Dutch New Guinea on 24 May 1944. The patrol of which Private First Class Vitosky was a member, came

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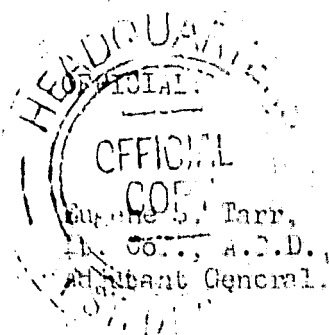
upon a creek to be crossed. The first three members of the patrol crossed the creek on a log. Private First Class Vitosky was the fourth man and while crossing sighted a Japanese ambush. He called out the warning and opened fire. The enemy returned a terrific fire with automatic weapons and rifles. One man was killed and Private First Class Vitosky was hit in the face. He was knocked from the log and though he was seriously wounded, called to the patrol leader that he was all right and gave the approximate location of the Japanese weapons. From his instructions the patrol was enabled to maneuver about to return fire. Private First Class Vitosky crawled back, and on return, asked that he be given an automatic rifle so that he could go back into action. His instant observation and courageous action saved many men's lives. Home address: Mr. George Vitosky, (father), 566 Jackson Street, Bloomfield, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JAMES W. WHITE, (20934116), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Kolmer Air Drome, Bial Island on 28 May 1944. Staff Sergeant White was section sergeant in a heavy machine gun platoon which was advancing on a road toward the drome, in support of an Infantry company. The enemy launched a counter attack through the company's flank and charged Staff Sergeant White's platoon. He quickly organized his section and began fire. With disregard for his safety, he moved forward to protect a member of his section who was placing a heavy machine gun into action. The gun was charged by a party of nine Japanese led by an officer. Staff Sergeant White killed the officer and wounded several others. As the gun took up fire, Staff Sergeant White, still under intense fire rendered first aid to members of his section and assisted in their evacuation. Home address: Mrs. L. A. White, (mother), Alpine, Oregon.

Private JOSEPH M. ZAMORA, (39351035), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bial Island on 1 June 1944. While driving a tank Private Zamora was hit in the hand by shrapnel. He ignored his wound which had paralyzed his hand, and turned his tank around as ordered and then he changed seats with the assistant driver. The enemy fire became more intense, the tank drawing fire toward Infantry troops, and it was ordered to move. Enemy fire struck a gasoline dump and the burning gasoline ran toward the tank. In backing, the tank ran over an unexploded drum of gasoline, splashing it about the tank and setting it afire, Private Zamora received burns on his already injured hand. The order was given to abandon the tank. The crew left with the exception of Private Zamora who climbed into the drivers compartment and with the assistant driver on the fender to guide him, drove the tank through a Japanese road block and brought it to safety, the fire being extinguished as the tank passed through the brush. Home address: Mr. Mike Zamora, (father), 1526 San Fernando Road, San Fernando, California.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWAN, Jr.
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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GENERAL ORDERS)
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- AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF SILVER STAR I
- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART II
- AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS III
- UNIT CITATION IV

I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS OF 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 Decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private RUDOLPH B. PERALTA, (38002364), Cavalry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 26 May 1944. Private Peralta was bow gunner in the second tank of a column advancing in support of an Infantry attack. The lead tank was disposing of empty shell cases through the pistol port when a nearby shell burst blew shrapnel through the port. While attempts were being made to cover the tank and remove two men who were injured by shrapnel, Private Peralta observed through the periscope that equipment carried on the lead tank was afire. Without regard for personal safety, he took a fire extinguisher from his tank, opened his hatch and climbed out; ran about twenty five yards under heavy fire and extinguished the blaze. This courageous action saved the tank and the lives of the crew within. **Next of kin:** Mrs. Lucada B. Peralta (mother), 748 E. Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant MICHAEL J. KOSKI, (20050243), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 1 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Senera Koski (mother), New Castle, Wyoming.

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~~*Second Lieutenant LEROY G. LEWIN, (0392575), Cavalry, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 22 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. J. C. Lewin (mother), 1333 E. 17th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.~~

Captain JACK W. RUBY, (0407390), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ruth S. Ruby (wife), 210 20th Street, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

III. AMENDMENT OF GENERAL ORDERS.

So much of Section VII, General Orders No. 30, Headquarters 41st Infantry Division, dated 17 June 1944 as pertains to award of the Purple Heart to First Lieutenant JACK A. OSBORN, (0392552), Field Artillery, is amended to read as follows:

First Lieutenant JACK A. OSBORNE, (0392552), Field Artillery, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Jack A. Osborne (wife), 143 Tennyson Street, Palo Alto, California.

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IV. UNIT CITATION.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 9350 (Section III, Bulletin 11, D, 1942) and of Section IV, Circular No. 333, D, 1943, the following unit is cited by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division. The citation is as follows:

Collecting Platoon, Company B, 262nd Medical Battalion, is cited for outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy. Following the landing in the vicinity of Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, circumstances forced the establishment of large supply dumps for the Task Force among numerous dumps of enemy ammunition, bombs and food, found in the beachhead. For two days all supplies of the Task Force were landed in this area, resulting in gasoline, ammunition, rations and bombs extending along a narrow beachhead for a distance of approximately a mile and a half. The Collecting Platoon of Company B, 262nd Medical Battalion had set up an aid station upon arrival at the beach in the center of this dump area.

At about 2030 hours, 23 April 1944, an enemy bomber made a direct hit on one of the ammunition dumps. The explosion which followed set off fires that rapidly spread. Throughout the night and until about 1700 hours, 24 April 1944, continuous and terrific explosions and fires alternately shook and illuminated the beach. All supplies for a distance of approximately one mile were destroyed. Throughout the night of 23 April 1944 and until 1200 hours the following day, the two officers and forty-four men of this unit maintained their aid station. They moved continuously through the holocaust of the burning dumps and tremendous explosions emitting great danger from fire, flying shrapnel and concussion. Despite these conditions, litter squads returned again and again into the burning area to rescue their comrades while the remainder of the personnel applied first aid. More than 200 men were treated and evacuated by the Platoon. Many lives were saved by the effective aid they so efficiently provided. It was only after all casualties and personnel had been evacuated from the danger area that the Platoon retired to a place of security. The heroism and determination of every man in this Platoon operating under the most hazardous and adverse conditions, exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

HEADQUARTERS
OFFICIAL
L. S. TANK,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

WENDELL S. SWANNY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NO. 46)

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR..... I
AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL..... II
AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.....III
AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART..... IV

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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following enlisted men:

Technician Grade V ELMER BROWN, (20925975), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island from 2 to 6 June 1944. Technician grade V Brown was the key man throughout the construction of twelve miles of road vital to the advance of the Infantry. Despite the fact that long stretches of the road were without Infantry protection, and that he was under enemy sniper fire, Technician Grade V Brown would not leave his dozer but continued his work. On 5 June an Infantry Regiment had to advance to a point below the ridge overlooking Mokmer Air-drome. Such an advance made it necessary to construct more than a mile of additional road so that supplies could be advanced to combat troops. This stretch of road had to be completed after dark in the shortest possible time. This night operation was particularly favorable for ambush from the enemy. With exceptional skill and courage, Technician Grade V Brown completed the road which was over rough terrain and made it possible for an uninterrupted flow of supplies to forward units. Home address: Mrs. Maxine Brown, (wife), Route #1, Meridian, Idaho.

Technical Sergeant JACK C WHITE, (39078759), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 10 June 1944. Technical Sergeant White, at great risk to his life when his company was attacked during the hours of darkness, made three trips to the command post, one hundred yards from his position, to carry much needed ammunition to his machine guns. After his third trip, the Number 2 gun jammed due to a defective bolt. While the gunner went to get another one Technical Sergeant White removed the defective bolt from the gun. Just as this man returned and was about to hand over the new bolt he was killed and fell forward, away from the pit. Technical Sergeant White jumped out of the pit and retrieved the bolt and at that time the other man on the gun was seriously wounded. Technical Sergeant White then repaired the gun unassisted and fired it during the remainder of the action until the enemy was repelled. His quick thinking, coolness, and heroic actions saved the lives of many men and prevented the enemy from breaking through the perimeter at that point. Home address: Mrs. Chester C. White, (mother), Route 2, Box 36, Manteca, California.

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, 41st Infantry, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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Technician Grade V PETER D CHANGALA, (39153540), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 5 June 1944. The position of the medical unit to which Technician Grade V Changala was assigned as ambulance driver was subjected to heavy fire causing many casualties. Despite the danger involved he volunteered to assist the wounded from the road area which was under fire to a place of safety. He assisted in the treatment of casualties, then loaded the wounded into his ambulance and drove the patients to a rear medical installation. In the evening of this date, he voluntarily made a trip through enemy infested territory to a forward Infantry battalion to evacuate seriously wounded, and returned during darkness without an armed guard, at the risk of enemy ambush. The courage and outstanding performance of duty of Technician Grade V Changala was instrumental in saving several lives. Home address: Mrs. Marie L. Changala, (mother), Box 27, El Toro, California.

Sergeant CARL L DE VANNEY, (39376568), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 27 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lillian S. DeVaney, (mother), 916 2d Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant WILLIAM F GLENN, (39078807), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 5 June 1944. It was reported that some wounded men who were litter cases were in the path of enemy patrols. Just prior to this report Staff Sergeant Glenn had been pinned down by heavy fire in that vicinity and had helped repel a bayonet attack. He immediately volunteered to act as point and to lead a patrol to bring in the litter cases. Although the patrol was in constant danger of attack and often fired on, through the courage and outstanding tactical ability of this soldier, no casualties were suffered. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle B. Glenn, (mother), Box 2605, Sacramento, California.

Gap air HARRY B JOHNSON, JR., (0421547), Medical Administrative Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 27 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Verna L. Johnson, (wife), 713-15th Street, N.W., Great Falls, Montana.

Corporal HARREL N FLUID, (39601051), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 27 June 1944. During this period Corporal Fluid was squad leader in a collecting platoon which was in support of an Infantry battalion. In the battle for Mokmer Village, he led his squad through heavy fire to bring wounded from the front lines to aid stations in the rear. His coolness of thought and judgment and his ability to choose routes between lanes of fire resulted in his squad's evacuating more casualties from forward positions than any other one squad. This was accomplished without further injuries to the wounded and without casualties among his own men. Corporal Fluid's utter disregard for his personal safety and his unerring judgment and coolness under fire was an inspiration to his men, and was directly responsible for the results obtained. Home address: Mr. Winston R. Fluid, (brother), Route 1, Eureka, Montana.

Captain LAMON Y RATLIFF, (0450655), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 2 June 1944. The company commanded by Captain Ratliff was ordered out as the assault company for his battalion. When the enemy put up a determined delaying action, and the advance of the company was halted, Captain Ratliff advanced under machine gun and sniper fire to make a reconnaissance. During the entire action he moved through unprotected terrain in order to best direct his command. The action lasted for approximately nine hours until it was decided to by-pass the resistance. His fearless actions in directing

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his troops contributed greatly to the successful completion of the mission with extremely low casualties. Home address: Mr. Lon Ratliff, (father), Llano, Texas.

Private First Class LITTLE E SMALL, (37104618), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 27 June 1944. During the entire campaign, Private First Class Small distinguished himself by his gallant and tireless efforts in administering first aid and carrying the wounded to safety. When nerves of the men were taut from repeated enemy counter attacks, and they were often pinned down for hours, Private First Class Small repeatedly and voluntarily, faced intense fire to perform his duties. His stamina and courage were inspirational to all and were instrumental in saving many lives. Home address: Mr. Henry N. Small, (father), Crystal Springs Route, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Private First Class TONY J STUKEL, (37177078), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 6 June 1944. Private First Class Stukel, an automatic rifleman, was with a squad furnishing security for an anti tank company. The squad attacked an enemy pill box twenty yards away, from which rifle fire and hand grenades were being received. By careful and silent movement, Private First Class Stukel reached a position directly under the pill box. Due to a steep bank, he could not fire his weapon directly on the pill box, but was able to deliver harrassing fire, thus permitting the anti tank company to withdraw. He then covered his squad in its withdrawal. Private First Class Stukel was subject to enemy fire of all types in this action. Home address: Mrs. Anne Stukel, (mother), 346 E Camp Street, Ely, Minnesota.

Sergeant ERNEST L THORMODSGAARD, (39165448), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toem, Dutch New Guinea from 17 May to 9 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Edgar Fossun, (sister), Canton, South Dakota.

Private First Class WILLIAM THURIK, (35272072), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. As a result of enemy bombing, a fire broke out in a Japanese supply dump. Private First Class Thurik operated a bulldozer for long hours making a fire break and pushing huge piles of supplies and equipment from the path of the fire. He operated his dozer to within seventy-five yards of the fire and throughout the entire period was in danger of severe injury or death because of intermittent explosions of bombs and ammunition. Shrapnel from explosions struck the dozer several times. Private First Class Thurik's devotion to duty was instrumental in saving much valuable government equipment. Home address: Mrs. Mike Thurik, (mother), 734 Union Street, Youngstown, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant MARCUS R TOWER, (37100585), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mr. R. R. Tower, (father), P.O. Box 287, DeWitt, Arkansas.

Technician Grade V ALBERT B TRUAX, (20541822), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ibdj Village, Biak Island, on 1 June 1944. Technician Grade V Truax, a member of a medical organization, was present in the bivouac area when it came under artillery fire from Japanese positions. A few men were wounded, one seriously. Technician Grade V Truax and another soldier recognized the serious nature of the wound and that the man required immediate hospital attention. Technician Grade V Truax and another soldier, placed the man in a vehicle and conveyed him to an aid station. Enroute they were fired on by the enemy but continued on this mission until the aid station was reached. Home

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address: Mrs. Henry Truax, (mother), 620 West 15th Street, Muncie, Indiana.

Private First Class JOHN F VOOS, (39083004), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 2 June 1944. Private First Class Voos, a messenger, realizing the enemy was organizing for another attack on the positions he was occupying with his platoon, volunteered to move to another part of the platoon and get much needed grenades. On returning, Private First Class Voos realized that the Japanese would soon attack and volunteered to go to the flanks of the platoon and get the rifle grenadiers. When the grenadiers were in position and firing, he made three more trips, to direct their fire. During one of the latter trips, the enemy were only twenty yards distant. Because of Private First Class Voos's prompt action the grenade supply was properly placed, and the attack was broken up. Home address: Mrs. Mathilda Voos, (mother), Gregory, South Dakota.

Technician Grade V PATRICK J WALL, JR., (35132083), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 8 June to 24 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Wall, (mother), 4316 Michigan Avenue, Covington, Kentucky.

Private First Class LEE WARD, (38076374), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. When Private First Class Ward, observed two Japanese infiltrating the machine gun positions of his unit, rather than use the machine gun and expose their defenses, he allowed them to get between the guns and then killed both with a rifle. He observed more enemy to the front and killed a number of them with a machine gun. Although he was seriously wounded in the action, Private First Class Ward remained at his post and continued his fire until it was possible to evacuate him. Home address: Mrs. Isabel Perez (aunt), 332 North 5th Street, Brighton, Colorado.

First Lieutenant ARTHUR G WHOLEY, (0452279), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 1 June to 1 July 1944. Throughout this period First Lieutenant Wholey demonstrated outstanding courage and performance of duty in various combat situations. During an enemy attack on his position, he moved from his position of security during a heavy barrage and personally directed mortar fire which succeeded in silencing the enemy. On another occasion, during a general advance of our forces, he observed for the battalion heavy mortars while under sniper fire, and aided in destroying enemy positions. The valorous performance of First Lieutenant Wholey on these and many other occasions accounted for a good share of enemy dead. Home address: Mrs. William P. Wholey, (mother), 809 Marge Street, Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant JACK R WILSON, (20934441), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 9 June to 21 June 1944. On one occasion, in the early morning hours, an enemy bomber set fire to two gasoline drums and a vehicle on a beach some distance from his position. Staff Sergeant Wilson, because his detachment was far under strength, personally led a litter squad to the fire while enemy planes were still overhead. By this action a seriously wounded soldier was given immediate first aid and promptly evacuated. On numerous other occasions, Staff Sergeant Wilson showed similar disregard for personal safety and by quick efficient, skillful work, served as an inspiration to those about him and increased the chances for survival of many seriously wounded men. Home address: Mrs. Dorothea Ford, (mother), Florence Apartments, Eugene, Oregon.

First Sergeant JOHN R WILSON, (39153148), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alex Wilson, (mother), 5210 S. Manhattan Place, Los Angeles, California.

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Captain HENRY T WISE, (0425875), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Captain Wise and a detail of wire men landed with the early assault waves, with the mission of laying a complete battalion wire net prior to arrival of his battalion. Captain Wise proceeded forward to make a reconnaissance in spite of a warning from an infantry officer, and entered an area that had not been cleared of the enemy. As gun positions were selected, the detail commenced installing communications. Due to the outstanding leadership, courage, and efficiency of Captain Wise, his battalion was able to deliver fire within thirty minutes after arrival on the beach. Home address: Mrs. Regina T. Wise, (mother), 2120 Park Road, Seattle, Washington.

Technician Grade IV WARREN W WYRICK, (38023797), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 21 June 1944. Technician Grade IV Wyrick was in charge of a wire detail with a forward battalion observation post which was in a net with two assault units, a 37 mm gun section and the battalion command post. Several tanks were attached and also a large tractor. The enemy opened fire near the observation post causing several casualties and pinning all personnel to the ground. The tanks operating in the area broke the wire communications. Technician Grade IV Wyrick left the security of the shell hole and under heavy fire moved along the line and repaired the break. This action made it possible to neutralize enemy fire and for the battalion to continue its mission. Home address: Mrs. Ova P. Wyrick, (mother), Miami, Oklahoma.

Private First Class HERMAN ZIER, (39603170), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 8 to 9 June 1944. During the night Private First Class Zier's company received heavy fire from the enemy. Particular difficulties were experienced in his sector in that the enemy had crawled close to the perimeter and were hiding in bomb craters. Direct fire could not drive them out and hand grenades could not reach them. Private First Class Zier finally stood up, without cover and threw a grenade into the crater removing the menace to that sector. Home address: Mr. J. G. Zier, (father), Agawam, Montana.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major JAMES T ANDERSON, (0319359), by the Commanding General 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section IV, General Orders No. 2, dated 5 June 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Major JAMES T ANDERSON, (0319359), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Disregarding personal safety and showing untiring devotion to duty, Major Anderson made a beach reconnaissance under heavy fire to establish a landing beach for small craft. He was responsible for the efficient system of landing lights which brought small craft safely ashore and by his efficient direction the seriously wounded were rapidly evacuated and necessary supplies reached shore. His cool manner of handling this difficult work under such circumstances was an inspiration to the men on the beach and essential to the success of the entire operation. Home address: Mrs. James T. Anderson, (wife), 1708 Western Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Private First Class ROBERT J HELPHREY, (37110265) by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 29, dated 17 June 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions

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of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944).
The citation is as follows:

Private First Class ROBERT J. HELPHERY, (37110265), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 9 June 1944. Private First Class Helpfery was a gunner on a heavy machine gun covering a trail. He held his fire while another gunner fired on the enemy in order not to disclose his position. On withdrawing the enemy could be heard moving directly in front of Private First Class Helpfery's position organizing for a bayonet charge. He continued to hold his fire until the enemy attacked and had reached a point approximately seven yards from his gun. He then opened fire, completely surprising the enemy and accounting for approximately thirty dead. He was chiefly responsible for repelling the entire attack. Home address: Mrs. Ira M. Helpfery, (mother), Route 4, Union, Iowa.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Staff Sergeant HORACE A. MC KELLER, (38072440), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 5, Section III, General Orders No. 40, dated 15 July 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant HORACE A. MC KELLER, (38072440), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 9 June 1944. Staff Sergeant McKeller assumed command of a patrol when its leader was pinned down by fire. With little regard for his security, he went to the head of the patrol and directed action which resulted in the destruction of several enemy gun emplacements. His action throughout the entire patrol mission was exceptionally gallant. Staff Sergeant McKeller encouraged and aided the men to carry on even though they were short of water and rations for the greater part of the patrol. Home address: Miss Vivian McKeller, (sister), 1401 North 11th Street, Waco, Texas.

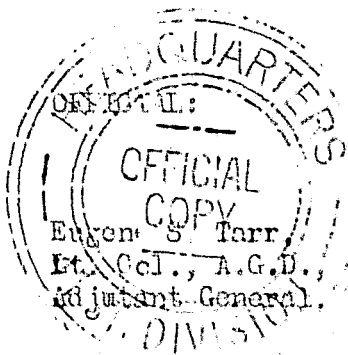
IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class WILLIS W. HILLMAN, (20941519), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Iris C. Hillman, (wife), Mc Kellegitt Street, Wandal, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH C. SWEANY,
Colonel, G. I. C.,
Chief of Staff.



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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 decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

Captain OLIVER R. VANNUCCI, (0416503), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 1 June 1944. Captain Vannucci, battalion surgeon, and his aid party were called to a machine gun position that had been demolished by a direct hit by an artillery shell. Enroute he and his party encountered heavy fire and on arrival at the demolished gun post, a nearby gasoline dump was hit causing an explosion which sprayed flaming gasoline about the area. Captain Vannucci administered first aid and treatment to injured personnel and assisted as a litter bearer in the removal of a casualty to the aid station. Home address: Mrs. Oliver R. Vannucci (wife) 1443 Page Street, San Francisco, California.

II. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Colonel HAROLD HANEY, (06807), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 2, Section I, General Orders No. 23, dated 3 June 1944, an Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 7 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Colonel HAROLD HANEY, (06807), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island from 27 May to 10 June 1944. Throughout the Biak operation Colonel Haney displayed noteworthy leadership in action against the enemy. In order to coordinate the tactical dispositions of his battalions he remained constantly with front line elements. On one occasion when his third battalion was cut off from the remainder of the regiment, he coordinated its withdrawal and then proceeded by tank to his command post where he coordinated artillery support fires. On the following day when the severity of enemy resistance made necessary the withdrawal of the regiment, Colonel Haney was well forward and planned and directed an orderly withdrawal. His presence at critical points was highly thought of by the officers and enlisted men of the regiment. His cool performance of duty under fire and excellent employment of his troops was responsible for the success of his regiment in the operation. Home address: Mrs. Martha S. Haney, (wife) 1560 Richmond Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

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Second Lieutenant DAVID W. CAMACK, (01319054), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Second Lieutenant Camack's platoon was given the mission of holding the line on a sector of the battalion defense which bore the brunt of the attack. Later he received the order to withdraw his platoon to the rear to a better position. During the withdrawal, Second Lieutenant Camack stayed in the original position to help cover the withdrawal and killed two of the enemy. This action enabled the platoon to take up new positions speedily without suffering any casualties. Second Lieutenant Camack's courage and leadership was of great aid to his unit in its success in disposing of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. David G. Camack (mother) 123 Filbert Street, Elsmere Manor, Wilmington, Delaware.

Private HERMAN N. NACHBAUR, (32729763), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bosnek Village, Biak Island on 16 June 1944. Private Nachbaur when driving along a road through enemy patrolled territory, came upon an ambush that had been executed by the enemy but a short time before. He dismounted to determine if any of the casualties were yet alive, and found one man living. This soldier warned Private Nachbaur to leave as the enemy was still in the area. Despite this warning, he insisted in moving the wounded man to his vehicle and taking him to the clearing station. Private Nachbaur displayed a great deal of courage on this occasion. Home address: Mr. George Nachbaur, (brother) E. River Road, Grand Island, New York.

First Sergeant DONALD J. NEARY, (20138314), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 22 April to 28 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marian M. Neary, (wife), 25 Burritt Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut.

Technician Grade Three TORAO NEISHI, (39085362), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island, from 31 May to 29 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Kikuyo Neishi, (mother), 37--3--E and F Streets, Topaz, Utah.

Private SAMUEL NUSSDORF, (20133616), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Ibdi Village, Biak Island on 1 June 1944. Private Nussdorf, a member of a medical organization, was present in the bivouac area when it came under artillery fire from Japanese positions. A few men were wounded, one seriously. Private Nussdorf and another soldier recognized the serious nature of the wound and that the man required immediate hospital attention. Private Nussdorf and another soldier, placed the man in a vehicle and conveyed him to an aid station. Enroute they were fired on by the enemy but continued on this mission until the aid station was reached. Home address: Mr. Jacob Nussdorf (father), Crystal Lake Road, Rockville, Indiana.

Technician Grade Five MARIO S. OLIVA, (36022965), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toem, Dutch New Guinea from 17 May to 9 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary Oliva (mother), 503 South California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain JOHN S. PANEK, (0304176), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations in the vicinity of Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 20 May 1944. Captain Panek

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volunteered to personally direct a "buffalo" through enemy held territory to obtain water and supplies for troops in the vicinity of the airdrome at Wakde Island. The need for these supplies was vital. Enroute, the vehicle drew fire for almost the entire distance, but despite the fact that it was not armored no serious damage resulted. Due to obstacles of terrain, he was forced to run the gauntlet of the enemy on the open airdrome. The mission was highly successful, and a number of enemy were killed and wounded by effective use of the machine gun mounted on the vehicle. Captain Panek materially aided the successful conclusion of the campaign. Home address: Mrs. John S. Panek, (wife), Fortland, Oregon.

Technician Grade Five DAN PARKINSON, (35037705), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Parkinson, chief switchboard operator, without regard for the hazards involved, set out under intense fire to repair a line to re-establish telephone communications between two separated battalions. Communications had been destroyed by enemy tanks and gun fire, and due to changes of position of units at this time, in order to make repairs, it was necessary that he move some distance along the front and in some places ahead of the troops. He kept at the job so diligently that repairs were made quickly and contact regained before another attack. Home address: Mrs. Hazel Parkinson, (mother) Route El, Warnock, Ohio.

Captain ALEXANDER J. PASTERAK, (0369545), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. During the withdrawal of the unit to which Captain Pasterak was assigned as surgeon, a number of casualties were sustained. He stopped to administer treatment, although under fire, thus jeopardizing his chances of a safe withdrawal. He gave plasma on the front lines and directed evacuation of the wounded. Captain Pasterak's devotion to duty and courageous performance, saved the lives of many men. Home address: Mrs. Helen Pasterak (mother), 13508 S. Woodland Road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Sergeant OLIVER J. PATRICK, (39301919), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Sergeant Patrick was advancing with his battalion when it came under an accurate concentration of mortar fire which wounded and killed a number of men. The unit was forced to move forward several hundred yards leaving its wounded and dead. Sergeant Patrick volunteered to help bring the wounded to a place where they could receive medical attention. He worked his way to a wounded man nearest the enemy and assisted in removing him to safety and checked identification tags of the dead. Sergeant Patrick's courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men of his unit. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice G. Patrick (wife), Route #1, Box 61, Clackamas, Oregon.

Private JAMES L. RIDDLE, (20947675), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Milne Bay, Papua, New Guinea on 14 April 1943. When a bombed vessel had been abandoned by all crew and personnel, Private Riddle and two assistants, disregarding the combined dangers of the ship sinking, of internal boiler explosion, and further explosions of ammunition and aviation gasoline, rowed to the ship in a small boat, boarded it and commenced salvage operations of badly needed medical supplies and other impedimenta. Not until the ship's bow rose sharply into the air and started to heel to port did he and his assistants leave the ship. They succeeded in swimming about twenty yards from the vessel before it disappeared into the sea. Home address: Mrs. E. H. Crosby, (mother), 563 Main Street, Ashland, Oregon.

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Captain RICHARD D. ROYS, (0326982), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 11 June 1944. Despite heavy enemy fire, Captain Roys, a medical unit commander, moved alone into an exposed area to carry a seriously wounded man to safety. Having administered plasma while in a covered position, he again moved into the open area to organize a litter squad. His daring disregard for personal security, and medical skill saved the man's life. Home address: Mrs. Ruth S. Roys, (wife), 321 West Symmes Street, Normond, Oklahoma.

Private RAYMOND R. RUSSELL JR., (38034543), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Private Russell, at great risk to his life moved to and maintained a position on high ground which exposed him to heavy enemy fire. From this position he was able to establish and maintain radio communications with the main body of his regiment and the command group which had been cut off by the enemy. Ignoring the heavy fire, he remained at his post throughout the action transmitting vital messages without which the operation could not have been carried out successfully. Home address: Mrs. Raymond R. Russell Sr. (mother) 309 West Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas.

Staff Sergeant LIONEL R. SANDON, (39600244), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 6 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Sandon was assigned the mission of using half his squad to bring fire on an enemy pill box that had three men from an anti-tank company pinned down. By expert maneuvering he got his men directly under the pill box which was on a ridge. He killed one Japanese and so harrassed the pill box with small arms fire that the men from the anti-tank company were able to withdraw to safety. Staff Sergeant Sandon was receiving heavy fire from the enemy position and was slightly wounded in this action. Home address: Mr. Israel Sandon, (father) Sunburst, Montana.

Technician Grade Five WILLIAM F. SCHILLER JR., (36130592), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 1 June to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mr. William F. Schiller Sr., (father) 13030 Inkster Road, Detroit 23, Michigan.

Technician Grade Five EUGENE R. SEUBERT, (39383717), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. As a result of enemy bombing, a fire broke out in a Japanese supply dump. Technician Grade Five Seubert operated a bulldozer for long hours making a fire break and pushing huge piles of supplies and equipment from the path of the fire. He operated his dozer to within seventy-five yards of the fire and throughout the entire period was in danger of severe injury or death because of intermittent explosions of bombs and ammunition. On one such instance he was blown off his dozer. Home address: Mrs. John Seubert, (mother) Cottonwood, Idaho.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES F. SEYBOTH, (20934880), Infantry United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 15 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna M. Seyboth, (mother) 523 W. G Street, Grants Pass, Oregon.

Private First Class MANUEL SIFUENTES, (38061597), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. Private First Class

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Sifuentes, third gunner on a fifty caliber machine gun, displayed outstanding courage and disregard for personal safety by making two trips down a hill for ammunition while enemy machine gun and rifle fire and 37mm high explosive shells covered the area of their operations. Later, when the machine gun was put out of action, Private First Class Sifuentes made another trip over exposed ground to obtain bazooka ammunition. His tireless devotion to duty was inspiring to all who saw him. The fire delivered by his machine gun was instrumental in stopping an enemy tank attack. Home address: Mrs. Angelita Sifuentes, (mother) 16 San Eugenio Avenue, Laredo, Texas.

Sergeant RALPH P. SKERKAVICH, (35398927), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 and 8 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Rose H. Skerkavich, (mother) 105 Lamar Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant REX K. SMITH, (20933646), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. The front line of Technical Sergeant Smith's unit withdrew to more favorable positions in order to meet an enemy infantry and tank assault. During the withdrawal a number of weapons and much equipment were left behind. A six man patrol led by Technical Sergeant Smith went forward about two hundred yards towards enemy positions to recover the weapons and other valuable equipment as well as the body of an officer who had been killed shortly before. Technical Sergeant Smith displayed excellent leadership in accomplishing this mission speedily and prevented weapons and equipment from falling into enemy hands. Home address: Mr. Albert F. Smith (father) Tillamook, Oregon.

Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR E. SOLEM, (016840), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 1 June 1944. Without regard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Colonel Solem repeatedly visited enemy infested territory, making reconnaissances, supervising and coordinating the work of forward observers and liaison parties to the end that his battalion delivered effective and timely support fires throughout each phase of the operation. The courage, and devotion to duty of Lieutenant Colonel Solem contributed a great deal to successful operations in gaining control of Biak Island. Home address: Mrs. Martha D. Solem, (wife) 307 Blanche Avenue, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Captain MARVIN E. SPEER, (0337342), Medical Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea from 18 to 20 May 1944. Captain Speer zealously performed the duties of battalion surgeon throughout the battle for the island. Initially upon landing on the beach, it was necessary for him to establish his aid station in open terrain which was spasmodically subjected to heavy enemy fire. Captain Speer administered prompt aid and through his energy and sound judgement contributed immeasurably to the low casualty rate of this operation. Home address: Mrs. Marvin E. Speer (wife), 601 Wash Road, Grosse Point, Michigan.

Technician Grade Five CHARLES J. STEIN, (20923406), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Toem, New Guinea and Biak Island from 17 May to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Ed Stein, (father) 1826 Billings Street, Helena, Montana.

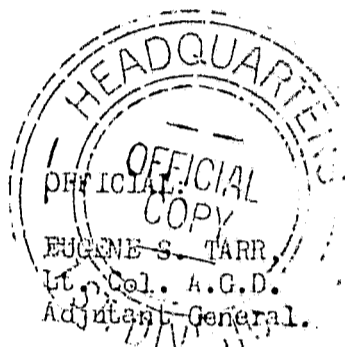
First Lieutenant FRANK D. STRONG, (0377249), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations

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operations near Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 28 April 1944. First Lieutenant Strong was leader of a patrol sent into the hills north of Cyclops Drome to attack a large number of enemy reported in that vicinity. On contact with the enemy, when machine guns were being set up to deliver fire one of the gunners was severely wounded. First Lieutenant Strong moved up under fire and gave first aid to the wounded man and directed his evacuation to the rear. He then helped in firing and loading the weapon which, without his help would have been out of action. This coolness and sound judgement under fire was an admirable display of leadership. First Lieutenant Strong moved freely, openly and confidently in fire fights and instilled courage and confidence in the men of his organization. Home address: Mrs. Frank D. Strong (wife) 603 South Fifth, Ezzeman, Montana.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:



KENNETH S. SWEANY,
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1916) a Silver Star Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, to the following officers and enlisted men.

Lieutenant Colonel DWIGHT E. BEACH, (018747), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea, from 17 to 20 May 1944. On the afternoon of 18 May 1944 while launching an attack, a company of Infantry troops was forced to the ground by such intense enemy fire that further progress was impaired. Artillery fire would be the only solution. When Lieutenant Colonel Beach contacted the artillery observer with the company, he was informed that observation and the directing of artillery fire would be impossible from that point because of the intense enemy resistance with their advantageous emplacements. Lieutenant Colonel Beach considering only the vital importance of this situation, personally moved his radio equipment to the right flank while under a continuous barrage of mortar and rifle fire, until he reached his destination. From that point he directed artillery fire and it was so perfectly placed that all Japanese resistance was routed without touching an American soldier which enabled the effective advance of the company. Lieutenant Colonel Beach's coolness and superior knowledge of tactical situations were contributing factors to the successful conclusion of the battle. Home address: Mrs. Dwight E. Beach (wife), Chelsea, Michigan.

First Lieutenant JACK Y. CANON, (0432765), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island during the period 30 May to 5 July 1944. First Lieutenant Canon, as intelligence officer, with great risk to his life made reconnaissance in a number of caves which had been occupied by the Japanese, approaching dangerously close to enemy fire. In his search of these caves, he recovered more than eleven cases of enemy documents vitally needed for the successful conclusion of the operation. The intrepidity and devotion to duty of First Lieutenant Canon reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Josette Regard Canon, (wife), Kenner, Louisiana.

Captain DAVID E. FOWLER, (0334309), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island from 27 May to 20 June 1944. As executive officer of an Infantry battalion and as commanding officer on occasions when the commander was absent, the achievements of Captain Fowler were notably distinguished throughout the Biak operation. On one occasion he directed the withdrawal of his battalion during a critical phase of battle. The battalion was widely dispersed and in many cases pinned down by enemy fire and control of troops was difficult. To more effectively accomplish his task, Captain Fowler, careless of personal danger, exposed himself to heavy enemy fire. The cool and courageous manner in which he conducted himself were in large measure responsible for his success. His calm judgment and outstanding leadership were a stimulus to all officers and enlisted men. Home address: Mrs. David E. Fowler, (wife), 443 Pierce, Loveland, Colorado.

Lieutenant Colonel HUGH H. KENNEDY, (015514), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Shortly after arrival of the battalion commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy it was engaged in occupying an initial position in order to deliver fire support. The battalion immediately came under extremely heavy and effective fire.

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With complete disregard for personal safety, he moved calmly throughout the battalion area, reassuring the men, seeing that the wounded were properly cared for, and making certain that every man was doing his utmost to assist in preparing the unit for the early delivery of fire and the constructing of pits for the protection of personnel and equipment. As the fire shifted from battery to battery, Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy went immediately to the battery then under fire in order to assure himself that the work was progressing satisfactorily and to aid the unit in every way possible. Lieutenant Colonel Kennedy's demonstration of courage and leadership under fire was an inspiration to the men, and was directly responsible for the battalion's early entry into action and the delivery of effective fire support even though being constantly subjected to enemy retaliation. Home address: Mrs Christine Kennedy, 3814 Conners Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Private First Class CHARLES G KITCHENS, (34163547), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 30 May 1944. Private First Class Kitchens accompanied a detachment of engineers into enemy territory to destroy a number of pill boxes supposedly unoccupied. Opposition was intense and unexpected, and the detachment withdrew to a sheltered area and was able to evacuate all but one casualty who was seriously wounded and required a litter. Private First Class Kitchens, without regard for personal safety, stayed with the wounded man after the detachment withdrew and fired on the enemy, protecting his patient. During this time, two Japanese moved in, but he courageously held his ground, killing both and holding others at a distance. Later he withdrew far enough to guide back a detail to carry the wounded man out of the danger area. Home address: Mrs. Berdie Emily Kitchens (mother), Route 5, Jasper, Alabama.

Staff Sergeant RICHARD N TEN EYCK, (20936263), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Ten Eyck, a supply sergeant, volunteered to assist a patrol in securing the flank of his organization and mopping up enemy held positions and caves which covered a beach being used by landing craft. During the course of this patrol, he, together with an assistant, accounted for a number of Japanese, put a 20 mm gun out of action, cleared the enemy from numerous caves and effectively secured the flank from further activity. On this patrol, in one instance, he stood upright on a ledge, in full view of the enemy and deliberately fired into a gun pit, killing its crew. The valorous accomplishments of Staff Sergeant Ten Eyck were an inspiring example to the men of his organization, and was particularly outstanding in view of a comparatively slight background of combat experience. Home address: Mr. H.A. Ten Eyck, (father), Route 1, Box 242, Sandy, Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Lieutenant Colonel WAYNE C BAILEY, (0281317), by the Commanding General, USASOS, as published in General Orders No. 61 dated 20 October 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel WAYNE C BAILEY, (0281317), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Bailey, in charge of directing and supervising the withdrawal of an Infantry Regiment from an untenable position performed in a most outstanding and courageous manner. Under heavy fire, he personally directed and supervised the evacuation of the wounded and hospital personnel, the collecting of

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water transportation and movement of all possible impedimenta by road and water. All wounded were safely evacuated and the major portion of equipment and supplies were withdrawn. Home address: Mrs. Geneva Bailey (mother), 102 Michigan Avenue, Danville, Illinois.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Lieutenant Colonel RALPH E COLE, (0226831), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 25, dated 4 June 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel RALPH E COLE, (0226831), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. The battalion of which Lieutenant Colonel Cole was in command was in position in support of an infantry regiment. The infantry was forced to make a withdrawal from a forward position and established its front line a few hundred yards from his firing battery positions. Lieutenant Colonel Cole made the decision to remain in the same position and continue his support rather than withdraw to a position of greater safety. Realizing the dangers to his position and personnel of his battalion, he continually supervised the disposition of weapons and security measures taken by all batteries. His courage, aggressive leadership, and devotion to duty under fire in this critical position, were an inspiration to his men. The decision of Lieutenant Colonel Cole to remain in this position where he could deliver more effective support proved extremely important to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. S. B. Cole (mother), 201 West College Street, Covina, California.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant DARRELL C CLEMENTS, (20933625), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 May to 7 June 1944. When the tactical situation was explained to him, Staff Sergeant Clements without hesitation requested that he be permitted to lead the extreme flank squad, the most difficult and hazardous position in the maneuver. Request being granted, he organized his squad into a patrol formation and moved toward the enemy in perfect order. His leadership while working his squad parallel to the column through occupied Japanese positions was excellent. During the forward movement, his squad destroyed numerous Japanese automatic weapons and rifles, and under his direction the squad demolished the most advantageous of the enemy's positions. Home address: Mr. Clyde Clements (grandfather), Tillamook, Oregon.

Private First Class HENRY K HAUSER, (35720055), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 15 June 1944. When wire communications were disrupted among forward units during a tank attack, Private First Class Hauser, on learning that another man was going out to make repairs, volunteered to accompany him through an area that was raked with enemy fire. Because of changes in positions of various units, he was required to move a considerable distance along the forward line and in front of the troops. Despite difficult circumstances, he worked speedily and efficiently so that repairs were quickly made and contact regained at a time when it was vitally needed. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle I. Harrington (mother), Route #1, Williams, Indiana.

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Captain SAMUEL B HUNTING, (0274186), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Milne Bay, Papua, New Guinea on 14 April 1943. When a bombed vessel had been abandoned by all crew and personnel, Captain Hunting and two assistants, disregarding the combined dangers of the ship sinking, of internal boiler explosion, and further explosions of ammunition and aviation gasoline, rowed to the ship in a small boat, boarded it and commenced salvage operations of badly needed medical supplies and other impediments. Not until the ship's bow rose sharply into the air and started to heel to port, did he and his assistants leave the ship. They succeeded in swimming about twenty yards from the vessel before it disappeared into the sea. Home address: Mrs. Frances B. Hunting (wife), Route 1, Box 205, Lake Grove, Oregon.

Corporal FREDERIC T KIELSGARD, (33043453), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Iddi Village, Biak Island on 6 June 1944. Corporal Kielsingard, commanding a reinforced squad armed with a light machine gun, rifles and grenades was emplaced on a barren coral hill which afforded no concealment from fire of the enemy. Such loose coral as could be found was used in the construction of hasty fortification. Corporal Kielsingard and his squad vigorously repulsed all attacks on their position for a period of two hours during which time they were without communications with other elements of their company. Several casualties were inflicted on the enemy while the squad sustained only one slightly wounded. Corporal Kielsingard's gallantry and courage were instrumental in repelling the enemy and successfully accomplishing the mission. Home address: Mr. M. S. Kielsingard (father) Box 24, Fairfax, Virginia.

Captain WALTER W KING, (0400537), Field Artillery, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Milne Bay, Papua, New Guinea on 14 April 1943. When a bombed vessel had been abandoned by all crew and personnel, Captain King and two assistants, disregarding the combined dangers of the ship sinking, of internal boiler explosion, and further explosions of ammunition and aviation gasoline, rowed to the ship in a small boat, boarded it and commenced salvage operations of badly needed medical supplies and other impediments. Not until the ship's bow rose sharply into the air and started to heel to port, did he and his assistants leave the ship. They succeeded in swimming about twenty yards from the vessel before it disappeared into the sea. Home address: Mrs. Nellie W. King, (wife), Box 349, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Private EDWARD M LANE, (20610609), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Waklo-Laffin Bay Area, Dutch New Guinea from 15 May to 4 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Juanita Lane (wife), 617 W. Madison Street, Pontiac, Illinois.

Corporal IVAN E LAY, (32431909), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations near Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. After a fire had broken out in a Japanese supply dump, Corporal Lay worked with the bulldozer operator as a spotter and helped to make a fire break in order to prevent the loss of valuable supplies and equipment. He preceded the bulldozer on foot, locating and removing unexploded shells and artillery shells from the path of the dozer. He worked long hours and was in constant danger of severe injury or death because of intermittent explosions of bombs and ammunition. Corporal Lay displayed outstanding courage and devotion to duty in saving this valuable equipment. Home address: Mrs. Vivian Lay, (mother), Princeton, Alabama.

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First Lieutenant LEO D LEAVENGOOD, (G2035119), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Fokmer Airbase, Biak Island on 6 June 1944. First Lieutenant Leavengood showing exceptional ability in a crisis, moved his platoon into a position on the left entirely on his own initiative. When the enemy commander was "killed", he assisted in reorganizing the front lines which had become scattered by heavy mortar fire. His outstanding leadership, courage and professional knowledge made it possible to evacuate all wounded. He held his position during withdrawal and contributed immeasurably to its success. Home address: Mr. Tom Leavengood, (brother), Dallas, Iowa.

First Lieutenant JAMES W. LESLIE, (O2034570), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Aitape, New Guinea from 22 April to 26 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marguerite M. Leslie, (wife), 1220 U Avenue, La Grande, Oregon.

Staff Sergeant JAMES F. MARTIN, (34641102), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Fokmer Airbase, Biak Island from 7 to 8 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary F. Martin, (mother), Route 1, Marion, South Carolina.

Captain DONALD E. MCARTHUR, (O40505), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 28 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Donald E. McArthur, (wife), 4217 Interlake Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Staff Sergeant ELTON L. MC CRODY, (3600671), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. W. L. McCrody, (mother), 410 First Avenue East, Williston, North Dakota.

Private JAMES F. MC DERMOTT, (37512204), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Under severe enemy fire, Private McDermott, a litter bearer, exposed himself voluntarily to care for and evacuate casualties. During the action when others were inclined to take cover, he with inspiring courage led and encouraged the other litter bearers to follow him and as a result, many seriously wounded men were brought to the aid station for treatment. Home address: Mrs. Vivian A. McDermott, (wife), 3844 McNeill, St Louis, Missouri.

Technical Sergeant WALTER J. McNULTY, (20932196), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. J. C. McNulty, (mother), 1670 East 24th Street, Aurora, Oregon.

Technician Grade V MARRA R. MC KEYNOLD, (C0947906), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 11 May 1944. After a fire had broken out in a Japanese supply dump as a result of enemy bombing, Technician Grade V McKeynold's operated a bulldozer for long hours making a fire break and pushing huge piles of supplies and equipment from the path of the fire. He operated his bulldozer within seventy-five yards of the fire and throughout the entire period was in danger of severe injury and death because of intense splinter explosions of bombs and ammunition. Technician Grade Five

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McKeaynold's devotion to duty and courage were instrumental in saving valuable Government property. Home address: Mrs. E. H. McKeaynold (mother), 135 Holrose Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Technician Grade IV WILLIAM H. NEAGHER, JR. (20345779), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Black Island on 9 June 1944. Technician Grade IV Neagher was medical aid man of a platoon ordered to neutralize several enemy gun emplacements which were hindering the progress of the regiment. Resistance was met when the objective pinning down the forward element of the patrol and wounding one man. Technician Grade IV Neagher crawled forward through the fire and, as darkness had fallen, could only locate the wounded man by calling to him. Later Technician Grade IV Neagher brought the man safely back into the perimeter under the cover of darkness and gave him first aid. Home address: Mr. William Neagher, (father), 708 South Grandy, Baltimore, Maryland.

Private First Class JOSEPH J. QUACKA, JR. (33571576), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 and 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Rose Quacka, (mother), 116 Stockholm Avenue, Wind Gap, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant GUY C. MORE (36301376), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Black Island on 10 June 1944. Staff Sergeant More displayed outstanding courage by remaining in an exposed position to cover the withdrawal of his squad, including two wounded, after they had been pinned down by enemy fire. On rejoining his unit, he was informed that essential machine gun ammunition had been left behind. Staff Sergeant More ran back to their former position and returned with the ammunition, getting his gun into operation in time to successfully repulse a counter attack. Home address: Mrs. Guy C. More, (wife), 318 Cherry Street, St. Carmel, Illinois.

Technical Sergeant HUGH F. MORRISON (34031791), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Holman Airbase, Bougainville on 2 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Morrison exposed himself to mortar and machine gun fire to lead a badly needed section of riflemen to assist a battalion that had been cut off by the enemy. He led the section through a heavy concentration of fire and put the riflemen into action, silencing the enemy guns. This act greatly assisted his unit to withdraw to a more tenable position. Home address: Mrs. H. F. Morrison, (mother), Route 1, Newton, North Carolina.

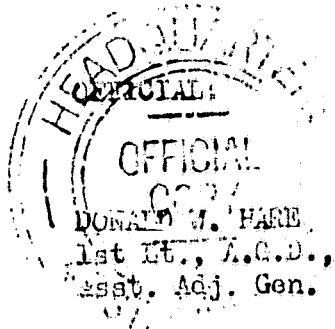
Private First Class JONIF F. MOUNT (3805631), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Black Island on 10 June 1944. As support rifle platoon, Private First Class Mount, a machine gunner, without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, put his machine gun into action in an exposed position. He continued supporting fire even though he drew a great volume of return fire. As the situation made it necessary to move to a new and more exposed position, he did so without delay. He again took up supporting fire and kept his machine gun in continuous action, firing up approximately two thousand rounds under the cover of which the attacking riflemen completed their mission. Home address: Miss Mary Ross (sister), Anacoco, Louisiana.

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By command of Brigadier General DOE:

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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR.

By the action of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1518) a Silver Star Decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant ROY OLD N. GOERKE, (01197435), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bik Island on 12 and 13 June 1944. First Lieutenant Goerke on two successive days volunteered to lead amphibious truck convoys to supply ammunition and rations and evacuate wounded from his regiment. Despite the fact that the route of travel was exposed to enemy fire at many points, he persisted in his mission, making many trips with vitally needed medicines and supplies and evacuating a large number of wounded. By his gallant conduct over this two day period he made an important contribution to the success of the operations. First Lieutenant Goerke was killed while trying to get supplies to the regiment. His courage and determination in carrying out his task reflect the highest credit on the military service. Next of kin: Mr. L. J. Goerke (father) 68 Park Ridge Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Private First Class PAUL G. HASSLER, (30056936), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bik Island on 27 June 1944. As part of a combat patrol Private First Class Hassler came under heavy rifle, machine gun and grenade fire from an emplacement directly to his front. He immediately went into position and placed a large volume of fire from his automatic rifle on the enemy position in an attempt to neutralize it. When it became necessary to withdraw the squad, he held his ground in the face of enemy fire from two machine guns. Private First Class Hassler remained at his post until mortally wounded, covering the withdrawal of his squad. His heroic act saved the lives of many of his comrades. Next of kin: Mrs. Martha Hassler (mother) Route 1, Box 236, Spring, Texas.

Technician Grade Five ELMER SIS WHITE, (39661079), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bik Island on 15 June 1944. During an attack, when several casualties were sustained, Technician Grade Five White immediately moved into the front lines to give first aid to the wounded, although the position was still being subjected to enemy fire. While attending a wounded man, he received mortal wounds but instructed aid men to treat other wounded as he felt that he was past help. His superior courage and expert medical assistance helped save the lives of his fellow soldiers at the cost of his own. Technician Grade Five White serves as an outstanding example of heroism and self-sacrifice to those who knew him. Next of kin: Miss Emel White (sister) 2071, Cassville, Ontario.

Captain ALBERT R. KATZ, (0433779), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bik Island on 28 June 1944. With utter disregard for his safety, Captain Katz remained in the open and attended the wounded under a heavy mortar bombardment falling near his aid station.

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He received a mortal wound and did not submit to medical attention until all casualties had been cared for and he had issued orders for their evacuation. In this unselfish and gallant act Captain Katz set a outstanding example of courage and steadfastness, which was an inspiration to all officers and enlisted men who were associated with him. Next of kin: Mrs. Selma Katz (wife) 5540 North Airball Ave, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class EARL E. KUEKER, (36022219), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Eniwetok, Mak Island on 16 June 1944. While driving a quarter ton truck Private First Class Kueker and his party were ambushed by a group of Japanese killing all those with him and inflicting severe wounds on himself. Although bleeding profusely and badly in need of medical aid he refused to allow another vehicle to stop and render assistance since there were still enemy in the vicinity. Knowing the seriousness of his wounds he voluntarily sacrificed his chances of life in order to save the lives of other persons, whom he did not know. His actions have been an inspiration to all those who know of his courage on this occasion. Next of kin: Mr. Charles Kueker (father), Troy, Illinois.

Private First Class WENDEL H. SCHIELL, (37093518), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Mak Island on 20 June 1944. As prominent automatic rifleman of his squad, Private First Class Schiell was ordered to fire on a pill box which was holding up further advance of the company. He immediately opened fire upon the position, neutralizing the enemy fire and permitting riflemen to kill 3 Japanese who left the pillbox. Later, when several more machine guns opened fire on the troops it was necessary to withdraw. Private First Class Schiell of his own volition remained to cover the withdrawal with automatic fire and pinned down the enemy while his comrades retired to safety. He received a mortal wound in this engagement. The unselfish act of Private First Class Schiell is in the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mr. William Schiell (father) Cannon Falls, Texas.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 4 July 1918 (Sull 41447, 40, 1918), a Silver Star decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Corporal FOY A. DAVIS, (20429508), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Eniwetok, Mak Island on 26 and 29 May 1944. Although knowing that his chances of survival were small Corporal Davis voluntarily joined a forward observer party which accompanied an Infantry unit which was cut off from the main body of troops. It was necessary that the party join the infantry by landing craft on a beach which was swept by enemy fire. Throughout the engagement he exposed himself to enemy fire in close proximity to the front lines in order to assist the forward observer to deliver fire in support of the withdrawal. Corporal Davis exhibited considerable courage and aggressiveness by these actions, and the resulting artillery support enabled the infantry regiment to find its way back to the main body with a minimum of casualties. Home address: Mr. A. C. Davis, (father) 223 East Fifth St, Lexington 2, Kentucky.

Captain MILTON DREKLER, (0384685), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Eniwetok, Mak Island on 28 May 1944. When a wounded man lay in an exposed area swept by enemy fire, Captain Drekler without hesitation went to his aid. Although everyone else had taken cover from the intense fire, he calmly and efficiently dressed the man's wounds and then assisted in carrying him to the area. Captain Drekler exhibited courage beyond the call of duty in performing this gallant act. Home address: Mrs. Milton Drekler (wife) 3300 Roosevelt Avenue, Bronx, New York.

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Captain CARL E. MAFFEO, (0320170), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Parai Jetty, Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Captain Maffeo displayed a complete disregard for his safety under direct and intense enemy fire in treating the wounded and performing surgical operations to men wounded on the battlefield. When the regiment was ordered to withdraw he voluntarily remained behind to ascertain that all wounded had been cared for, although there was grave danger that the party on shore would be cut off. He remained until the last casualty had been evacuated. Captain Maffeo's coolness under fire saved the lives of many American soldiers. Home address: Dr. Sabino Maffeo (father) 137 Adams Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant ROBERT B. PHARR, (34174292), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. While making reconnaissance for a battalion command post, Staff Sergeant Pharr and his assistant were attacked by a group of eight Japanese. His companion was wounded and forced to flee followed by a party of Japanese. After killing two of the enemy who were charging his position with fixed bayonets he directed his fire on the group running after his friend, brought down two of them and forced the rest to take cover, allowing his companion to escape. Staff Sergeant Pharr then remained at his post in order to secure the position for medical aid men who were treating casualties in the near vicinity. Home address: Mrs. Louise H. Pharr (mother) 2424 Providence Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Lieutenant Colonel ARCHIBALD B. ROCSEVELT, (0143128), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders No. 3, dated 13 January 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel ARCHIBALD B. ROOSEVELT, (0143123), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 17 June 1944. While directing the advance of his battalion on enemy held high ground overlooking Mokmer Drome, the assault company was held up by heavy machine gun fire coming from this commanding position. Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt abandoned the security of his shell hole and made his way over open terrain to a tank that was standing nearby. He pointed out the target to the tank commander which enabled him to lay 75mm cannon fire on the enemy positions and returned to cover. When the tank opened fire he fearlessly exposed himself again to direct adjustments of fire which eventually wiped out the enemy position, permitting his battalion to continue its advance. Lieutenant Colonel Roosevelt's courage and aggressive action was the decisive factor in the successful completion of his battalion's mission. Home address: Mrs. Archibald B. Roosevelt (wife) Cold Springs Harbor, Long Island, New York.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM J. SHAW, (0235610), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section I, General Orders No. 24, dated 3 June 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel WILLIAM J. SHAW, (0235610), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island from 29 May to 14 June 1944. As task force surgeon Lieutenant Colonel Shaw performed out-

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standingly in personally supervising the activities of medical installations under his control. He directed the landing of a portable hospital under heavy fire to evacuate casualties of an infantry regiment during a critical situation. On another occasion he accompanied a portable hospital on an amphibious landing under cover of darkness and on the following morning, supervised the establishment of the hospital under direct enemy fire. Lieutenant Colonel Shaw was constantly with forward medical elements in the heat of battle in order to render assistance and advice. Home address: Mrs. William J. Shaw (wife) 920 W. Davis, Fayette, Missouri.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Staff Sergeant EDGAR F. WILDFONG, (20933722), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 4, Section II, General Orders No. 25, dated 4 June 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Staff Sergeant EDGAR F. WILDFONG, (20933722), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mokmer Village, Biak Island on 8 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Wildfong by prompt decisive action and assumption of command organized an orderly withdrawal, enabling the executive officer and platoon leaders to gain control after the Commanding Officer was wounded and the company had become widely separated during a heavy enemy mortar barrage. His aggressive and fearless performance on this occasion were with complete disregard for his safety. The gallantry and outstanding leadership of Staff Sergeant Wildfong were a decided inspiration to the men of his company who were in an extremely difficult situation. Home address: Mrs. Lettie A. Wildfong, (mother) Rockaway, Oregon.

IV. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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, AD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Private First Class EUGENE HAUSMAN, (32799750), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private First Class Hausman was a member of a mortar squad which was entrenched on open terrain near an air strip. The position was swept with fire and every man was hard pressed to prepare a position of safety. The men were badly in need of water and Private First Class Hausman volunteered to run the gauntlet of enemy fire for a distance of three hundred yards to obtain it. The next morning he was found dead near a shell hole, killed by a burst of shrapnel. One of the helmets in which he had been carrying the water was still partly filled. This fearless act of Private First Class Hausman displayed a soldierly spirit that inspired all who knew him. Next of kin: Mr. Morris Hausman, (father) 21810-98th Street, Corona, New York.

Private First Class FRANK S. JANKOWSKY, (36053635), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 16 June 1944. While manning a machine gun to neutralize enemy positions during an advance, Private First Class Jankowsky was wounded in the head. Despite his wound he remained calm, and continued to return the enemy fire, the majority of which was being directed at his position. The section sergeant ordered the gun to a new location and while moving the gun he was again wounded, this time mortally. After receiving this wound he removed the gun and placed the

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Assistant in charge before receiving medical aid. The courage and determination of Private First Class Jankowsky on this occasion was one of the outstanding actions of the battle. Next of kin: Mrs. Wilma Eitutis, (mother) Minonk, Illinois.

Technician Grade Five HERMAN H. SNEERINGER, (37101087), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Serving temporarily as a squad leader, Technician Grade Five Sneeringer, a cook, displayed unusual leadership ability and courage while his squad was under enemy artillery fire. Though busy caring for a seriously wounded man, he directed his squad to disperse and continue on their mission, thus avoiding further casualties. His proficient leadership greatly increased the confidence of his men. He was later mortally wounded in a night attack. Next of kin: Mrs. Esther H. Sneeringer (mother) Route 5, Harrison, Arkansas.

V. 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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Technician Grade Five ARNOLD V. BICKEL, (39167414), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. The unit of which Technician Grade Five Bickel was a member was in position in the middle of an airdrome. Casualties were heavy and the problem of evacuation was tremendous due to depleted numbers and the distance of travel through intense fire. Technician Grade Five Bickel volunteered to get a seriously wounded man to the beach alone. By careful use of every small bit of cover, constantly placing the safety of his charge before his own, he reached the beach and safety. On completion of this mission, he returned to the center of the drome to continue his aid among the wounded. This courageous performance of Technician Grade Five Bickel was a source of inspiration and admiration to all who witnessed his activities. Home address: Mr. Louis A. Bickel (father), 143 East Gage Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Sergeant WILLIAM BLACK, (37084919), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Phoebe Black, (mother), Morley, Missouri.

Private JOHN BOTTO, (31273500), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 12 June 1944. Private Botto, fully realizing he would be subjecting himself to heavy enemy fire which had damaged a prime mover and overturned a gun being towed to a new position, volunteered to accompany a party of four on the mission of saving the equipment or preventing capture by the enemy. The vehicle in which the party was traveling was set afire and completely burned, resulting from intense mortar and machine gun tracer fire. The courage and devotion to duty of Private Botto reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Angeline Botto, (mother) 59 Rosemont Avenue, Wilson, Connecticut.

Technician Grade Four DONALD D. BURRIS, (20934388), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Four Burris, a member of the wire section of his company and in charge of the switch board, set up his board and kept it in operation though mortar shells and shrapnel were landing around the board and throughout the command post area. Three men were killed and three wounded in a few moments from the time the board was set up. Knowing

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the importance of wire communications Technician Grade Four Burris did not take time to dig himself in and as a result insured uninterrupted communications. Home address: Mrs. Albina Burris, (mother) 1727 N.W. Johnson, Portland, Oregon.

Technician Grade Five HAYDEN F. CONWAY, (36305085), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. While on Mokmer Drome with the medical detachment of which he was a member, Technician Grade Five Conway exposed himself to accurate enemy fire to render medical aid to a critically wounded man. Although any movement in the area drew fire, he left a protected position to move about among the wounded who were in dire need of medical attention. He acted as a litter bearer and gave his assistance and advice in moving wounded men. Through his heroic performance a number of men received medical attention which was instrumental in saving their lives. Home address: Mrs. Mary Lavin, (mother) 3359 S. Western Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

Captain LAWRENCE E. CRAMPTON, (0342620), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Captain Crampton was cut off with a battalion from the regiment of which he is the adjutant, and when it became impossible for him to function in that capacity, he occupied himself with organizing evacuation of wounded by LVT's, securing supplies for the battalion and many other highly useful tasks which were of immense value to the battalion commander. Captain Crampton moved freely through the area, assisting in and supervising the evacuation of the wounded with no thought of his own safety. His courageous conduct and efficient performance of duty contributed a great deal to this action. Home address: Mrs. L. E. Crampton, (wife), 3106 N. E. Skidmore Street, Portland, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant CLIFFORD L. DAVIS, (20939439), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Wakde Island, on 19 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Davis assumed command of a supply train when its commander was seriously wounded and the entire group pinned down by flanking enemy fire. He arranged for litter bearers to remove his commander and successfully rerouted the train around the enemy position back to the command post. He then secured a buffalo and together with the members of the supply train proceeded to the beachhead where he obtained badly needed supplies and returned to the command post without suffering further casualties. This demonstration of courage and leadership was an inspiration to his men and is deserving of the highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Nofear Davis, (mother) 286 South Shilling Avenue, Blackfoot, Idaho.

Technician Grade Five ROY F. FULKERSON, (35274369), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Technician Grade Five Fulkerson, a member of a portable surgical hospital, volunteered and with the assistance of another soldier carried a seriously wounded soldier through an area infested with snipers. The ridge on which both the wounded man and snipers were located could be reached only by climbing a twenty foot ladder. He and his assistant carried a litter up the ladder onto the ridge, placed the wounded man upon it and carried him to safety. This act was accomplished in the face of enemy sniper fire. Home address: Mrs. Maude Sheets, (mother) 60 Jones Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

Staff Sergeant, (then Corporal) ROY L. GARRETT, (34152049), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Garret who was acting as a platoon sergeant of an anti-tank platoon, volunteered to take a message to the medical battalion requesting medical supplies and personnel. To accomplish this, he was forced to run

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through a mortar barrage and heavy small arms fire. He got through with the message and brought the supplies forward himself. This act was instrumental in saving a number of lives. Home address: Reverend J. T. Garrett, (father), Chatham, Louisiana.

Staff Sergeant EARL O. HOERNIG, (39227874), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 7 June to 8 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary M. Hoernig, (wife), 35 Barnett Street, Melbourne, Australia.

Technician Grade Five TEDDY A. HUNTER, (11014490), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Technician Grade Five Hunter, a member of a portable surgical hospital, volunteered and with the assistance of another soldier carried a seriously wounded man through an area infested with snipers. The ridge on which both the wounded man and snipers were located could be reached only by climbing a twenty foot ladder. He and his assistant carried the litter up the ladder onto the ridge, placed the wounded man on it and carried him to safety. This act was accomplished in the face of enemy sniper fire. Home address: Mrs. Ernestine Hunter, (mother), Macwahoc, Maine.

Corporal THOMAS J. KELLY, (20941459), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the Wakde-Maffin Bay area, Dutch New Guinea from 18 May to 4 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. John Kelly (mother), 616 Terry Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

First Lieutenant THOMAS M. KELLY, (01318134), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 6 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Thomas M. Kelly (wife), Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Corporal JACK T. LADD, (31282213), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 12 June 1944. Corporal Ladd, fully realizing he would be subjecting himself to heavy enemy fire which had damaged a prime mover and overturned a gun being towed to a new position, volunteered to accompany a party of four on the mission of saving the equipment or preventing capture by the enemy. The vehicle in which the party was traveling was set afire and completely burned by intense mortar and machine gun tracer fire. The courage and devotion to duty of Corporal Ladd reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Myrtle Ladd, (mother), Brownville, Main.

Private JOHN E. LAPHAM, (37092023), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 3 June 1944. The riflemen of the organization to which Private Lapham's machine gun section was attached, were using grenades to repel an enemy attack. When the grenade supply ran low, he moved from the cover of his slit trench and gathered grenades from machine gunners and distributed them to the riflemen along the front line of the perimeter. The enemy was a matter of yards away and were using automatic weapons and small arms, covering the area completely. This voluntary act of Private Lapham was greatly responsible for the prevention of a break through which would have resulted in many casualties and disorganization of position. Home address: Mr. John W. Lapham, (father) 138 West Rustic Lodge, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private LOUIS J. KLINE, (31323610), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Private Kline in the face of fierce Japanese mortar fire assisted in the evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade who had been caught in an unprotected position. A second time, he assisted in the evacuation of another seriously wounded man, this time through a seemingly impassable wall of fire. Private Kline valiantly made a third attempt to evacuate a wounded man and this time fell mortally wounded. This unselfish devotion to duty and courageous performance, far beyond the call of duty, exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Margaret Kline (mother), 126 Pine Street, Lewiston, Maine.

Private HARRY W. MARTIN, JR., (35233577), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Private Martin in the face of fierce Japanese mortar fire assisted in the evacuation of a seriously wounded comrade who had been caught in an unprotected position. A second time, he assisted in the evacuation of another seriously wounded man, this time through a seemingly impassable wall of fire. Private Martin valiantly made a third attempt to evacuate a wounded man and this time fell mortally wounded. This unselfish devotion to duty and courageous performance, far beyond the call of duty, exemplifies the highest traditions of the military service. Next of kin: Mrs. Marie D. Martin (mother), 35 Kirkwood Avenue, Akron, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant ROBERT L. MCGILL, (20935880), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technical Sergeant McGill, acting platoon leader of a heavy weapons platoon was directed to emplace his weapons in defilade with little cover just off an airstrip which was being fiercely contested by the Japanese. Technical Sergeant McGill displayed outstanding courage, professional ability, and sound judgment in the tactical employment of his weapons in a difficult situation. In directing the fire of his two sections, he found it necessary to move about under an intense artillery barrage without the security of cover. Technical Sergeant McGill was further directed to displace his ammunition carriers to fill a gap in the line of defense. As he left a crater to lead his men forward, he was killed by an exploding shell. By his aggressive actions, and valorous leadership, he served as an inspiration and an outstanding example of bravery to the men of his organization. Next of kin: Mrs. Vera McGill (mother), 137 S.E. Elliot Street, Portland, Oregon.

Private WATT B. MATTS, (38429071), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private Matts was a member of a mortar squad which had set up on open terrain, the only position

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accurately directed on the enemy. ion, but remained and worked with thereafter dying. He refused to ng his position, stating he was heroic performance of duty by this raise. Private Watts serves as an in: Mrs. Grace Shelton (mother),

nder the provisions of the act of WD, 1918), a Silver Star decora- 41st Infantry Division, to the

688428), Infantry, United States and on 22 June 1944. First Lieute- ing platoon protecting his flanks through thick undergrowth which evation posts that had not been e with machine guns and rifles promptly organized his men and ership and inspiring his men to afety by constantly moving among y fire. The fearless conduct of ly to the success of his unit. Center Street, Salem, Oregon.

EY, (39165160), Infantry, United ak Island on 18 June 1944. Pri- ing an attack by approximately ion to assist a lone gunner. When eared to take the gun down when n the way. They immediately enemy with their sm. l arms until n again became exhausted, they until all ammunition was expended. ss Eley, knowing he was exposed to netrating to the rear and aided sition. Home address: Mrs. Esther t, Los Angeles, California.

02074), Infantry, United States ew Guinea, on 28 April 1944. Dur- ny, Staff Sergeant Free dashed ion to exchange his rifle for a the enemy from breaking through. fire and joined in the defense of which lasted for approximately t the perimeter assisting riflemen Home address: Mrs. Wiley Free

(01309073), Infantry, United ak Island on 17 June 1944. Infantry company, was ordered to two assaults and each time was asked for artillery and tank vy fire and with complete disre- with the tank and directed its his supporting fire, his company e the desired objective with a Catherine . . . (mother),

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Technician Grade Four HARRY M. SAYKA, (35161910), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mokmer Airstrip, Biak Island, on 28 May 1944. Technician Grade Four Sayka, at great risk to his life, throughout the day exposed himself to intense enemy fire in order to maintain radio communication to the rear. His radio was the only means of contact with the rear, all other communications having failed, and it was necessary for Technician Grade Four Sayka to expose himself on high features of terrain to improve transmission and reception. His courageous actions under fire saved many casualties that day, in that it enabled the dispatch of critical material to the beleaguered battalion as well as water craft to evacuate the wounded. His extreme devotion to duty under fire made possible the relief of the battalion and its successful withdrawal. Home address: Mrs. Catharine Medved (sister), 234 Taft Street, Gary, Indiana.

Staff Sergeant FRANCIS C. WALLACE, (34146234), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 5 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Wallace operated a radio when his battalion was surrounded and attacked by a determined and confident enemy force. The command post was on open ground and was subjected to heavy small arms and heavy weapons fire. Staff Sergeant Wallace with no regard for his safety, stayed by his radio and continued to operate it in order to keep contact with friendly troops. He was responsible for maintaining contact with adjoining units, at all times, being exposed to all types of fire. He stayed at his post until seriously wounded by a mortar fragment. The courage and outstanding performance of duty of Staff Sergeant Wallace during this action were a substantial contribution to the successful outcome of the battle. Home address: Mr. Guy Wallace (father), Abbot and Estes Roads, Nashville, Tennessee.

Major HUBERT E. WRIGHT, JR., (0283975), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. When artillery fire was requested by an Infantry regiment withdrawing from an untenable position, Major Wright immediately went forward to reconnoiter the position of forward elements. Although ground fighting was intense in all sectors he made a thorough study of the terrain and returned to direct supporting and covering fire for the Infantry. The data he gathered proved invaluable to the success of the withdrawal, since communication with forward elements went out shortly thereafter. By his courage and aggressiveness in making the reconnaissance under fire, Major Wright contributed greatly to an extremely successful action. Home address: Mrs. H. E. Wright Jr. (wife), 4829 Camblish Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee.

III. AWARD OF THE OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Sergeant MILAN W. PEEL, (35161681), by the Commanding General, USAFFE, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 37, 12 May 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1916). The citation is as follows:

Sergeant MILAN W. PEEL, (35161681), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 21 June 1944. In an endeavor to exterminate the enemy from coral caves, a company commander asked for flame throwers and men to operate them. The Regimental Commander sent two men, one of whom was Sergeant Peel. When he arrived at the battalion observation post, he moved forward to the edge of a depression to locate the best spot for the use of his weapon. To get there, he had to crawl on his stomach through heavy fire, with grenades landing in his immediate vicinity. On locating a good position, he returned to the observation post, stood up and put the flame thrower on his back. He then crawled forward to the position previously reconnoitered, under the same heavy fire, and threw the flames into the mouth of the cavern. His action effectively silenced the enemy. Sergeant Peel's absolute disregard of personal safety in the face of heavy fire with highly combustible liquid on his back is an inspiration to all who witnessed the action. Home address: Mrs. G. A. Woodward (aunt), 1774 South Buckeye Street, Kokomo, Indiana.

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IV. AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Major PAUL G. HOLLISTER, (0271309), by the Commanding General, USAFFE, as published on page 2, Section III, General Orders No. 41, 25 July 1943, a second Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, W., 1918). The citation is as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel PAUL G. HOLLISTER, (0271309), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Hollister, commander of an Infantry battalion, performed in a most outstanding manner in an exceedingly difficult situation. When his battalion was cut off from the remainder of the regiment, it was subjected to intense enemy fire and was threatened with an appalling loss of life unless it could withdraw. Disregarding the danger to himself and interested only in the successful withdrawal of his organization, he moved around rapidly amidst flying shrapnel, personally directing the operation. He was often on the front line, inspiring the beleaguered soldiers by his presence. His well-founded tactical knowledge, and brilliant leadership was responsible for the extrication of his command from an untenable position with comparatively few losses, while exacting a heavy toll of Japanese lives. Home address: Mrs. Paul G. Hollister (Wife), 5017 North Walnut Street, Spokane, Washington.

V. 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, W., 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Staff Sergeant HARLEN BARNARD, (36332005), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Barnard was a member of the crew of an LCV on an extremely important and dangerous mission to carry supplies to troops during the night. Although enemy fire had been intense all day, Staff Sergeant Barnard went ashore with the crew where the craft was beached on a coral reef about two hundred yards wide. His boat was held on the beach for thirty minutes in an attempt to discharge the supplies. Throughout this time, Staff Sergeant Barnard displayed great courage and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Harriet Barnard (mother), Shreve, Ohio.

Technician Grade Four WILFRED J. BUTLER, (31116419), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Under intense enemy fire, Technician Grade Four Butler, coxswain, and members of the crew of an LCM, landed tanks in daylight to relieve beleaguered troops. Technician Grade Four Butler and crew succeeded in retracting their damaged craft with the ramp down and returning it safely to its base. Home address: Mrs. Rose J. Butler (mother), 9 South Woodbine Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Technician Grade Five HARRY A. CARTWRIGHT, (11065022), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Cartwright was a radio operator and signaller on the navigation boat of a small boat mission landing tanks at Molmer Airbase. While the navigation boat stood off shore to draw enemy fire from the LCM's landing the tanks, he maintained communications and at the same time, manned a machine gun to assist in covering the landing. His courage and devotion to duty over a period of thirty-six hours aided materially in the successful completion of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Mildred S. Cartwright (mother), 29 Wainwright Road, Stamford, Connecticut.

Technician Grade Four RALPH E. CHAMBERS, (3134156), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Four Chambers was coxswain of an LCV on an extremely important

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and dangerous mission to carry supplies to troops during the night. Although enemy fire had been intense all day, Technician Grade Four Chambers took his boat ashore and beached it on a coral reef about two hundred yards wide. His boat was held on the beach for thirty minutes in an attempt to discharge his cargo. Throughout this time, Technician Grade Four Chambers displayed great courage and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Martha Chambers (mother), 65 W. Main Street, Pennsville, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant JOHN H. CHISHOLM, (20936085), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 3 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Joanna L. Chisholm (mother), 581 Franklin Avenue, Astoria, Oregon.

Master Sergeant JACK B. HALL, (20939864), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lucille Hall (mother), 4912 South 63rd Street, Portland, Oregon.

First Lieutenant LESTER E. HANSEN, (0450240), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. First Lieutenant Hansen, after ordering his company to withdraw from their positions during a mortar barrage, stayed in a forward area with two other men, and directed fire until direct hits were made on an enemy strongpoint. Knowing at the time that the mortars had not registered, he warned his men about short rounds, and, although the fire was soon corrected, several rounds landed between his position and the company. His voluntary performance of this extremely dangerous task was an outstanding example of personal courage. Home address: Mrs. Bang Hansen (mother), c/o Julius Beck, Alderwood Manor, Washington.

Technical Sergeant BARRIE M. JAMES, (20939922), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 23 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Louise M. James (wife), 1020 Brunnel Street, Evanston, Illinois.

Private RODNEY KEY, (38926432), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 13 June 1944. While accompanying a litter party, Private Key volunteered to run across a clearing before the squad ventured forward to find out if it was covered by fire. When he had run half way across the clearing, he was fired on by the enemy, forcing him to take cover in a shallow depression. The litter squad then took another route of evacuation with the casualty and subsequently became pinned down by fire. Private Key was able to work his way out of his predicament and get aid to the squad. His courageous performance was instrumental in saving the squad and casualty from exposure to severe fire. Home address: Mrs. Louella Fowler (mother), 1302 W. Main Street, Henryetta, Oklahoma.

Technician Grade Four SAM MARINKOVICH, (38600817), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 8 June to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sam Marinkovich (wife), 101 North Maple, Anacorda, Montana.

Technician Grade Three GEORGE W. MILLER, (38376121), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. While assisting a medical officer to treat a severely wounded soldier during an enemy mortar barrage, Technician Grade Three Miller received severe skin lacerations exposing the muscles of his right arm. He concealed the wound from his comrades and continued to assist in handling the casualties. He helped evacuate a seriously wounded man, carrying him a distance of three hundred yards through a field of machine gun fire, thus saving his life. Home address: Mrs. Joe Miller (mother), Route 2, Ellensburg, Washington.

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First Lieutenant EDWARD C. NEWMAN, (0349912), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Birk Island on 11 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lena May Newman (wife), 1444 "B" Street, Hayward, California.

Technician Grade Four JOHN NOLAN, (32321895), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Drums, Birk Island, on 7 June 1944. As coxswain of a small craft acting as navigator for a group of boats landing tanks to support Infantry troops, Technician Grade Four Nolan displayed outstanding skill and courage. He accomplished the landing under intense fire, at all times remaining cool and collected. Later two more landings were made under the same conditions which Technician Grade Four Nolan again carried out with dispatch. Home address: Miss Katherine McNicholas (sister-in-law), 1662 E. 34th Street, Brooklyn, New York.

Private LESTER R. NORMAN, (36301350), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Ebon, New Guinea, on 27 May 1944. Private Norman was on duty as relief radio operator when at about 2030 hours a Japanese patrol of approximately 13 men charged into the regimental command post area. Though in the face of grave danger, he exposed himself and rapidly fired at the Japanese coming toward him. His accurate fire killed one Japanese and caused the others in the patrol to flee. Private Norman by this action assisted in breaking up this suicidal attempt to destroy regimental telephone installations and disrupt communications within the command post. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Norman (mother), 3655 W. Palmer Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal MELVIN L. REX, (35291933), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Birk Island on 6 June 1944. Corporal Rex successfully led a litter squad under fire during its evacuation of casualties. He led his squad up to the limit of the Infantry's advance to reach a casualty. He directed the evacuation under fire that was so heavy, the squad was forced to crawl approximately fifty yards. One of the bearers was wounded. In the meantime, the Infantry had moved back and had ordered mortar fire into the area. Grasping the situation, Corporal Rex brought out the wounded litter bearer alone and requested an Infantry officer to hold fire until the litter squad could be brought to safety. His courage and valorous actions were responsible for the survival of the litter squad and the wounded man. Home address: Mrs. M. E. Rex (mother), 611 E. High Street, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Technical Sergeant GERALD A. RYAN, (37035207), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Anna T. Ryan (mother), 508 West Sixth Street, North Platte, Nebraska.

Technician Grade Five DONALD K. SAVAGE, (32231695), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Birk Island on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Savage was a member of the crew of an LCV on an extremely important and dangerous mission to carry supplies to troops during the night. Although enemy fire had been intense all day, Technician Grade Five Savage went ashore with the crew, where the craft was beached on a coral reef about two hundred yards wide. His boat was held on the beach for thirty minutes in an attempt to discharge his cargo. Throughout this time, Technician Grade Five Savage displayed great courage and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Leonie Savage (mother), Sheepshead Bay, New York.

Private First Class VICTOR SCHEIDT, (37094060), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Birk Island on 25 May 1944. During an enemy attack on the sector of a perimeter defended by his squad, Private First Class Scheidt

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displayed outstanding leadership and courage. He placed his three man team and employed a Browning automatic rifle in such a manner as to place effective fire on the enemy who were threatening the position. His actions were responsible for the repulse of the enemy who were trying to gain access to the trail and forced them to take another avenue of withdrawal. Home address: Mrs. Eva Schmidt (mother), Flasher, North Dakota.

Technician Grade Five GEORGE L. SHELTON, (35362462), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Frances E. Shelton (mother), 617--17th Street, Logansport, Indiana.

Private First Class ERNEST A. SOLDATI, (39125613), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bosnek Village, Biak Island, on 16 June 1944. Private First Class Soldati when driving along a road through enemy patrolled territory, came upon an ambush that had been executed by the enemy but a short time before. He dismounted to determine if any of the casualties were yet alive, and found one man living. This soldier warned Private First Class Soldati to leave as the enemy was still in the area. Despite this warning, he insisted in moving the wounded man to his vehicle and taking him to the clearing station. Private First Class Soldati displayed a great deal of courage on this occasion. Home address: Mr. Ernest N. Soldati (father), 4819 Clarke Street, Oakland, California.

First Lieutenant ROBLEY H. STEWART, (0914218), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island on 7 June 1944. First Lieutenant Stewart was in command of two LCV's on an extremely important and dangerous mission to carry supplies to troops during the night. Although enemy fire was intense all day, First Lieutenant Stewart went ashore with the crew, whose craft was beached on a coral reef about two hundred yards wide. He was held on the beach for thirty minutes in an attempt to discharge his cargo. Throughout this time, First Lieutenant Stewart displayed great courage and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Theodosia L. Stewart (wife), 1750 S.W. 18th Avenue, Miami, Florida.

Private ROBERT G. VAN CAMPEN, (37019855), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sarah A. Van Campen (mother), 220 11th Avenue SE, Rochester, Minnesota.

Private GARLTON D. WHEALTON, (32275581), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private Whealton was a member of the crew of an LCV on an extremely important and dangerous mission to carry supplies to troops during the night. Although enemy fire had been intense all day, Private Whealton went ashore with the crew, whose craft was beached on a coral reef about two hundred yards wide. His boat was held on the beach for thirty minutes in an attempt to discharge his cargo. Throughout this time, Private Whealton displayed great courage and devotion to duty. Home address: Mrs. Jean Whealton (wife), 10 Markham Drive W, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York.

Technician Grade Five ROY T. WINKLER, (6873481), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 5 June 1944. During an attack, Technician Grade Five Winkler rendered assistance to wounded men while exposed to fire on open terrain. Shell fragments damaged two tires on the ambulance he was driving, necessitating repair if the casualties were to be evacuated to a hospital for early medical attention. With the assistance of his first sergeant, he changed the tires while under heavy fire and they proceeded to evacuate the casualties. Home address: Mr. Wilbur C. Winkler (father), Roswell, Georgia.

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VI. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private CLAYTON H. BOWDEN, (34715711), Transportation Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. Home address: Mr. Howard Bowden (father), 5 Scruggs Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

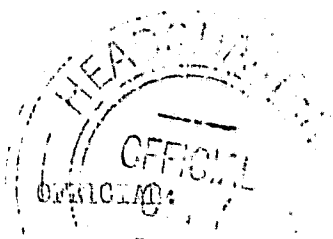
Private LAWRENCE M. DAVIS, (33743648), Transportation Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lallah Davis (mother), 162-11th Street, S.E., Washington, D. C.

Private STANLEY WEIDMAN, (32897624), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ann Friedman (wife), 1562 Unionport Road, New York City, New York.

Private CAIROL E. MONDAY, (37512742), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Biak Island on 26 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Lee Monday (wife), 2241 N. Spruce Street, Sikeston, Missouri.

Private First Class DOMENICO J. VISCOBI, (32445095), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Jenny Viscusi (mother), 30 Rue Charles Street, Amsterdam, New York.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:



ERNEST S. HARR,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

RENEBER S. SHERBY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1916 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1916), a Silver Star Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Technician Grade Five DONALD H. McNEIL, (20931662), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. In the late afternoon of this date, Technician Grade Five McNeil, the attached medical aid man of an Infantry platoon, was following a squad of riflemen who were protecting the advance of a tank. The enemy sighted the tank and covered it with a mortar barrage, wounding several riflemen. He immediately moved into the impact area and rendered first aid and directed the evacuation. In one case, under intense enemy fire, he gave morphine and first aid to a particularly severely wounded man and helped carry him out of the danger area. Technician Grade Five McNeil was later seriously wounded in action while performing his duties in the same inspiring manner. Home address: Mrs. Earl McNeil (mother), 4627 South East 88th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Technician Grade Five ELDO E. SUTTON, (37223551), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bosnek, Biak Island on 31 May 1944. During an enemy air attack Technician Grade Five Sutton, acting in the capacity of chief of section of a searchlight crew, took over operation of the control station. With no radar data to guide him, he heard the approach of an enemy twin engine bomber flying low and directly toward his position. He was able to illuminate the enemy plane on an initial pick up and although the enemy plane was flying at an approximate altitude of 50 feet and strafing the area within 20 feet of his position, he maintained the illumination, disregarding the immediate danger of his own life. The enemy plane crashed in flames to the rear of the searchlight position, apparently blinded by Technician Grade Five Sutton's proficient illumination. Home address: Mrs. Paula Bracker Sutton (mother), Route 3, Appleton City, 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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class STANLEY R. ARCHACKI, (35319476), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. Private First Class Archacki, a member of an engineer work party, voluntarily joined a group of officers and men to attack enemy positions which were preventing further construction of the road. He supplied riflemen with grenades in full view of the enemy and repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to gain positions to cover the advance. He assisted in the recovery of the body of an American officer and joined in the ensuing offensive which resulted in the death of 50 Japanese and capture of valuable documents. Home address: Mrs. Veronica Archacki (mother), 3619 E. 76th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Private First Class THOMAS H. CONWAY, (12059804), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private First Class Conway and the members of his crew in an LCM, landed tanks to relieve beleaguered troops under intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Although his craft provided an excellent target for enemy fire he persisted in his mission, firing his machine gun when the enemy could be observed, until the tank was successfully landed. Private First Class Conway discharged his duties under fire in a most exemplary manner. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Conway (mother), 3111 Schley Avenue, New York, New York.

Second Lieutenant FRANCIS A. D'ONOFRIO, (01104620), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Second Lieutenant D'Onofrio commanded boats landing tanks on an exposed coral reef under intense enemy fire. He personally manned a machine gun to cover the unloading of tanks, and although two of his boats were badly hit and damaged, he succeeded in retracting them from the beach and returned them to their base. Second Lieutenant D'Onofrio's leadership and technical ability were outstanding on this occasion. Home address: Mrs. Katherine D. D'Onofrio (wife), 107 Beach Street, Yonkers, New York.

Private PAUL J. DOYLE, (33697822), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 13 June 1944. When a company was cut off from the main body of the regiment and was badly in need of medical supplies, Private Doyle volunteered to get them from the battalion aid station. In order to accomplish his mission it was necessary that he traverse over three hundred yards of open terrain under enemy machine gun and mortar fire. Private Doyle secured the supplies and returned with them in time for their effective use in the treatment of many casualties. Home address: Mrs. Mary Doyle (mother), 841 Midland Avenue, Midland, Pennsylvania.

Technician Grade Five (then Private First Class) LESLIE E. FREEMAN, (39165101), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Technician Grade Five Freeman was advancing with his battalion when it came under heavy fire wounding and killing a number of men. The unit was forced to move forward several hundred yards leaving its wounded and dead. Technician Grade Five Freeman volunteered to help bring the wounded to a place where they could receive medical attention. He worked his way to a wounded man nearest the enemy and assisted in removing him to safety, and also checked identification tags of the dead. Technician Grade Five Freeman's courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men of his unit. Home address: Mrs. Bertha Freeman (mother), 1127 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California.

Staff Sergeant REUBEN FRIEZ, (39078873), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 May to 26 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Anton Friez (father), McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Technician Grade Four LOUIS J. GAGLIARDO, (32278664), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Four Gagliardo performed his duties as coxswain of a landing craft in a superior manner while landing tanks being brought in support of Infantry troops. Although the landing beach was swept with enemy fire he remained at his post until the landing was successfully made. Technician Grade Four Gagliardo's coolness and efficiency under fire contributed to the success of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Mary Gagliardo (mother), 510 Jackson Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

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Technician Grade Five JOSEPH O. GODBOUT, (31118496), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Drone, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Godbout demonstrated outstanding skill and courage in assisting in salvaging damaged landing craft. During the rescue operations his craft was swept by enemy fire, but he remained at his machine gun, firing on enemy shore positions. Technician Grade Five Godbout played an important part in the success of this mission. Home address: Mrs. Odellie Godbout (mother), 873 Broad Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

Technical Sergeant THEODORE I. GRAVES, (20933367), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Technical Sergeant Graves was advancing with his battalion when the enemy split their column by heavy fire, forcing part of the unit to move forward leaving behind its wounded and dead. Technical Sergeant Graves quickly volunteered to return with a litter squad and help in removing the wounded to safety. He worked his way under heavy fire to a position where he could help in protecting the litter bearers and attract sniper fire toward himself, thereby aiding in the safe removal of the wounded. Due to the valuable aid given the litter bearers by Technical Sergeant Graves, all wounded were removed safely and received prompt medical attention. Home address: Mrs. Lily May Graves (wife), 1836 Esplanade Avenue, Chico, California.

Private First Class ARTHUR J. HELM, (39525206), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. When Private First Class Helm's unit was ordered to withdraw from Mokmer Airdrome during the early stages of the battle for its possession, it was necessary for troops to cross a seventy five yard length of beach under intense enemy fire. While crossing this area, Private First Class Helm, together with his platoon sergeant, stopped to aid a member of this platoon who was so badly wounded he could go no further. He assisted in carrying him through a hail of lead and shell fragments to safety beyond the clearing. This deed resulted in saving the life of the wounded man and encouraged hesitant members of the platoon to cross the danger area. Home address: Mrs. A. M. Bastow (mother), Nevada, Missouri.

Staff Sergeant JAMES A. HIGHT, (33090627), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Hight was advancing with his battalion when it came under an accurate concentration of mortar fire which wounded and killed a number of men. The unit was forced to move forward several hundred yards leaving its wounded and dead. Staff Sergeant Hight volunteered to help bring the wounded to a place where they could receive medical attention. He worked his way to a wounded man nearest the enemy and assisted in removing him to safety and checked identification tags of the dead. Staff Sergeant Hight's courage and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the men of his unit. Home address: Mr. J. Henry Hight (father), Roseland, Virginia.

Technician Grade Five ARNOLD C. HINRICHS, (39227788), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 7 June to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. John P. Hinrichs (mother), Box 235, Glenvil, Nebraska.

Technician Grade Five JEROME J. HOLUB, (38034356), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toem, New Guinea, on 27 May 1944. Technician Grade Five Holub, a radio operator, was on duty as radio installation guard at the Regimental command post when a Japanese patrol of some fifty men made a bayonet attack under cover of darkness. At the time of this attack, Technician Grade Five Holub was lying on the ground a few feet from the radio dugout. Through the darkness he saw the forms of three men. It was too dark to distinguish friend from enemy, so to avoid the possibility of shooting a fellow soldier, he boldly challenged three times. Receiving no answer, he fired at the figures from a prone position, killing one and causing the others to flee. Technician Grade Five Holub's alertness and bold action in the face of grave danger,

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materially contributed to the rout of this force and safeguarded the Regiment's radio communications. Home address: Mrs. Joe F. Holub (mother), Route 3, Box 86, Schulenburg, Texas.

Private JAMES C. HOWELL, (39227803), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 7 June to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Verda Howell (mother), Cash, Nebraska.

Private First Class KAYLOND L. HUMMEL, (37663997), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Private First Class Hummel, gunner on a landing craft, participated in a reconnaissance of a coral reef in daylight under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. His boat later led LCM's loaded with tanks to the landing spot. Private First Class Hummel effectively manned a machine gun covering the landing of LCM's and protecting his boat. After dark his boat again returned to the beach leading LVT's with supplies for our beleaguered troops holding the drome. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy Hummel (wife), Route #2, Clarksville, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant ROY J. JERKE, (20934867), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Jerke, commanding a mortar section, during the battle for Mokmer Drome, was located in an exposed area upon which the enemy was firing with mountain artillery and 20 mm guns. His section was given the mission of returning the fire with 60 mm mortars. He personally located and correctly placed the mortars and directed effective harrassing fire on the enemy. He went forward to observe the results of his fire and with complete disregard for his safety, maintained observation while controlling his section of mortars. Home address: Mrs. Grace Jerke (mother), 1119 North 6th Street, Santa Monica, California.

First Sergeant HAROLD A. JOHNSON, (20936017), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 17 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Mary A. Johnson (mother), 581 Franklin Avenue, Astoria, Oregon.

Technician Grade Five HENRY JOHNSON, (39677469), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Henry Johnson (wife), Box 113, Wagoner, South Carolina.

Technician Grade Four CLARENCE O. JORGENSEN, (39376710), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. The organization to which Technician Grade Four Jorgenson was attached as medical aid man, was ordered to divert an attack from another unit and evacuate several casualties. The wounded were located in a fire lane commanded by the enemy. Technician Grade Four Jorgenson tended the wounded while enemy fire was sweeping the area. His quick and expert aid saved the lives of all the wounded and his daring contributed greatly to the confidence of the hard pressed unit. Home address: Mrs. Helma Jorgenson (mother), Kathryn, North Dakota.

Private EDWARD G. KARNATZ, (36613877), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. Private Karnatz accompanied an officer on a reconnaissance for the site of a jetty. At a point near the proposed site, four enemy soldiers were entrenched. Private Karnatz at once attacked, killing two with grenades and pinning down the others until additional troops arrived. Private Karnatz then joined in a concerted attack in which the remaining enemy were killed. Home address: Mrs. Dora Karnatz (mother), 5569 Lansing Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class GERALD L. KLING, (37159276), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military opera-

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tions against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private First Class Kling was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach through territory in which the enemy were still active. Though he was constantly exposed to fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private First Class Kling and his comrades, a great many lives were saved. Home address: Mrs. William Kling (mother), Pine Island, Minnesota.

Private First Class ROBERT L. KNECHT, (33491073), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operation against the enemy at Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Private First Class Knecht and the members of his crew on an LCM, landed tanks in daylight to relieve beleaguered troops. Private First Class Knecht and crew succeeded in retracting their damaged craft with the ramp down and returning it safely to its base. Home address: Mrs. Irene M. Knecht (mother), 2 East Emmans Avenue, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Staff Sergeant LOUIS KOSZTICS, (20931358), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. When telephonic communications between the battalion and the regimental command post were disrupted by enemy action, Staff Sergeant Kosztics with an assistant, secured a reel of wire and reestablished communications. In spite of the fact that a distance of about two hundred yards of the route to be traversed was under observation by the enemy and that it would be necessary to expose himself to their fire, he unhesitatingly executed his mission. Staff Sergeant Kosztics contributed a great deal to the success of his unit in this action. Home address: Mrs. Rose S. Kosztics (mother), 5333 North Denver Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Private JOSEPH W. LOREK, (35319592), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. A company of an engineer boat and shore regiment was assigned to build dump roads on the beachhead. When this work was held up by enemy positions in two caves, Private Lorek voluntarily joined officers and men of his company in an advance on the caves. During the ensuing action, Private Lorek received painful wounds but held his position until ordered to leave by his commanding officer. Home address: Mrs. Sophia Lorek (mother), 6513 Rogers Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Corporal JOHN P. MARTIN, (39156805), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. Corporal Martin joined officers and men of his company to clear enemy resistance from some caves. In spite of enemy fire he assisted in the neutralizing of one cave and joined in an attack on the other. This action resulted in the death of more than fifty Japanese and recovery of the body of a dead American officer. Corporal Martin displayed noteworthy initiative and courage on this occasion. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Martin (mother), 826 West 50th Street, Los Angeles, California.

First Lieutenant HARRY G. RIGG, (0688354), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Honora A. Rigg (wife), CPO, Trafalgar, Victoria, Australia.

Technician Grade Five ALBERT C. SHIMEL, SR., (35581255), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Shimel, as engineer and gunner on an LCM, assisted in landing a Sherman tank on a coral reef where it was able to support Infantry troops. Although his boat was crippled by intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, he retracted from the beach and saved the boat. Technician Grade Five Shimel demonstrated outstanding courage throughout this action. Home address: Mrs. Grace Herrold (mother) 911 Beville Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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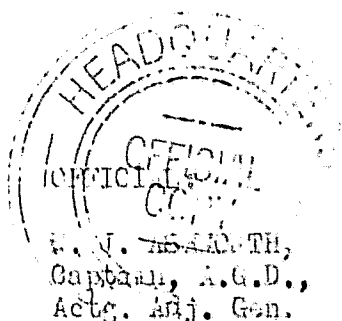
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Corporal CHARLIE SMITH, (34333849), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. A company of an engineer boat and shore regiment was assigned the task of constructing dump roads and were held up by enemy fire from caves near the area. Corporal Smith volunteered as a member of a group to attack these caves. Under intense enemy fire he participated in an attack which resulted in the death of more than fifty Japanese, the recovery of the body of an American officer, and discovery of valuable enemy records. Corporal Smith's actions on this occasion are extremely praiseworthy. Home address: Mrs. Jewell Smith (mother), Route #1, Jasper, Alabama.

Private MARTIN L. STEWART, (35112933), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Drome, Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private Stewart as a member of the crew of an LCM, was assigned the mission of landing tanks on the coral reef near Mokmer Drome. As the craft approached the reef and beached, it was subjected to intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire. The craft received several shrapnel bursts and one direct hit amidships on the starboard side which damaged the ramp cables making it impossible to raise the ramp. Private Stewart performed his duties with outstanding skill and courage and assisted greatly in accomplishing this mission in spite of strong enemy resistance. Home address: Mr. Pallace Stewart (father), Route 5, Madisonville, Kentucky.

Technician Grade Five JOHN SVAGERKO, (35302776), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Svagerko was engineer and gunner of the lead boat of a mission landing to reinforce beleaguered Infantry troops. Under intense enemy fire his boat approached the reef, first to reconnoiter for a landing spot, then to bring in the loaded boats, and a third time to lead in LVT's carrying vital supplies. Technician Grade Five Svagerko performed his duties with outstanding skill and courage and assisted in accomplishing this mission in spite of strong enemy resistance. Home address: Mr. George Svagerko (father), 2263 East 50th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

By command of Brigadier General. DOB:



KENNETH S. SWBANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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GENERAL 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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant BYRON A. BRIM, (C1291572), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. While constructing dump roads and operating a bulldozer on a beachhead, First Lieutenant Brim was directed to stop further operations due to enemy resistance on a nearby coral ridge. A volunteer party of men was organized to neutralize the enemy so construction of the road would not be delayed. First Lieutenant Brim quickly joined the party and assisted in directing the fire of rifle grenades from exposed positions into the various caves, while at the same time he assisted in the killing of two Japanese and the wounding of a third. In one instance at the risk of his life, he rendered first aid to a seriously wounded soldier and later assisted in his evacuation. Through his gallant actions and outstanding leadership, First Lieutenant Brim was highly instrumental in the early completion of the road. Home address: Mrs. Vivian Brim (wife), Hudson, Kansas.

Captain DON D. DeFORD, (O250178), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. When construction of a road was halted due to intense enemy fire from two caves, Captain DeFord immediately organized and led a party of his men in an attack against the enemy positions. He was continually in front of the attacking force in order to disperse his men properly and afford them protection while locating suitable positions from which grenades could be directed into the caves. When attacked by three Japanese within ten feet from one cave, Captain DeFord, with his men, killed two of the enemy and wounded a third. He then directed an attack on the other cave which resulted in the seizure of valuable documents and records and accounted for fifty-four Japanese dead. Captain DeFord demonstrated outstanding leadership and aggressiveness on this occasion. Home address: Mrs. Helena M. DeFord (wife), Elwood, Nebraska.

Staff Sergeant RALPH W. PALMER (20931486), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Palmer exposed himself to intense enemy machine gun and sniper fire in order to cover the withdrawal of his squad, which was pinned to the ground, and to determine the exact disposition and the approximate strength and fire power of the enemy who were then holding up the advance of an Infantry anti-tank company. Although wounded, he remained in position, firing as rapidly as possible to draw the enemy fire away from his squad and to cover its withdrawal. The inspiring actions of Staff Sergeant Palmer won the admiration and respect of all who witnessed this deed. Home address: Mrs. Wesley W. Palmer (mother) 402 Lewis Street, Silverton, Oregon.

Chaplain (Captain) REED G. PROBST, (O318875), Corps of Chaplains, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. With severe enemy artillery fire bursting all around him, Chaplain Probst stood in the open without protection and calmly conducted, in a normal manner, funeral services for soldiers killed in action. While the area around

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the beachhead was smothered with fire, Chaplain Probst moved about without regard for his safety giving aid and assistance to the wounded. Throughout the battle he never stopped his work among the dead and wounded except when there were none to care for. This inspiring display of courage won for him the admiration and respect of the officers and enlisted men of the Regiment in which he serves. Home address: Mrs. Cleopha R. Probst (wife), Box 117, Malad, Idaho.

Corporal OSCAR A. SCHELLER, (38076374), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Corporal Scheller's duties were those of an instrument corporal in a mortar platoon of an Infantry unit. His platoon, on occupying a point along an enemy held air strip, came under severe fire, forcing every man to drop what he was carrying and take cover. The platoon commander ordered the mortars into action. The ammunition however, was scattered about in the open where it had been dropped by the carriers when they took cover. Corporal Scheller under a hail of fire gathered the ammunition and distributed it to the weapons thus enabling the gunners to carry out their orders. His bravery under fire enabled the successful defense of the position. Home address: Mr. Oscar C. Scheller (father), 85-25, 151st Street, Jamaica, New York.

First Sergeant JOSEPH STASIOWSKI, (39003249), Medic 1 Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 5 June 1944. In the late afternoon of this date the hospital unit of which First Sergeant Stasiowski was a member was bivouaced in the rear of an Infantry regiment operating in the vicinity of Mokmer Drome. An enemy patrol attacked the hospital area with small arms and occasional artillery shelling. First Sergeant Stasiowski remained exposed to enemy fire and cared for the wounded while others were seeking shelter. Upon completing his task of aiding the wounded and while still exposed to enemy fire, he assisted an ambulance driver in changing two tires damaged by artillery shrapnel so that patients could be evacuated rapidly from the danger area. Home address: Mrs. Victoria Stasiowski (mother), 2565 Greenwood Street, San Francisco, California.

Private First Class ROBERT D. TEELA, (20930945), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Aitape, New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During a landing, three Japanese were observed swimming about 300 yards off shore. It was requested they be taken prisoners if possible to obtain information about the islands. There was no boat available so Private First Class Teela ripped off his clothing with the exception of a web belt and a knife and swam out to them. None of the Japanese payed any attention to his gestures and talking in trying to get them to surrender. He then attacked, striking one of them with his knife, until another turned on him with a grenade. He then dove beneath the surface and though nearly exhausted he managed to swim ashore and report the condition of the enemy. Private First Class Teela demonstrated outstanding courage in attacking a superior number of enemy though inadequately armed. Home address: Mr. Fred W. Teela (father), 443 First Avenue, Havre, Montana.

Second Lieutenant LELAND S. WINETROUB, (1513953), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Parai Beach, Biak Island on 12 June 1944. The platoon of which Second Lieutenant Winetroub was in command, was changing gun positions. The route of travel in changing positions was exposed to fire from the enemy. During the process, an enemy mortar made a direct hit on a prime mover upsetting a gun being towed behind and the platoon moved on leaving the gun to be recovered later. Knowing the hazard involved, he and one of his men returned to salvage the equipment and keep it from falling into the hands of the enemy. When within about fifty yards from the gun, the enemy opened with machine guns forcing them to take cover. Then in the face of enemy fire, when his assistant had been forced to leave the vehicle after starting it, he climbed into the driver's seat and attempted to drive it from the area. He was forced to abandon the vehicle when it started burning and the ammunition it carried began exploding. The courage and devotion to duty of Second

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Lieutenant Winotroub are worthy of the highest praise. Home address: Mrs. A. S. Winotroub (mother), 230 Ottawa Street, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Private First Class MAURICE D. WINSLOW, (37476562), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 19 June 1944. The Company to which Private First Class Winslow was attached as a medical aid man, was maintaining a defensive position on a barren ridge north of Mokmer air strip. The position was attacked by a large enemy force in the early morning hours of this date. During the attack, Private First Class Winslow heard a call for an aid man. He immediately went forward although exposed to heavy fire and, as it was dark, he could only locate the wounded man by calling to him. Locating the wounded man in this manner, he brought him back about fifty yards to a defiladed area where he made him comfortable. He repeated this procedure until he had brought three wounded men to safety. These deeds of bravery and heroism not only saved the lives of three soldiers but made it possible for our own forces to fire into the area and break the enemy attack. Home address: Mrs. Ruth Winslow (mother), 108-32nd Street, Kearney, Nebraska.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER (SILVER STAR).

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Technician Grade Five WILLIAM MATLIN, (19080297), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 35, dated 12 November 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Technician Grade Five WILLIAM MATLIN, (19080297), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Matlin rendered invaluable service in establishing wire communications between a battalion command post and a strategically located Infantry company whose radio had been destroyed by enemy action. In the process of running one wire from the command post to the Infantry company, he came under a fierce barrage of enemy mortar fire but he unhesitatingly executed his mission. His courageous action and outstanding devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of his battalion for the day. Home address: Mr. Charles Matlin (father), 4233 Lexington Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to First Lieutenant JOSEPH D. MITCHELL, (024286), by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, as published on page 1, Section II, General Orders No. 14, dated 13 March 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bull. 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

First Lieutenant JOSEPH D. MITCHELL, (024286), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 17 June 1944. First Lieutenant Mitchell directed an assault on Japanese positions through rough coral terrain in the face of almost perfect enemy observation and fierce resistance. He energetically led the advance of two platoons, directed the fire of supporting tanks, and supervised the evacuation of wounded. To accomplish this it was necessary that he move around quickly without cover. The courageous action and brilliant leadership of First Lieutenant Mitchell resulted in complete route of the enemy and taking of important high ground. Home address: Dr. George W. Mitchell (father), 4202 Greenway, Baltimore, Maryland.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive

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Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class WILLIAM M. ALLISON, (34010564), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Bosnek Village, Biak Island, on 30 May 1944. Private First Class Allison, during his Company's advance, moved forward of his unit to observe enemy positions. He attained an excellent position on a ridge that had been cleared by the enemy as a fire lane, and saw a party of twelve enemy maneuvering for a position where they could have effectively held up the advance of his Company. By excellent marksmanship he quickly killed four of them and made it impossible for the balance to take the position they desired. The courage and aggressiveness of Private First Class Allison contributed a great deal to the success of his Company. Home address: Mrs. Freddie Allison (mother), Route 2, Piedmont, South Carolina.

Private MICHAEL BELENKY, (36128712), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Toon, New Guinea on 27 May 1944. Private Belenky, a switch board operator, was on duty as a relief operator in a dugout on the night of this date. At about 2030 hours, with visibility so poor that one could see only a short distance, a Japanese patrol of approximately thirteen men came charging through the Regimental area with fixed bayonets. Private Belenky in the face of grave danger, exposed himself in his position and with a display of calm and quick thinking, rapidly fired at the speeding figures of the Japanese coming toward him. His accurate firing killed one Japanese and caused the others in the patrol to flee. Private Belenky broke up the suicidal attempt of the enemy to destroy Regimental telephone installations and disrupt communications within the Command Post. Home address: Mrs. Boris Belenky (mother), 3952 Greenfield Road, Berrley, Michigan.

Private First Class WILLIAM J. BISHOW, (32168122), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Biak Island on 8 June 1944. When telephonic communications between the battalion and regimental command post were disrupted by enemy action, Private First Class Bishow, with his assistant, secured a reel of wire and re-established communications. In spite of the fact that a distance of about two hundred yards of the route to be traversed was over open terrain under observation by the enemy and that it would be necessary to go through a barrage of mortar and sniper fire, he unhesitatingly executed this mission. Private First Class Bishow contributed a great deal to the success of his unit for that day. Home address: Mrs. Vera L. Bishow (mother), 76 Clerk Street, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant EDWARD W. BUNCH, (39153006), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island from 27 May to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ethel Bunch (mother), Lebanon, Missouri.

Captain BILL K. CHAPMAN, (0412750), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 1 June to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. William K. Chapman (wife), 1939 E. 17th Street, Eugene, Oregon.

Private First Class HEROLD R. CLARK, (37084945), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 28 May to 26 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Emma Nation (mother), Chaffee, Missouri.

Technician Grade Five KENNETH D. CUMMINGS, (39102673), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Annetta J. Cummings (wife), 3715 Foothill Block, Oakland, California.

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Technician Grade Five ELMER L. LILLEGARD, (39312513), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. When work on an important road project was interrupted by enemy activity, Technician Grade Five Lillegard unhesitatingly exposed himself to enemy fire to secure a position from which he could cover the advance of attacking troops by fire upon the cave entrances. He acted as scout and messenger for the road reconnaissance group operating in close proximity to the enemy. Technician Grade Five Lillegard showed outstanding initiative and judgment on these occasions. Home address: Mrs. Lillian E. Lillegard (wife), Hillsboro, Oregon.

Technician Grade Five TONY MARSHALL, (31093209), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Marshall with others in a crew of an LCM, landed a tank to relieve beleaguered troops under intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Although the craft presented an excellent target for enemy fire, and was hit by a mortar shell, he persisted in his mission until the tank was successfully landed. Technician Grade Five Marshall efficiently performed his duties under fire. Home address: Josephine Sargent (sister), 505 Center Street, Milton, Massachusetts.

Staff Sergeant HORACE A. MCKELLER, (38072440), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Miss Virginia McKeller (sister), 1401 N - 11th Street, Waco, Texas.

Private JOSEPH G. MOORE, (32286293), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private Moore with others in the crew of an LCM, landed a tank to relieve beleaguered troops under intense artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. Although the craft presented an excellent target for enemy fire, and was hit by a mortar shell, he persisted in his mission until the tank was successfully landed. Private Moore efficiently performed his duties under fire. Home address: Mrs. Catherine C. Howland (mother), Box 274, Bainbridge, New York.

First Lieutenant JONATHAN J. NORRIS, (0376942), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. First Lieutenant Norris and an enlisted man, during a reconnaissance for a jetty, encountered four Japanese in a position from which they could bring direct fire upon the proposed site. Without hesitation he immediately attacked the position with grenades, killing two of the enemy and pinning the others down until reinforcements arrived. In the ensuing attack led by First Lieutenant Norris, the remaining two enemy were killed. Home address: Mrs. Vella V. Norris (wife) La Union, New Mexico.

First Lieutenant GRADY F. RIALS, (0354129), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 27 May 1944. When work on a road project was interrupted by enemy resistance, First Lieutenant Rials joined in an attack on the enemy position. He assisted in killing two of the enemy and then led a group armed with hand grenades and small arms against the enemy occupied caves. First Lieutenant Rials played an important part in this action in which over 50 Japanese were killed. Home address: Mr. William H. Rials (father), RFD No. 1, Jayors, Mississippi.

Technician Grade Four ROBERT W. RODGERS, (35401762), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Four Rodgers, the coxswain of an LCM landing a tank under enemy fire, performed his duties with outstanding skill and courage. Although his craft was damaged by mortar fire he persisted in his mission until its successful completion. Despite the serious damage to the craft, he succeeded in

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retracting it and returned safely to his base. Home address: Mr. Robert Organ (brother), 127 Riverside Avenue, Loveland, Ohio.

First Lieutenant GEORGE V. SNELL, (0909652), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. First Lieutenant Snell, the navigator of a small boat mission to land tanks in support of Infantry troops, ran his craft to shore under fire in order to find a landing spot. Although his boat drew the majority of fire, he remained in this exposed position until the mission was accomplished. On two later occasions he returned to the area, each time under heavy fire, in order to land rations and ammunition to Infantry troops. First Lieutenant Snell exhibited outstanding courage on those occasions. Home address: Mrs. Mary D. Snell (wife), 21 Laurel Court, Providence, Rhode Island.

Technician Grade Five FREDERICK R. STICKNEY, (36222298), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Five Stickney was engineer on a boat assigned to cover landing with machine gun fire and to assist in salvage of any craft which might become disabled. He furnished supporting fire with his machine gun, and assisted in recovering two damaged craft from the reef. Technician Grade Five Stickney performed his duties with great skill and courage. Home address: Mrs. Marjory Stickney (mother), Cornells, Wisconsin.

Technician Grade Four HOWARD D. WALKER, (35352516), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. As coxswain of a boat assigned to assist other disabled craft, Technician Grade Four Walker brought his craft alongside under heavy fire to remove two damaged LCM's from the beach. Although in personal danger from machine gun and mortar fire he showed outstanding skill and courage in retracting these two boats to a safe position. Technician Grade Four Walker played an important part in the accomplishment of this mission. Home address: Mrs. Bertha A. Walker (mother), Poneto, Indiana.

Technician Grade Four AUSTIN T. WESTCOTT, (32286096), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Technician Grade Four Westcott as radio operator on a small craft, demonstrated outstanding courage and skill in the performance of his duties. The small boat to which Technician Grade Four Westcott was assigned was given the mission of landing tanks near Mokmer Drome, on a beach swept by enemy small arms fire. When the boat approached the beach, it was subjected to heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Technician Grade Four Westcott unhesitatingly manned a machine gun mounted in an exposed position on his craft and aided in silencing enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Edith Westcott (mother), 326 Hickery Street, Pickville, Pennsylvania.

Technician Grade Five KENNETH E. WINKEL, (37014389), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944. Under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Technician Grade Five Winkel, the engineer of a landing craft, assisted in landing tanks in daylight to relieve beleaguered troops near Mokmer Drome. Although the boat was hit and crippled by enemy fire, Technician Grade Five Winkel and his crew succeeded in retracting their craft with the ramp down and returned it safely to its base. Technician Grade Five Winkel performed his duties with skill and courage throughout the landing. Home address: Mrs. Anna Winkel (mother), RFD No. 1, Glen Elder, Kansas.

Technician Grade Five LAWRENCE A. WOLFE, (39039583), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Mokmer Drome, Biak Island, on 7 June 1944.

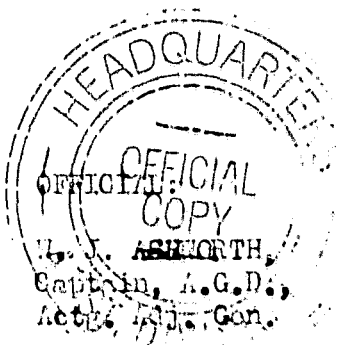
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Under intense enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, Technician Grade Five Wolfe, the engineer of a landing craft, assisted in landing tanks in daylight to relieve beleaguered troops near Wokner Drome. Although the boat was hit and crippled by enemy fire, Technician Grade Five Wolfe and his crew succeeded in retracting their craft with the ramp down and returned it safely to its base. Technician Grade Five Wolfe performed his duties with skill and courage throughout the landing. Home address: Mrs. Zella Wolfe (mother), Route 7, Box 230 A, Florissant, Missouri.

Technician Grade Five EDWARD J. ZUPERKU, (36311777), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 18 May 1944. When a bomb from enemy aircraft struck an ammunition and supply dump along the beach, Technician Grade Five Zuperku operated a bulldozer for many hours making a fire break and pushing huge piles of supplies and equipment from the path of the fire. He operated his bulldozer to within seventy-five yards of the fire and throughout the entire period was in danger of severe injury or death because of intermittent explosions of bombs and ammunition. The courage and devotion to duty of Technician Grade Five Zuperku are in the highest traditions of the military service. Home address: Mrs. Marion Zuperku (wife), 9649 Irving Park Road, Schiller Park, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:



KENNETH S. SWELBY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain CARYLE W. AREY, (0359217), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 6 June 1944. Captain Arey, without regard for personal safety, accompanied the supply trains each day to the most forward areas through enemy infested territory during the battle for the Island. On this date, he lead the train through enemy sniper and knee mortar fire successfully, bringing vital ammunition, water, and rations to the fighting troops. By his coolness under stress he served as an inspiration to all who worked with him. The strict devotion to duty of Captain Arey, under the most trying circumstances and his repeated display of personal courage and ability contributed materially to the success of his regiment's operations. Home address: Mrs. Eva H. Arey (wife), Route 1, Box 7, Springfield, Oregon.

Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR C. ANDERSON, (023196'), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. While under enemy rifle, machine gun, mortar and artillery fire, Lieutenant Colonel Anderson, a Regimental Executive Officer, moved in the open around a drome area organizing and coordinating defenses. Though enemy artillery shells were falling a matter of yards away, he stood in the open without concealment or cover and dispatched by telephone important messages to higher and lower headquarters. His admirable display of personal courage gained the utmost respect of the officers and men of the Regiment and was instrumental in maintaining an orderly occupation of the defensive position. Home address: Mrs. Lulah R. Anderson (wife), 7903 Southwest Birchwood Road, Portland, Oregon.

Corporal STEWART H. BOELSEN, (37012181), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. On this date, during the action near Mokmer Village, it was necessary for a Battalion medical aid station to divide into three sections so as to give adequate care to the numerous casualties. At about 1200 hours, the section of the aid station to which Corporal Boelsen was assigned, ran out of medical supplies and plasma, and litters were urgently needed if the lives of several men were to be saved. There was a medical dump about two hundred yards away and in spite of enemy mortar and machine gun fire along the route to the dump, Corporal Boelsen volunteered to obtain the badly needed supplies, and ran through a hail of fire to obtain them. Home address: Mrs. Berle Boelsen (mother), 2504 Norton, Kansas City, Missouri.

Technician Grade Five MELBURN E. BROOKS, (37043271), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 5 June 1944. The unit to which Technician Grade Five Brooks was assigned was engaged in road construction with an Infantry Regiment in its assault on an airdrome. Technician Grade Five Brooks was with a group whose duty it was to protect the equipment in the event of enemy action. During the afternoon of this date, the unit was ambushed by the enemy with small arms and hand

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grenades. With several other men he crawled under and around a two and a half ton truck for cover. They held off the attack until the enemy threw a hand grenade under the truck severely wounding one of the party. With no hesitancy and on his own initiative, Technician Grade Five Brooks crawled under the truck, picked up the wounded man and carried him to safety through about fifty yards of heavy enemy fire receiving a deep shrapnel wound while doing so. This quick and courageous action of Technician Grade Five Brooks saved the life of the wounded man. Home address: Mr. Ross A. Brooks (father), Montezuma, Iowa.

Staff Sergeant HUBERT G. CURRY, (16054969), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Parai Beach, Biak Island on 12 June 1944. The platoon to which Staff Sergeant Curry was assigned was changing gun positions. While exposed to fire from the enemy during the movement, an enemy mortar made a direct hit on a prime mover, upsetting a gun being towed behind. The platoon moved on leaving the gun to be recovered later. Knowing the hazard involved, Staff Sergeant Curry and his commanding officer returned to salvage the equipment and prevent it from falling into the hands of the enemy. When within about fifty yards from the gun, the enemy opened fire with machine guns forcing them to take cover. Staff Sergeant Curry, in the face of the enemy fire, started the motor of the truck and at that time the enemy opened up with mortars and larger caliber weapons which set the vehicle afire exploding some ammunition again forcing him to take cover. The next day Staff Sergeant Curry, with the aid of a tank, righted the gun and removed it from the area. The courage and devotion to duty of Staff Sergeant Curry are worthy of the highest praise. Home address: Mrs. Martha Curry (mother), Box #8, Neoga, Illinois.

Major DAVID S. DILLARD, (022175), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. As Regimental Operations Officer, Major Dillard coordinated the establishment of a beachhead during an attack upon the enemy. He displayed outstanding courage when communications failed by personally contacting the Battalion Commanders although this necessitated crossing large areas of open terrain under heavy enemy fire. By his efficiency and devotion to duty all battalions were rapidly established in coordinated positions in spite of constant enemy fire and observation. Major Dillard contributed greatly to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. David S. Dillard (wife), 704 Highland Avenue, Anniston, Alabama.

Technician Grade Five CHARLES S. FIELDS, (39376407), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Kampti Village, New Guinea on 25 April 1944. When the enemy assaulted a defensive position of the unit to which Technician Grade Five Fields was attached as aid man, one soldier was wounded and fell in a position exposed to enemy fire. Immediate aid seemed impossible, but Technician Grade Five Fields observing the predicament of the wounded man, without regard for his own safety, successfully rescued him and carried him to the rear where he could be treated. Home address: Mr. Elmer K. Fields (brother), 1005 Pine Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Private First Class STEVEN J. GARDNER (39525243), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 6 June 1944. On this date in the late evening, the position occupied by Private First Class Gardner, as gunner of a light machine gun, was attacked by an undetermined number of enemy using light machine guns, knee mortars and rifles. Private First Class Gardner's machine gun was emplaced on a bare coral knoll and could not be dug in. Throughout the enemy attack, which lasted approximately two hours, Private First Class Gardner stayed at his gun until all of the ammunition was expended and then continued the fight using hand grenades and rifle. Following his example, other members of the squad situated in less dangerous positions, stayed in position, thus forcing the enemy to withdraw and completing the unit's mission of holding that particular piece of ground from the enemy. Home address: Mr. Sid Gardner (father), Route #2, Blackfoot, Idaho.

First Lieutenant JAMES M. GRAY, (0888445), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 21 June 1944. First Lieutenant Gray, commanding a company closing in on caves in which the enemy had

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aken cover, noted that there was a pocket of the enemy on his left flank and rifles and throwing grenades into the platoon in that section. He personally took a small group of men, moved to the left flank and under his direction the group knocked out the pocket of enemy which could have caused severe casualties and loss of the position. Although wounded during this action First Lieutenant Gray continued to lead his men until resistance had been successfully overcome. Home address: Mrs. P. E. Turner (mother), 11938 N. E. Sandy Blvd., Portland, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant HAROLD H. HAWKINS, (O-55320), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Second Lieutenant Hawkins was placed in command of a small patrol with the mission of exterminating Japanese who had been observed in caves along the beach near the airdrome. Second Lieutenant Hawkins with his patrol, moved along the beach clearing out a number of caves regardless of the fact that they were so situated that enemy fire from any one cave would cover the entrance to others. His disregard for personal safety and coolness at his task was an inspiration to his men. His prompt action prevented many casualties by eliminating the possibility of surprise enemy fire from the rear of the main body of troops. Home address: Mr. Clarence Hawkins (father), Pepin, Wisconsin.

Corporal JAMES HOLGNCHAK, (35007076), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Mokmor Airstrip, Biak Island on 13 June 1944. Corporal Holgnchak, a machine gunner on the exposed flank of a company during a vicious attack by approximately fifty enemy, remained at his gun despite the fact that the riflemen who were protecting his position had been killed or forced to withdraw. He continued his fire alone until another soldier came to his aid. When the ammunition was exhausted the two men prepared to take the gun down when they received word that more ammunition was on the way. They immediately reset the gun and continued to fire at the enemy with their small arms until the ammunition arrived. When the ammunition again became exhausted, they moved to the gun on the right and assisted until all ammunition was expended. The courageous conduct of Corporal Holgnchak, knowing he was exposed to flanking action by the enemy and at great danger to himself, prevented the enemy from penetrating to the rear and was largely responsible for the eventual repulsing of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Johanna Holgnchak (mother), 2363 North Park Avenue, Warren, Ohio.

Private First Class DAVID G. LE BARON, (39012149), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 21 June 1944. In an endeavor to exterminate the enemy from coral caves, a company commander asked for flame throwers and men to operate them. The Regimental Commander sent two men, one of whom was Private First Class LeBaron. When he arrived at the Battalion Observation Post, he moved forward to the edge of a depression to locate the best spot for the use of his weapon. To get there, he had to crawl on his stomach through heavy sniper and knee mortar fire with grenades landing in his immediate vicinity. On locating a good position, he returned to the observation post, stood up and put the flame thrower on his back. He then crawled forward to the position previously reconnoitered, under the same heavy fire, and threw the flames into the mouth of the cavern. His action effectively silenced the enemy. Private First Class LeBaron's absolute disregard of personal safety in the face of heavy enemy fire with a highly combustible liquid on his back, was an inspiration to all who witnessed the action. Home address: Mr. Clyde LeBaron (father), 16 California Street, San Francisco, California.

Captain EDWARD I. LEDERMAN, (O417134), Medical Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Captain Lederman was the assistant surgeon of an Infantry battalion engaged in combat with a determined group of enemy located in advantageous positions on high ridges. Several casualties were incurred putting a strain on the facilities of the battalion aid station. Captain Lederman therefore moved forward to advance units to render medical assistance with less delay. Under severe fire, he gave medical assistance to the wounded and expedited their evacuation to the rear. During withdrawal from the position across an open beach, he stopped to aid a severely wounded man. These outstanding acts of Captain Lederman required a great deal of courage and initiative and the results of his work saved the lives of many soldiers. Home address: Mrs. Roberta R. Lederman (wife), 3510 White Chapel Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

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II. REVOCATION OF GENERAL ORDERS.

So much of General Orders No. 37, this headquarters, dated 10 July 1944 as pertains to Captain CONWAY L. ELLERS, (0384479), Infantry, United States Army, is revoked.

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

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star decoration awarded to Captain CONWAY L. ELLERS, (0384479), by the Commanding General, USAFTE as published on page 3, Section II, General Orders No. 37, dated 7 July 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division. The citation is as follows:

Captain CONWAY L. ELLERS, (0384479), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Waike Island, Dutch New Guinea, from 18 to 20 May 1944. Captain Ellers was assigned duties as Battalion S-3. During this period, he performed his duties under extremely arduous conditions and constant enemy fire. On one occasion, due to irregular advance of the battalion, Captain Ellers at great hazard to himself made a reconnaissance of the forward positions. He reoriented all company commanders and coordinated the fire of each unit, which alleviated the possibility of enemy infiltration. The outstanding activities of Captain Ellers were of inestimable value to the subsequent successful conclusion of the battle. Home address: Mrs. Olivia Ellers (mother), Shepherd, Montana.

IV. 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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Private WILLIAM D. CHICKERING, (20934297), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island from 7 June to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mr. Donald A. Chickering (brother), 816 North West 24th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Private First Class FORREST WARD CHILDERS, (35214799), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island from 7 June to 1 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. A. P. Childers (mother), Box 128, Lockcut, Kentucky.

Technical Sergeant THEODORE B. CHRISTIANSON, (20933225), Infantry, U.S. Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. During a withdrawal, while crossing a seventy five yard strip of beach under intense enemy machine gun fire, Technical Sergeant Christianson stopped and aided a member of his platoon who was so badly wounded he could go no further. Disregarding his safety, he helped carry the injured man through the area, saving the man's life and encouraging his platoon to disregard the overwhelming enemy fire and complete the withdrawal. Home address: Mrs. Martha Christianson (mother), 5323 Northeast Victoria Drive, Portland 13, Oregon.

Technician Grade Five EDGAR N. ERICKSON, (20926150), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 18 May 1944. When a bomb from enemy aircraft set afire an ammunition and supply dump along the beach, Technician Grade Five Erickson worked with the bulldozer operator as a spotter and helped to make a fire break in order to prevent the loss of valuable supplies and equipment. He preceded the dozer on foot, locating and removing unexploded bombs and artillery shells from the path of the bulldozer. He worked many hours and was in constant danger of severe injury or death because of intermittent explosions of bombs and ammunition. The courage displayed by Technician Grade Five Erickson and the utter disregard of his safety

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in order to safeguard valuable supplies and equipment, are worthy of the highest praise. Home address: Mr. Halvor N. Erickson (father), 1211 E. Bridger Street, Pocatello, Idaho.

Technician Grade Three GEORGE W. FLEMING, (35130503), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Emma B. Fleming (mother), Excello, Idaho.

Staff Sergeant JUNIOR FLORY, (35040635), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island from 1 June to 20 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marie Flory (mother), Jewell, Ohio.

Technician Grade Four (then Technician Grade Five) CARL A. HANSON, (31049218), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 5 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Katherine Zuchetto (mother), 65 Clinton Avenue, Stratford, Connecticut.

Technician Grade Five WILLIAM G. KIBBLE, (31013662), Signal Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 to 24 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Chester R. Kibble (father), Arlington Street, Nashua, New Hampshire.

Sergeant LIVIO MORETTI, (36053024), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations at Finschhafen, New Guinea, and Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, from 22 April to 15 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Adina Moretti (mother), 418 N. Kentucky, Benld, Illinois.

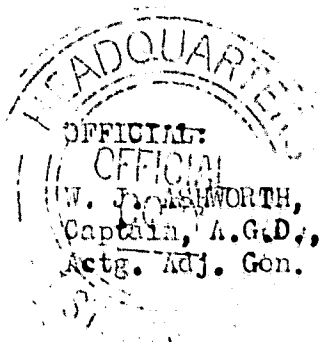
Corporal WILLIAM G. RHODES, (39160002), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 5 May 1944. Home address: Mr. George Rhodes (father), 1400 Baldangle Avenue, Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant ARCHIE D. ROE, (20929739), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 3 July 1944. Home address: Mrs. Gratia N. Roe (mother), 526 1st Avenue, Kalispell, Montana.

Private GEORGE F. WHITE, (11054962), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. Private White as seaman and gunner of an LCS crew, participated in a reconnaissance of a coral reef by daylight under heavy enemy artillery, mortar and machine gun fire. His boat then led LCM's loaded with tanks to the landing spot which had been selected. Private White effectively manned a machine gun, covering the landing and protected his boat. After dark his boat again returned to the beach leading other craft loaded with supplies. Home address: Mrs. Angela B. White (wife), Granite Street, Taunton, Massachusetts.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEENEY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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GENERAL ORDERS)

NO. 38)

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

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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant ARCHIE H. LOFTS, (39450453), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 19 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Loftis was commanding a heavy machine gun section attached to a rifle company which was set up in a perimeter defense. In the early morning, the position was attacked by the enemy. Staff Sergeant Loftis stood upright and fired his rifle into the enemy repulsing the attack. The enemy again attacked and continued to attack until the late afternoon. Each time, Staff Sergeant Loftis held his fire until the enemy were approximately ten yards away and then disregarding their machine gun and hand grenade fire, stood upright to more accurately direct his fire. The bravery and courage of Staff Sergeant Loftis prevented the enemy from penetrating the defense. Home address: Mr. Chester Loftis (brother), Kettle Falls, Washington.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class ALVIN E. CRINKLAW, (39201342), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private First Class Crinklaw was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station, consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Private First Class Crinklaw was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private First Class Crinklaw and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. Earl Crinklaw (mother), Concrete, Washington.

Private NORMAN L. GARMS, (32812030), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private Garms was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid

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station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Private Garms was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private Garms and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. Jean Garms (wife), 110-11 101st Avenue, Richmond Hill, Long Island, New York.

Staff Sergeant PETER E. JOHNSON, (20928689), Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 and 19 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Peter E. Johnson (wife), 22 Rose Street, Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia.

Technician Grade Five JOHN P. LUCAS, (32028736), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Technician Grade Five Lucas was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Technician Grade Five Lucas was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Technician Grade Five Lucas and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mr. A. D. Lucas (father), 45 Oak Street, Hornell, New York.

Sergeant KENNETH H. MAHRINGER, (16008111), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Sergeant Mahringer was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Sergeant Mahringer was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Sergeant Mahringer and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. Helen Mahringer (mother), 3522 A North Green Bay Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Grade Five WILLIAM MATLIN, (19080297), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 22 and 23 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Charles Matlin (father), 4233 Lexington Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Private JOHNNY J. OLIVER JR., (6950305), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private Oliver was a member to evacuate

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casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Private Oliver was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private Oliver and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. Johnny J. Oliver Sr., (mother), 1463 Foothill Blvd., Highway Highlands, 101, California.

Sergeant WILLIAM D. ROBBINS, (3937395), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Sergeant Robbins was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Sergeant Robbins was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Sergeant Robbins and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. O. E. Robbins (mother), Box 305, Sumner, Washington.

Technician Grade Five JOHN SCOTT, (15011629), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Technician Grade Five Scott was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Technician Grade Five Scott was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Technician Grade Five Scott and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. John Scott (wife), 225 S. Hobart Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private EDWARD B. SHIRE, (32983912), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private Shire was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Private Shire was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private Shire and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mr. Herman Shire (brother), 18 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

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Technician Grade Five CHARLES W. SWITZER, (20240339), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Technician Grade Five Switzer was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Technician Grade Five Switzer was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Technician Grade Five Switzer and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Scanlon (mother), 2515 5th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Private PAUL P. WILSON, (3900878), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private Wilson was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Private Wilson was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private Wilson and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost. Home address: Mrs. Paul P. Wilson (wife), 121st Terry Street, Seattle, Washington.

Private JOSEPH F. SCUMACI, (32718969), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Bosnek Village, Biak Island, on 27 May 1944. Private Scumaci exposed himself to machine gun fire and bombs from enemy planes, and without regard for his own safety, ran a distance of approximately twenty yards over open ground and assembled and placed ammunition on an anti-aircraft machine gun which was emplaced in a temporary position. After that gun was in operation he again ran a distance of approximately fifteen yards to put into operation an anti-aircraft machine gun that had been left unmanned. Private Scumaci greatly assisted in the destruction of four enemy aircraft. Home address: Mrs. Rose Scumaci (mother), 839 Clarence Avenue, Bronx, New York.

First Lieutenant DONALD L. WARDLE, (01582245), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island, from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lucile Wardle (wife), 2169 Wellington Avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

First Lieutenant WILLIAM C. MYERS, (01582475), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island, from 22 April to 25 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Ina Myers (mother), 28 Aconda Court, Knoxville, Tennessee.

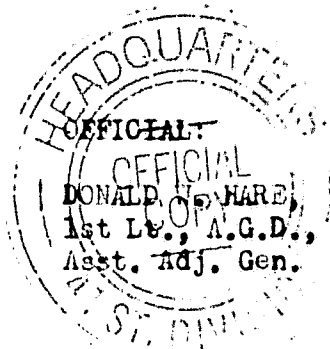
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Corporal THEODORE J. ZWIECZKOWSKI, (36022835), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Corporal Zwieczkowski, although seriously wounded and under continuous heavy enemy fire, continued to man a .50 caliber machine gun and protect the driver of a Buffalo. Corporal Zwieczkowski's gallant action without regard for his own safety, enabled the Buffalo to proceed through enemy fire with critically needed supplies. Home address: Mrs. Julia Zwieczkowski (mother), 4501 1/2 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. STEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.



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ORIGINAL ORDER

- AWARD POSTHUMOUS, OF THE SILVER STAR... I
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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS, 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 Decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant FRANK T. NUGENT, (0390750), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 19 May 1944. First Lieutenant Nugent had personally supervised delivery of water to a rifle company which was located in close proximity to the enemy. Enemy action had punctured the containers and it was necessary that a new supply be made immediately available. Especially important was this mission because of a vitally important maneuver of the unit in the next days action. First Lieutenant Nugent called his assigned carriers together and proceeded to the beachhead. About two hundred fifty yards from their starting point, they came under fierce .25 caliber automatic sniper fire which wounded two men. The party withdrew and reorganized, and with five volunteers, First Lieutenant Nugent attempted to reach the beach by another route. The party had proceeded a short distance when a burst of heavy caliber machine gun fire fatally wounded First Lieutenant Nugent. In spite of his critical condition, he instructed his assistants in carrying on their work. This gallant action and extraordinary devotion to duty which resulted in his being fatally wounded distinguish First Lieutenant Nugent as a soldier deserving of the highest admiration. Home address: Mrs. Frank T. Nugent (wife), Miles City, Montana.

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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following officers and enlisted men:

Approved by SH/aw 27 July 10, 1944 this day.
* Captain CONWAY L. ELLERS, (0384479), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea from 18 to 20 May 1944. Captain Ellers was assigned duties as Battalion S-3. During this period, he performed his duties under extremely arduous conditions and constant enemy fire. On one occasion, due to irregular advance of the battalion, Captain Ellers at great hazard to himself made a reconnaissance of the forward positions. He reoriented all company commanders, coordinated the fire of each unit, which alleviated the possibility of enemy infiltration. The outstanding activities of Captain Ellers were of inestimable value to the subsequent successful conclusion of the battle. Home address: Mrs. Olivia Ellers (mother), Shepherd, Montana.

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Staff Sergeant DEAN D. HENRY, (20929405), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 19 May 1944. Staff Sergeant Henry was in command of a heavy machine gun section. On the night of 19-20 May 1944, his section was repeatedly attacked by the enemy until dawn. In spite of being wounded in the shoulder, he remained in charge of the section successfully repulsing all attacks and killing twelve of the enemy. Staff Sergeant Henry's calm judgment and devotion to duty were responsible for the battle success of his section. Home address: Mrs. Geraldine Johnston (mother), K. Clowton, Montana.

First Sergeant JOHN G. JEFFERS, (32184074), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. First Sergeant Jeffers' organization was attacked by heavy enemy mortar, machine gun and sniper fire from concealed positions. The accuracy of enemy fire forced the unit to move forward, leaving behind five wounded men. First Sergeant Jeffers organized a litter party and led them back several hundred yards to the wounded men while directly under a heavy concentration of fire. He assisted in the successful evacuation of all wounded men who had been left in the area. This courageous act saved the lives of these men and gave confidence to all members of his organization. Home address: Mrs. John A. Jeffers (mother), 27 Fulton Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Private THOMAS F. O'DONNELL JR., (11049935), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Bosnek Village, Biak Island on 27 May 1944. A platoon of an anti-aircraft battery was ordered to change gun positions from one end of Bosnek Village to the other. This move entailed the dismantling of guns and their loading into trucks for emplacement in new positions. When the guns were completely dismantled, four enemy planes attacked the beach bombing and strafing ships in the harbor. Private O'Donnell without hesitation or regard for his safety, ran a distance of approximately 20 yards to a dismantled gun and assisted by another soldier, assembled the gun and opened fire upon the enemy aircraft. Private O'Donnell's voluntary action and courageous performance was instrumental in the destruction of all four planes. Home address: Mrs. Alice O'Donnell (mother), 71 Canton Street, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Private First Class MARION F. REED, (37603462), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 19 May 1944. Private First Class Reed was a machine gunner on a perimeter defense around a Battalion Command Post. His position was subjected to fierce attack by the enemy which lasted throughout the night. After the attack, eight of the twelve attacking enemy killed were lying on the edge of his machine gun pit. With excellent judgment he allowed the enemy to advance within two feet of his position then completely routed them with machine gun fire and grenades. The actions of Private First Class Reed prevented a penetration of defensive positions and contributed materially to the success of the day's operations. Home address: Mr. John Reed (father), Bland, Missouri.

Private First Class JOHN B. RETTERATH, (39694808), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 19 May 1944. Private First Class Retterath was a machine gunner on a perimeter defense around a Battalion Command Post. His position was subjected to fierce attack by the enemy which lasted throughout the night. After the attack, eight of the twelve attacking enemy killed were lying on the edge of his machine gun pit. With excellent judgment he allowed the enemy to advance within two feet of his position then completely routed them with machine gun fire and grenades. The

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actions of Private First Class Retterath prevented a penetration of defensive positions and contributed materially to the success of the day's operations. Home address: Mrs. Nell Retterath (mother), Atascadero, California.

Private ARCHIE L. SHO VAN, (36576071), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Toem, Dutch New Guinea on 25 April 1944. In the early evening of this date, Private Shovan was standing his post on a perimeter outpost guarding the Regimental Command Post. Although it was very dark, some Japanese on patrol evaded booby traps and noise makers so as to leave only Private Shovan and two other individuals between them and the Command Post Area. Private Shovan challenged the leader of the enemy patrol and saw him make an upward swing with his sabre. Private Shovan immediately fired, but the Japanese was able to partially complete the stroke and wounded Private Shovan quite severely in the shoulder. Private Shovan's burst of fire killed the Japanese and alerted the two other members of his post. Before the two could get into position to support Private Shovan, he had thrown a grenade and swept the trail with fire, breaking up the Japanese patrol. Although wounded and bleeding badly, Private Shovan remained at his post and continued to lay fire down the trail until the position was adequately reinforced. His courageous performance helped to encourage all the others on the post. Private Shovan's heroic action stemmed this Japanese suicidal attack. Home address: Mrs. Julia H. Shovan (mother), Route 1, Hemlock, Michigan.

Lieutenant Colonel LEONARD A. WING, (0272471), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. Lieutenant Colonel Wing, realizing the necessity for immediate and aggressive action, and thoroughly cognizant of the personal danger involved, placed himself in the lead of his troops and moved them with a minimum number of casualties through the intense enemy fire to a position from which an attack could be launched. The aggressive leadership, tireless activity, and conspicuous courage with which Lieutenant Colonel Wing led his battalion against a strong enemy, was of paramount importance in the rapid and successful capture of the Wakde airstrip. Home address: Mrs. Eula Wing (wife), Bozeman, Montana.

Technician Grade Five RAYMOND S. WINTHER, (20934474), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 15 May 1944. During the phase of the Wakde Island operation when preparations were in progress to fire a barrage from Insoemenai Island onto Insoemar Island, prior to landing on Insoemar by our troops, the enemy opened fire from across the intervening channel wounding four men and pinning all personnel to the ground. At the call for an aid man, Technician Grade Five Winther moved, at considerable risk to himself to aid the wounded men, and despite continued fire from the enemy, assisted them to cover and rendered first aid. The saving of the lives of two of the wounded men can be credited to Technician Grade Five Winther's courageous action. Home address: Mrs. Margaret Winther (mother), 86 N. Grand Avenue, Eugene, Oregon.

First Lieutenant VERNON E. TOWNSEND, (0400939), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Parai Village, Biak Island on 29 May 1944. First Lieutenant Townsend, in command of a Cannon Company, personally

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led his men under fire and successfully repelled a vicious enemy attack on the right and rear flanks of the Regimental Command Post which endangered a Portable Surgical Hospital containing many casualties and the service units. His courageous and able leadership resulted in sixty-seven enemy dead and many wounded. Home address: Mrs. Marie Townsend (wife), Tangent, Oregon.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Second Lieutenant FREDERICK MACFARLANE, (01012477), Cavalry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in support of military operations against the Japanese at Wakde Island from 18 to 20 May 1944. As platoon commander of a medium tank platoon, Second Lieutenant Macfarlane demonstrated great skill and tactical ability in maneuvering of tanks. When a company of Infantry was driven to the ground by heavy automatic weapons fire from the Japanese who had strategically taken positions under buildings and log parapets, Second Lieutenant Macfarlane was summoned and immediately drove his tank into the enemy's emplacement. Upon returning, heavy machine gun fire revealed further Japanese activity from the area so he again drove his tank against the attack and again upon returning, the persistent Japanese wounded two American soldiers. At this point Second Lieutenant Macfarlane went forward on foot and at great peril to his life made a reconnaissance of the area. He again drove his tank toward the enemy for the third time and succeeded in destroying the position. Second Lieutenant Macfarlane's cool judgment and the tough application of tactical knowledge contributed greatly to the success of the combat team's mission. Home address: Georgene O. Macfarlane (wife), 603 Grace Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Private First Class ROBERT G. MARSHALL, (20940352), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in support of military operations against the Japanese at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. Private First Class Marshall worked tirelessly in the evacuation of casualties from an Infantry Aid Station to the beach. His path of evacuation passed through rocky and hilly terrain where in parts no cover was afforded from enemy fire. He repeatedly guided litter bearers to casualties while subjecting himself to constant enemy machine gun fire when making trips from the fighting area back to his station. His courageous performance and good judgment were responsible for a smooth running evacuation system and saved the lives of many soldiers who otherwise might have been lost. Home address: Mrs. R. A. Grafton (mother), 30122 Genesee Street, Seattle 8, Washington.

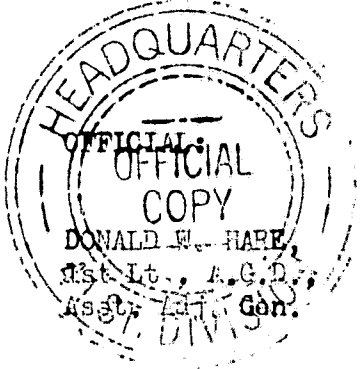
Master Sergeant WILLIAM O. STEVENSON, (33478189), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 15 May to 30 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Clara Stevenson (mother), 2080 E. Clarence Street, Philadelphia 34, Pennsylvania.

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By command of Brigadier General DOE:



KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

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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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Technician Grade Three WILLIAM H COOLEY, (20931643), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 7 June 1944. When a battalion of Infantrymen descended from a ridge overlooking Mokmer air strip on to dispersal areas and upon reaching level ground, they met with a fierce barrage of enemy fire consisting of mountain guns, mortar, machine gun and rifle fire which pinned the entire battalion to the ground. On a call for medical aid Technician Grade Three COOLEY of his own volition, advanced and at great risk to his life administered first aid to the wounded, treating as many/as five men at a time. On one occasion he rescued a seriously wounded comrade and carried him a distance of one hundred yards to an aid station which resulted in the preservation of the soldier's life. Technician Grade Three COOLEY'S inspiring display of courage and devotion to duty are worthy of highest praise. Home address: Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Cooley (Parents), Route 11, Box 934, Milwaukie 2, Oregon.

Private First Class JAMES J. EDER, (20929006), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea, on 19 May 1944. As a machine gunner, Private First Class EDER was assigned to defend a Battalion Command Post. During the early hours of 19 May 1944 an enemy patrol approached his area led by two scouts. Private First Class EDER'S cunning and initiative permitted the scouts to pass and then return to bring forward the remainder of the patrol, unaware of the trap set for them. When the patrol advanced to a certain point he opened fire on them with machine gun and grenades, killing several members of the patrol and disorganizing the remainder. A short while later the enemy focused a machine gun on Private First Class EDER'S gun parapit and combed the area. Facing a constant flow of machine gun and grenade fire and wounded as a result of such action, he managed to move his gun and silenced further enemy activity. His outstanding bravery, clear thinking and calm action aided greatly in repulsing the enemy. Home address: Mr. Fried Buckles (uncle), Poplar, Montana.

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Second Lieutenant BENJAMIN C BELL, (01824565), Tank Destroyer, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Parai Jetty, Biak Island, on 29 May 1944. Second Lieutenant BELL led his platoon in a landing near a jetty which was swept by enemy sniper fire. As the Infantry advanced they encountered heavy enemy mortar and rifle fire inflicting numerous casualties and necessitating immediate withdrawal from the area. Second Lieutenant BELL was ordered with his platoon to cover the withdrawal and on the approach of the rear elements of the withdrawing force to destroy his weapons and evacuate. When all ammunition had been expended and the withdrawal nearly completed, Second Lieutenant BELL directed his men to fall in with the Infantry and himself remained to complete destruction of his weapons. In the face of fierce enemy resistance and in great danger, Second Lieutenant BELL accomplished his mission. During the entire action Second Lieutenant BELL was calm and collected, joked with the men to keep their minds off the seriousness of the situation, and gained the admiration and respect of every man in his command. Home address: Mrs. J. T. Bell (mother), Box 695, Big Spring, Texas.

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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class LEWIS L BENNETT, (15089357), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Insoemur Island, Wakde group, on 19 May 1944. The mission of the platoon of which Private First Class BENNETT was a member was to evacuate casualties from a Battalion Aid Station to the beach. Because of the tactical situation, the aid station was located some distance from the beach and in a precarious position. In the late afternoon of this date, casualties were increasing rapidly and it was necessary to evacuate them to a position of greater safety and for further medical attention. Private First Class BENNETT drove an ambulance along a route exposed to enemy action to hasten the urgent evacuation of the wounded. The splendid performance of Private First Class BENNETT helped to save many lives. Home address: Mrs. Eileen Bennett (mother), 216 West Main Street, Grafton, West Virginia.

First Lieutenant HOWARD R ELLIOTT JR., (02034513), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea, on 19 and 20 May 1944. Home address: Mr. Howard R. Elliott Sr., (father), 401 Elm Avenue, Riverton, New Jersey.

Staff Sergeant FRANK R GEHRMAN, (39300993), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. When a patrol to which Staff Sergeant GEHRMAN was assigned as aid man was ambushed by the enemy on Nubai Creek, a number of men were wounded, one of whom lay dangerously exposed to sniper fire. Staff Sergeant GEHRMAN, with a litter squad waded across the creek under fire and successfully carried the wounded man to safety. The courage, devotion to duty and outstanding accomplishment of Staff Sergeant GEHRMAN reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Clara Hagenauer (mother), Route 1, Box 110, Mt. Angel, Oregon.

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Private First Class ADAM JACOBY, (39077189), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 19 May 1944. The mission of the platoon of which Private First Class JACOBY was a member was to evacuate casualties from a Battalion Aid Station to the beach. Because of the tactical situation, the aid station was located some distance from the beach and in a precarious position. In the late afternoon of this date, casualties were increasing rapidly and it was necessary to evacuate them to a position of greater safety and for further medical attention. Private First Class JACOBY drove an ambulance along a route exposed to enemy action to hasten the urgent evacuation of the wounded. The splendid performance of Private First Class JACOBY helped to save many lives. Home address: Mrs. Molly Jacoby (mother), 610 Collins Street, Fresno, California.

Private First Class PETER J KOZIOL, (32134992), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private First Class KOZIOL was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Private First Class KOZIOL was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private First Class KOZIOL and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost had evacuation been delayed. Home address: Mrs. Anne Koziol (mother), 597 James Street, Hazelton, Pennsylvania.

Private First Class PLAYFORD R MAUST, (35292072), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Private First Class MAUST was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Private First Class MAUST was constantly exposed to enemy fire and the route of evacuation offered little cover, he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Private First Class MAUST and his comrades, a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost had evacuation been delayed. Home address: Mrs. Daisy Maust (mother), Branderville, West Virginia.

Technician Grade Five STANFORD J PONSANO, (34235954), Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Insoemar Island, Wakde Group, on 18 May 1944. It was the mission of the platoon of which Technician Grade Five PONSANO was a member to evacuate casualties from an aid station to the beach. Due to the rapid advance of Infantry units, scattered pockets of enemy resistance remained between the aid station and the collecting station consisting of snipers in the trees and automatic weapons in the scrub. Though Technician Grade Five PONSANO was constantly exposed to enemy fire he assisted in carrying the wounded to safety. Due to the courageous performance of Technician Grade Five PONSANO and his comrades a great many lives were saved which might otherwise have been lost had evacuation been delayed. Home address: Mrs. Stanford J. Ponsano (wife), 223 Magazine St., New Orleans 13, Louisiana.

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III. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted men:

Sergeant EMERSON R. HEIM, (32200178), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action on Biak Island, on 2 June 1944. Home address: Mr. Frank Heim (father), 279 William Street, Tonawanda, New York.

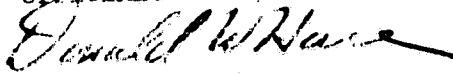
Private First Class LEONARD H. SOLOW, (32985322), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action on Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice Solow (wife), 120 West 105th Street, New York City, New York.

Technician Grade Four CECIL M. WELLS, (38020460), Medical Department, United States Army. For wounds received in action on Biak Island on 2 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Nettie J. Wells (mother), 10023 Inglewood Avenue, Inglewood, California.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



DONALD W. HARE,
1st Lt., A.G.D.,
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GENERAL ORDER

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- AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL - - II
- AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL - III
- AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART - - - IV

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1928 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918) a Silver Star Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant DOUGLAS F. BROWN, 0390735, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 18 May 1944. In making the initial landing on the beach at Wakde Island, First Lieutenant Brown's company, under intense enemy fire, became pinned down in an area which offered little or no protection. With utter disregard for his personal safety, exposed to enemy fire First Lieut. Brown directed and moved his company by small groups to better positions to further press the advance against the enemy. First Lieutenant Brown's cool and calm courage in face of danger was in inspiration to his men and greatly contributed to the success of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia Brown (wife) 909 West Galena Street, Butte, Montana.

Captain ALFRED E. COFFEY, 0380598, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Captain Coffey in his capacity as regimental S-2, with extraordinary devotion to duty and at the risk of his own life from all types of enemy fire, furnished the regimental commanding officer with quick and accurate enemy intelligence. His assistance was invaluable in the successful withdrawal of a battalion which was in a critical position and had been cut off from the remainder of the regiment. Captain Coffey's courage and devotion to duty bring great credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Alfred E. Coffey (wife) 3800 Clarke Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Technician Grade Five JOHN J. DRUM, 20929122, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea, on 18 May 1944. As wire chief for a communications section, Technician Grade Five Drum upon the initial landing, immediately searched the beach strip for the company wire heads which were established as companies landed. He discovered two damaged lines and at the risk of his life repaired them under a constant heavy stream of machine gun and sniper fire. Many times he was near exhaustion, but by his courage and tireless devotion to duty he succeeded in establishing and maintaining a steady flow of wire communications to all companies, which was of importance to the successful outcome of the campaign. Home address: Mrs. Francis Drum (mother) 105 South Stacy, Miles City, Montana.

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First Lieutenant HOWARD B. JENSON, 02034540, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. When a landing craft laden with Infantry troops approached the shore, an intense barrage of enemy machine gun fire raked the beach area and immediately upon effecting the landing, the group was pinned to the ground. First Lieutenant Jenson, Company Executive Officer, rapidly analyzed the situation and realizing the necessity for rapid movement, immediately assumed command and directed the advance of his company to its objective, though unaware that his company commander had been wounded. First Lieutenant Jenson's cool judgment, courage, and initiative at such a critical moment not only saved the lives of many of his men but greatly facilitated the undelayed movement toward further objectives. Home address: Mr. James W. Jenson (father), Hinton, Utah.

Captain JAMES R. KENT, 0420422, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea, on 18 May 1944. During the initial phases of the beach landing at Wakde Island troops became pinned down on the beach due to intense enemy fire. Captain Kent as battalion executive officer organized and directed all staff functions, supervised problems of supply, communications, evacuation, and administration. This was particularly outstanding inasmuch as it was carried on under constant enemy observation and subjected to heavy enemy fire. Captain Kent's cool, clear thinking, his unselfish devotion to duty and complete disregard for his safety were a great contribution to the successful completion of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Norma G. Kent (mother) Willow Creek, Montana.

Captain FRANK E. MAXAM, 0400840, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. During an assault upon enemy positions, Captain Maxam's company was pinned down by machine gun fire. Without regard for his safety, he arose and directed the advance of the company by small groups towards the machine gun emplacements. He continued to expose himself to enemy fire by leading his company forward until he received serious wounds which forced him to withdraw. Captain Maxam's courageous and aggressive action inspired his men to greater effort and materially contributed to the success of his company in this operation. Home address: Mrs. Idelle Masam (wife) Seattle, Washington.

First Lieutenant MELVIN C. McHENRY, 0888344, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 29 May 1944. An Infantry company during the operation became engaged in fierce fighting with the enemy and received heavy casualties including two company officers. When the battalion was ordered to withdraw, Lieutenant McHenry, a platoon leader, reorganized the company, while under heavy enemy mortar and machine gun fire, and accomplished an orderly and successful withdrawal of his company. The courage and initiative displayed by First Lieutenant McHenry was an inspiration to his men and a credit to the military service. Home address: Mrs. R. D. McHenry (mother) Lone Pine, Montana.

Captain CARL M. McINTYRE, 0420127, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. Making the initial beach landing under intense enemy fire the company commanded by Captain McIntyre became pinned down on the beach causing many casualties. Exposing himself to enemy fire and refusing to take cover until his men were safe, Captain McIntyre maneuvered and led his company by small groups into an

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assembly position where plans for the reorganization of the advance could be made. The gallant conduct displayed by Captain McIntyre was a great contribution to the successful outcome of the mission. Home address: Mrs. Maxine E. McIntyre (wife) 599 East Broadway, Eugene, Oregon.

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* Captain ROBERT E. HEAD, 0373215, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island on 21 and 29 ~~MAY~~ 1944. When elements of an Infantry Regiment were cut off from the main body by mortar and machine gun fire, Captain Head voluntarily exposed himself to enemy fire to contact a tank which took the Regiment's Commander to a place where he could more effectively command his Regiment. On the following day, he was of great assistance in effecting a withdrawal of the combat team from a strategically unsafe position. Captain Head's gallant conduct on those two occasions, at great risk to his life, was of importance to the successful culmination of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Robert E. Head (wife) 110 Monis Street, Yonkers, 5, New York.

First Lieutenant CECIL C. RHODES, 0399434, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea, on 18 May 1944. During the initial beach landing, First Lieutenant Rhodes, and his company were pinned to the ground by heavy flanking enemy machine gun and sniper fire. When the intensity of enemy resistance grew more acute, First Lieutenant Rhodes with complete disregard for his safety, encouraged and directed the effective dispersal and forward movement of his troops. He continued the attack until forced to withdraw because of a serious wound. First Lieutenant Rhodes' courage and aggressive action saved the lives of many of his men and enabled the successful completion of his company's mission. Home address: Mrs. Betty Rhodes (wife) Kalispell, Montana.

First Lieutenant DUILO RICHARDSON, 0480534, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wabunan Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 and 23 April 1944. First Lieutenant Richardson, Company Commander, displayed outstanding leadership ability while guiding his company through thickly covered steep ridges and sharp gullies. On one occasion, First Lieutenant Richardson, accompanied by forward elements, attacked a group of Japanese in a village completely by surprise and killed or routed all enemy resistance, thus insuring the safe and rapid advance of his company. By his aggressive action in the face of fierce enemy resistance, his company completed its mission of securing a flank of the assault battalion to further its movement toward another objective. Home address: Mrs. Harold Wright (sister), College and 15th Street, Columbia, Mississippi.

Captain WALTER D. SKAUGE, 0382216, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. Captain Skauge as commander of a heavy weapons company was called upon to provide security for the battalion headquarters perimeter during the night. Realizing that positions were to be completed by light fall, he selected the most favorable gun positions and personally supervised the emplacement of weapons. This was all carried out under enemy fire. During the night an attack made by the Japanese on the command post positions was repulsed with disaster to the enemy. Captain Skauge displayed outstanding skill and initiative in spite of enemy fire bringing credit to himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. Halvor E. Skauge (father) 936 North 29th Street, Billings, Montana.

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Private First Class NATHAN J. SONNENFELD, 39165400, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 18 May 1944. On the morning of the initial landing, Private First Class Sonnenfeld, assisted by other linemen, volunteered to install wire communications from a battalion command post to a company. When approximately half the line was completed, the crew came under heavy machine gun and sniper fire. Private First Class Sonnenfeld quickly analyzed the situation and returned to direct his men, taking advantage of available cover, until communications were successfully established without loss of men or equipment. Home address: Mrs. Freda Sonnenfeld, (mother), 495 Popham Avenue, Bronx 53, New York.

Staff Sergeant GEORGE E. WATERMAN, 20929345, Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Wakde Island, Dutch New Guinea on 19 May 1944. During the operation radio communication was constantly in use, and it became necessary to replace nearly all batteries in seven radios which were in the net. Inasmuch as these batteries were not on hand Staff Sergeant Waterman, with another enlisted man proceeded toward the beachhead to secure the batteries and other signal equipment. They became pinned down by sniper and enemy machine gun fire. With cool judgement and quick thinking, Staff Sergeant Waterman maneuvered his way through to the beach and procured the vital supplies and returned to the command post. The outstanding leadership and initiative displayed by Staff Sergeant Waterman was a contributing factor to the success of the operation. Home address: Violet M. Jones (mother) 515 Idaho Street, Helena, Montana.

II. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 9, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted men:

Private CHARLES E. JACKSON, 32911411, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism in the vicinity of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 May 1944. Private Jackson and a companion, having completed their assignment for the day, were returning to their bivouac area when they saw a soldier struggling in the wake of an LCM. Without hesitation and in spite of the hazard of swimming in the swirling water close to the propellers of the moving craft, they dove in and quickly swam to the drowning man who was totally exhausted and brought him to an LCV where he was pulled aboard. Had it not been for the instant action of Private Jackson and his companion, without regard for the danger involved, the man would undoubtedly have drowned. Home address: Mr. Edward H. Jackson (father), 124 West Williams Street, Englewood, New Jersey.

Private HOWARD W. OTTLEY, 39570025, Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For heroism in the vicinity of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea on 23 May 1944. Private Ottley and a companion, having completed their day's assignment, were returning to their bivouac area when they saw a soldier struggling in the wake of an LCM. Without hesitation and in spite of the hazard of swimming in the swirling water close to the propellers of the moving craft, they dove in and quickly swam to the drowning man who was totally exhausted and brought him to an LCV where he was pulled aboard. Had it not been for the instant action of

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Private Uttley and his companion, without regard for the danger involved, the man would undoubtedly have drowned. Home address: Mr. Walter E. Ottley (father), 152 West 118th Street, Apt. 43, New York City, 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 (Stat. II. Bulletin 3, WD 1944), a Bronze Star medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Major WILLIAM C. BENSON, 020672, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 18 April 1944 to 5 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. William C. Benson (wife) 627 Wyoming Avenue, Billings, Montana.

Lieutenant Colonel GERALD P. COCHRAN, 0257828, Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island during the period 27 May to 26 June 1944. Home address: Mrs. Alpha P. Cochran (wife), 7825 S.E. 15th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Technician Grade Three WILLIAM H. COOLEY, 20931643, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944, when a patrol to which Technician Grade Three Cooley was assigned as aid man was ambushed by the enemy on Nubai Creek, a number of men were wounded, one of which lay dangerously exposed to sniper fire. Technician Grade Three Cooley with a litter squad waded across the creek under fire and successfully carried the wounded man to safety. The courage, devotion to duty and outstanding accomplishment of Technician Grade Three Cooley reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Cooley (parents), Route 11, Box 934, Milwaukie 2, Oregon.

Captain JOHN D. GEORGE, 0278378, Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations against the enemy at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea from 23 April 1944 to 5 May 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lillian George (wife) 307 McClaine Street, Silverton, Oregon.

Private ROBERT W. GOORSKY, 36750100, Tank Destroyer, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Parai Village, Biak Island, on 29 May 1944. Private Goorsky and a fellow soldier repaired wire communications from their platoon to a forward observer party. This work was done without cover under continuous enemy sniper and mortar fire. It was necessary to repair the wire on several occasions when communications were disrupted by enemy action. The work of Private Goorsky on this occasion contributed immeasurably to the successful operations of his platoon in support of Infantry elements in that sector. Home address: Mrs. Violet Goorsky (mother) 1644 N. California Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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Technician Grade IV WILLIAM J. GREENSHIELDS, 37091935, Tank Destroyer, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Parai Village, Biak Island on 29 May 1944. On this date, wire communication to the platoon forward observer were disrupted by enemy action. Technician Grade IV Greenshields, with a wire crew, went out to repair the line. A break in the wire was found in a tree which was in the path of continuous sniper and mortar fire. In spite of warnings from nearby infantry men, he climbed the tree and repaired the break. This courageous deed made it possible for the platoon to deliver mortar fire to support Infantry operations in that sector. Home address: Mr. William Greenshields, (father), Hannah, North Dakota.

Private MUCH R. KELLY, 20253671, Tank Destroyer, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Mokmer Village, Biak Island on 8 June 1944. On the afternoon of this date, Private Kelly, a lineman, was a member of a forward mortar observation party. When the Infantry Unit they were supporting was stopped by an enemy mortar concentration, Private Kelly with the officer in charge of the party, went forward under heavy fire laying and splicing wire on the way permitting the registering of mortars. When the officer was killed, Private Kelly reported the loss of the observer to the Infantry Unit and guided a second party to a favorable point of observation with little interruption of supporting fire. The outstanding performance of Private Kelly assisted immeasurably in the withdrawal of an Infantry Battalion from the impact area of enemy fire. Home address: Mrs. Mae Kelly (mother) 216 Webster Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Private ARTHUR KOSKELA, 37173321, Tank Destroyer, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Parai Village, Biak Island on 28 May 1944. During the afternoon of this date, wire communications to a forward observation party were disrupted by enemy action. Private Koskela, as member of a wire crew, assisted in the repair of lines at all times under continuous enemy sniper and mortar fire. The work of this crew contributed immeasurably to the successful operation of Infantry Units in that sector. Home address: Mrs. Jenny Koskela, (mother), Ellendale, North Dakota.

Private First Class JAMES L TURNER, 35171926, Tank Destroyer, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Parai Village, Biak Island on 28 May 1944. During the afternoon of this date, the observation party of which Private First Class Turner was a member established an observation post on an intermediate ridge. This party layed wire and advanced under continuous enemy fire. These acts performed by Private First Class Turner and the crew resulted in the platoon being able to deliver fire on enemy mortars and silencing them for the duration of the fire mission. Home address: Mr. John C Turner, (father), 339 N. Lynn Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private First Class ROBERT A SHEETS JR., 34778919, Medical Department, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Private First Class Sheets exhibited outstanding bravery in wading across a creek covered by sniper fire in order to assist in the rescue of a

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wounded man. Although subjected to enemy fire while placing the wounded man on the litter, and later while carrying him, Private First Class Sheets with others of the litter squad continued their mission until the patient had been carried to safety. Home address: Mrs. Robert A Sheets (mother), Salisbury, North Carolina.

Technician Grade Three CHARLES A WORSLEY, 39376529, Medical Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April 1944 to 5 May 1944. Home address: Miss Caroline Worsley (sister) 7 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn, 7, New York.

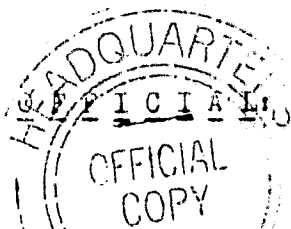
IV. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AP 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General 41st Infantry Division to the following named officer:

First Lieutenant CLARENCE J HAMILTON, 0381233, Corps of Military Police, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Clarence J Hamilton (wife), 214 S. Sycamore Street, Lansing, 15, Michigan.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S SWEANY,
Colonel, GSC,
Chief of Staff.



Donald W. Hare,
1st Lieut., ASD.,
Asst. Adjt. Gen.

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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 decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named officer:

Captain JALMAR H. GERTTULA, (0391944), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Parai Village, Biak Island on 29 May 1944. An Infantry regiment was ordered to withdraw from the area of Parai Village using elements of one of its battalions and the mortar company commanded by Captain Gerttula to cover the withdrawal. When the covering infantry had withdrawn, Captain Gerttula's company was to move out rapidly, destroying any ammunition and other equipment that could not be moved. Captain Gerttula personally supervised the explicit execution of this order, remaining behind until the last of the regiment had withdrawn. The firing from his battery of mortars was exceedingly accurate and was delivered effectively in such volume that very few of the enemy were able to penetrate the area and harass the withdrawal. Captain Gerttula carried out his instructions with complete disregard for personal safety. Home address: Mrs. Doris W. Gerttula (wife), 505 North Twelfth Street, Corvallis, Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART.

Under the provisions of AR 600-45, War Department, 8 August 1932, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following named enlisted men:

Private WILLIE ARRINGTON, (36597646), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Doris Arrington (wife), 1931 Sherman Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Private BENJAMIN BARNES, (32913169), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lizzie Barnes (mother), 158 Prince Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Private First Class VERNON C. BOND, (35141842), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Sarah E. Bond (mother), 1105 North Bell Street, Kokomo, Indiana.

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Private WILLIAM H. BROWN, (34743516), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Elizabeth Brown (mother), 550 Hill Street, Savannah, Georgia.

Private First Class ANNIAS CARTER, (35701438), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Aalice M. Pillows (sister), 1213 West Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

Private SIMON E. GOATES, (34424016), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lizzie Hollie (mother), 199 East Fortification Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Technician Grade Five JAMES L. DIXON, (39196154), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Dixon (mother), Box 96, Wilson, Louisiana.

Private JOE W. EWING, (34 83832), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Annie L. Rucker (sister), Sherman, Mississippi.

Private First Class SIMON T. FUNDERBURK, (32925305), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lizzie Funderburk (mother), 763 Tinton Avenue, Bronx New York.

Private First Class JAMES L. GILLIAM, (32381750), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lillian L. Gilliam (wife), Hoffman, North Carolina.

Private CLAYTON G. GRAHAM, (32756245), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Isabella Graham (mother), 925 Baltic Avenue, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Corporal JOHN E. HENDERSON, (35141857), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Christine Henderson (mother), 921 N. Penn Street, Muncie, Indiana.

Corporal WILLIAM L. JOHNSON, (35141959), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Marcella Johnson (mother), 1520 E. Kirk Street, Muncie, Indiana.

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Private First Class THOMAS McMICHAEL JR., (32883350), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Minnie Mac McMichael (mother), Route 2 Box 30, Bamberg, South Carolina.

Corporal JOSHUA NICHOLSON, (35141907), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Lillian Nicholson (wife), 1646 Massachusetts Street, Gary, Indiana.

Sergeant GEORGE S. ROLLINS, (32912993), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Rosa Rollins (mother), 49 Second Street, Newark, New Jersey.

Private JAMES SANDERS, (36481815), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Carrie Sanders (sister), 423 West Poplar Street, DuQuoin, Illinois.

Private First Class HERMAN B. SIMPSON, (33736866), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mrs. Beatrice Simpson (mother), 2620 F Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Private First Class SAUL SUTTON JR., (34251325), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For wounds received in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, on 23 April 1944. Home address: Mr. Saul Sutton Sr. (father), Route 2 Box 8, Henderson, North Carolina.

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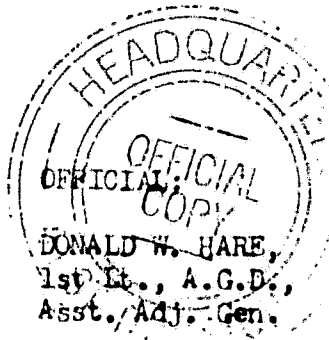
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By command of Brigadier General DGE:



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Colonel, G.S.C.,
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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, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain MILAN M CASPER, (0370059), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in the vicinity of Salamaua, New Guinea from 29 June to 12 September 1943. Home address Mrs Laura Casper (wife), Rigby, Idaho.

Sergeant (then Private First Class) ELMER B CONAWAY, (20344341), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations near Tambu Bay, New Guinea from 28 July to 29 August 1943. Home address: Mrs. Sophie Lacer (mother), 217 Hudson Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Major (then Captain) DALE D CORNELL, (0329814), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations near Dobadura, New Guinea from 25 February to 15 July 1943. Home address: Mrs. Easter Cornell (wife), Greenville, Iowa.

Captain WILLIS V HINES, (0414751), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Tambu Bay, New Guinea from 12 July to 13 August 1943. Home address: Mrs. Ursula M. Hines, (wife) 320 Pacific Avenue East, Forest Grove, Oregon.

Major (then Captain) MURRAY JENSEN, (0275015), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations near Oro Bay, New Guinea from 25 January to 15 May 1943. Home address: Mrs. Murray Jensen (wife), Box 21, Firth, Idaho.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) JAMES H S KINDT, (0360706), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations near Salamaua, New Guinea from 23 August to 12 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. Leslie J Kindt (wife), 3406 Clay Street, San Francisco, California.

First Sergeant HENRY G KLIEVER, (20933830), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations near Tambu Bay, New Guinea from 29 June to 12 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. F. F. Kliever (mother), Dallas, Oregon.

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Colonel HERBERT G LAUTERBACH, (0199098), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations near Oro Bay, New Guinea from 25 January to 15 May 1943. Home address: Mrs. Herbert G. Lauterbach (wife), Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lieutenant Colonel HAROLD G MAISON, (0241515), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations in the Nassau Bay, Tambu Bay areas, New Guinea from 23 July to 12 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. Zoe C. Maison (wife), Springfield, Oregon.

Major CLARENCE E REID, (0329493), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Morobe, Nassau Bay, and Tambu Bay, New Guinea from 3 June to 23 September 1943. Home address: Mrs. Mary J. Reid, (wife), Box 689, Ketchikan, Territory of Alaska.

Colonel FREDERICK C HOECKER, (0232721), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Dobadura, New Guinea from 21 March to 5 April 1943. Home address: Mrs. Frederick C. Hoecker (wife), 402 South I Street, Tacoma, Washington.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) MIKE A TRAPMAN, (0255282), General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations in New Guinea from 1 January to 15 April 1943. Home address: Mrs. Mike A. Trapman, (wife), 2415 N E 41st Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER AND BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

By direction of the president, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded to Major PAUL H REED by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division as published on page 6, Section III, General Orders No 27 dated 17 June 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division. The citation is as follows:

Major PAUL H REED, (0240830), Veterinary Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations near Dobadura, New Guinea from 30 January to 1 March 1943. Home address: Mrs Paul H. Reed, (wife), Olive Tower, 1624 Brown Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

By direction of the president, in addition to the Bronze Star Medal awarded Colonel KENNETH S SWEANY by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division as published on page 8, Section II, General Orders No 29, 17 June 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded to him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division. The citation is as follows:

Colonel KENNETH S SWEANY, (015251), General Staff Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations in New Guinea from 1 January to 15 April 1943. Home address: Mrs. Laura Ward Swcany, (wife), c/o Colonel Philip R. Ward, Oswego, New York.

III. AMENDMENT OF CITATION, AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL.

So much of Section II, General Orders Number 29, this Headquarters, dated 17 June 1944 as awards the Bronze Star Medal to staff sergeant DAN H JACKSON is amended to read as follows:

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O.K. Staff Sergeant DAN H. JACKSON, (39378679), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Iloilo Bay, Luzon, from 22 April to 5 May 1944. Staff Sergeant JACKSON worked long hours with great efficiency in the performance of his duties as motor transport sergeant. He supervised recovery of vehicles from his unit from bogs, ravines, and other difficult terrain which had immobilized them. Due in part to the efficient supervision of mechanical maintenance by Staff Sergeant JACKSON, the vehicles of his organization gave excellent service throughout the operation. Home address: Mrs. Charles Jackson (Mother), Hou. 4, Arlington Washington.

By command of Brigadier General [Signature]

KENNETH S. SWEENEY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Donald W. Hare

Donald W. Hare,
1st Lt., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS, 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 Decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named enlisted man:

Private First Class THEODORE P HOWE, (36305171), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Biak Island on 22 June 1944. During a fanatic assault by a group of approximately 250 Japanese, a wounded enemy reached the .50 caliber machine gun position manned by Private First Class HOWE. It was the intention of the Japanese to blow up the gun with a hand grenade but Private HOWE prevented him from doing so by striking him on the head with the butt of his gun and grappling with him. During the struggle to pull the enemy away from the gun, the hand grenade exploded killing both. The heroic act of Private First Class HOWE saved the gun position and the lives of his comrades. Home address: Mrs Lorie P. Howe (mother), 7407 N. Damen Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officer and enlisted men:

Private ANDREW C HAMILTON, (20226423), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. Private HAMILTON kept up a continuous stream of fire from his .50 caliber machine gun upon a large group of onrushing Japanese, until it jammed. Thereafter, he remained in his position for over two hours attempting to put his gun into operation despite intense enemy fire and the proximity of attacking Japanese. During this period he kept up intermittent fire with his M-1 rifle, successfully defending his section of the perimeter from enemy infiltration. Home address: Mrs. Viola Hamilton (mother), Vinectown, New Jersey.

Private First Class CHESTER F KLOVAS, (36305094), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Biak Island on 22 June 1944. During an attack by a group of approximately 250 Japanese, Private First Class KLOVAS

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a .50 caliber machine gunner stayed at his post, inflicting heavy damage upon the attacking enemy. His gun jammed at the height of the attack and without hesitation he jumped from his foxhole and ran fifty yards under enemy fire to bring up tanks. Private KLOVAS' prompt action at the risk of his life secured that section of the perimeter against enemy infiltration and contributed greatly to the success of our forces. Home address: Mrs. Agatha Klovas (mother) 4441 South Campbell Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class HOWARD M LANG, (29601211), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Biak Island on 22 June 1944. During a fanatic attack by a group of approximately 250 enemy, one Japanese rear'd the .50 caliber machine gun position occupied by Private First Class LANG. Due to close quarters it was impossible to fire so he beat the Japanese to death with the butt of his rifle. He then jumped out of his foxhole under enemy fire and bayoneted to death four Japanese to the immediate front, who were attempting to throw hand grenades into the gun position. Private First Class LANG'S gallant actions saved the machine gun position from destruction and the lives of the crew. Home address: Mrs. Nettie Lang (mother), Dulron, Minnesota.

First Lieutenant FRITZ F ROLL JR., (037724), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. During a suicidal attack by approximately 250 Japanese, First Lieutenant ROLL exhibited outstanding courage in directing the fire of his company, which bore the brunt of the attack. He was at all times calm and collected and gave excellent instruction to his forward positions by sound power telephone. He cautioned his troops to conserve ammunition which was extremely low due to the intensity of the attack. When positions of the outer defenses were out of ammunition he was instrumental in securing tank support. One hundred and nine enemy were killed in this action. Home address: Mrs Fritz F. Roll Jr., (wife) Great Falls, Montana.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

By direction of the President, under the provisions of executive order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bulletin 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officer and enlisted men:

Technical Sergeant WILLIAM H HALL, (38023643), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island on 22 June 1944. When a regimental perimeter was attacked by a group of approximately 250 fanatical Japanese, Technical Sergeant HALL displayed great courage and skill in directing his platoon, which bore a major portion of the attack. He carried machine gun ammunition to forward positions under enemy fire when the supply was running low. Technical Sergeant HALL'S platoon was responsible for the death of a large number of the Japanese who were killed during this attack. Home address: Mr. William H. Hall Sr., (father), Wanette, Oklahoma.

Private First Class CASIMIR J HUBDA, (26015571), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, 22 June 1944. During an attack of approximately 250 Japanese, Private First Class Hubda jumped from his foxhole under enemy fire and carried badly needed ammunition to the machine gun positions. His

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brave act enabled the guns to keep in operation throughout the attack, and contributed to the successful rout of the enemy. Home address: Mrs. Harriet Hebda (mother), 1318 North Artesian Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Private First Class WILLIE JACKSON, (20935486), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. When his machine gun jammed during a fierce attack by approximately 250 Japanese Private First Class JACKSON, with other soldiers, remained at his post firing small arms against the onrushing enemy. He showed outstanding courage in facing this intense enemy charge after failure of the machine gun. Home address: Mr. Robert A. Jackson (father), Honsiston, Oregon.

Private First Class ANDREW JOHNSON, (36219616), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. During a fierce attack on a regimental perimeter by approximately 250 Japanese the .50 caliber machine gun which Private First Class JOHNSON was firing ran out of ammunition. He did not leave the position but remained with fixed bayonet awaiting the enemy charge so as not to weaken the defense sector. Private First Class JOHNSON exhibited unusual courage in facing the enemy who were heavily armed. Home address: Mr. Martin Johnson (father), Mondovi, Wisconsin.

Private First Class GILLES LABBEE, (32112015), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. Private First Class LABBEE, a .50 caliber machine gunner stayed at his post throughout a fanatical assault by the enemy. He exhibited outstanding bravery in facing this onslaught when at times Japanese advanced within a few feet of his position. Private First Class LABBEE'S firing accounted for many dead. Home address: Mrs. Charles Macrki (guardian) 2518 83rd Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

Private WILLIAM L. HAY, (20935495), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. When his machine gun jammed during a fierce attack by approximately 250 Japanese, Private HAY, with other soldiers, remained at his post firing small arms against the onrushing enemy. He showed outstanding courage in facing this intense enemy charge after failure of the machine gun. Home address: Mr. James D. Hay (father), Athena, Oregon.

Private WALTER J. CHEASS, (36304717), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. When his machine gun jammed during a fierce attack by approximately 250 Japanese, Private CHEASS, with other soldiers remained at his post firing small arms against the onrushing enemy. He showed outstanding courage in facing this intense charge after failure of the machine gun. Home address: Mrs. Anna Poterachi (sister) 4301 North Richmond Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

First Lieutenant FRANKS, (20934559), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations

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against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. In the midst of a fierce enemy attack on his company position by approximately 250 Japanese all mortar ammunition was expended. Lieutenant McGOVERN called for mortar fire from an adjoining company and skillfully directed fire on the attacking enemy bringing fire within 15 yards of his own troops. This close-in fire did much to keep the enemy out of forward positions. Lieutenant McGOVERN also secured and distributed ammunition to his troops under intense fire. Home address: Mrs. Francis E. McGovern (wife), 37 Finlay Street, Malvern, Melbourne, Australia.

Private First Class TRENTON MIRICLE, (37110276), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. When his machine gun jammed during a fierce attack by approximately 250 Japanese, Private First Class MIRICLE, with other soldiers, remained at his post firing small arms against the onrushing enemy. He showed outstanding courage in facing this intense enemy charge after failure of the machine gun. Home address: Mr. Forest Miricle (father), Marivia, Iowa.

Corporal GEORGE MILLER, (36305234), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. As chief of a .50 caliber machine gun crew during a suicidal attack by approximately 250 Japanese Corporal MILLER kept his weapon in constant operation. Fire from his gun accounted for many of the 109 Japanese killed during the attack. During this attack the enemy pressed as close as four feet to the gun position. Corporal MILLER exhibited outstanding courage in remaining at his post, though wounded in this action. Home address: Mrs. Janet H. Miller (mother), 428 Greenwood Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

Corporal RICHARD V NOVY, (36308820), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. As chief of a .50 caliber machine gun crew during a suicidal attack by approximately 250 Japanese, Corporal NOVY kept his weapon in constant operation. Fire from his gun accounted for many of the 109 Japanese killed during the attack. During this attack the enemy pressed as close as four feet to the gun position. Home address: Mrs. Sylvia V. Novy (mother), 4014 West 26th Street, Chicago 23, Illinois.

Private LEWIS E SHOPE, (33760941), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. Although wounded in the initial phase of a strong enemy attack, Private SHOPE refused medical care or evacuation and stayed at his post throughout the action. His bravery in facing the enemy despite his wound contributed to the rout of the enemy. Home address: Mr. Lewis Shope (father), Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Private DARWIN F SMITH, (37110419), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Biak Island, on 22 June 1944. During a fierce attack on a regimental perimeter by approximately 250 Japanese the .50 caliber machine gun which Private SMITH was firing, ran out of ammunition. He did not leave the position but remained with fixed bayonet awaiting the enemy charge so as not to weaken

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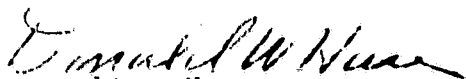
the defense sector. Private SMITH exhibited the usual courage in facing the enemy though inadequately armed. Home address: Mrs. Darwin F. Smith (mother), Lehigh, Iowa.

Sergeant EARL R. SULLIVAN, (39152792), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 24 April to 11 May 1944. Sergeant SULLIVAN performed outstanding services as a member of a group detailed to deliver important supplies to a Jetty on Humboldt Bay. In spite of many hardships and long hours of work, Sergeant SULLIVAN performed his duties as a non-commissioned officer in such a manner as to inspire his men. His cheerful attitude, obedience to orders and untiring effort contributed greatly to the morale and working efficiency of the group. Sergeant SULLIVAN continually cared for his men and was always present to lend a helping hand where needed. Home address: Mrs. L. W. Rickards, (mother), Route 1, Box 61, Perris, California.

By command of Brigadier General DOE:

KENNETH S. SWEANY,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:



Donald W. Hare,
1st Lt., A.G.D.,
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I. AWARD POSTHUMOUS, 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 Decoration is posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Private First Class ANGELO CASTELLI, (32983316), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Private First Class CASTELLI, a Browning automatic rifleman in a combat patrol, was called forward to place automatic fire on an enemy pillbox. Despite intense enemy fire, he quickly moved forward. In order to see his target he was obliged to fire his weapon from a standing position without cover. He stood his ground and continued to fire for over twenty minutes, and voluntarily remained behind to cover the withdrawal of the patrol. Private First Class CASTELLI was killed during this gallant stand to defend his fellow soldiers. Home Address: Mrs. Doris Castelli (mother), 1691 Carter Avenue, New York City, New York.

First Lieutenant ROBERT W MINNER, (02035131), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. First Lieutenant MINNER commanded the advance platoon of an assault company in the American landing at Humboldt Bay. Their objective was to move rapidly to high ground overlooking the landing beaches approximately 400 yards distant, ordered taken regardless of resistance. When the advance of the platoon was impeded by heavy sniper fire, Lieutenant MINNER, disregarding his safety, moved quickly to the front of his platoon and led them forward. He was the first to reach the summit and a few minutes later, his platoon had cleared it of the enemy, accomplishing the mission twenty minutes after the landing. The superior leadership of First Lieutenant MINNER was an inspiration to his men, and his aggressiveness and fearlessness insured the rapid advance of the battalion toward its later objectives. Home address: Mrs. W. F. Minner (mother), 2230 Bivisadevo, San Francisco, California.

Staff Sergeant ERWIN W. OVERBO, (39228244), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During an assault upon a strongly fortified enemy position, Staff Sergeant OVERBO exposed himself to heavy machine gun, small arms and mortar

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fire to rescue a wounded comrade. After evacuating him to a position of safety, he continued to lead his squad against the enemy until he saw his platoon commander wounded. Knowing that he would be exposed to the same enemy fire which had wounded the Lieutenant, he nevertheless attempted the rescue, but was killed in his attempt. The actions of Staff Sergeant OVERBO were outstanding as an example of courage, loyalty, and self-sacrifice to all who knew him. Home address: Mrs. Nellie Overbo (mother), Derrick, North Dakota.

First Lieutenant MICHAEL POLIMAC, (02035143), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During an assault, First Lieutenant POLIMAC'S platoon came under heavy fire from an enemy strongpoint. Seeing that his men had become startled and confused by the suddenness and intensiveness of enemy fire, he stood up to better direct and control the conduct of his patrol, although the area was raked by machine gun, mortar, and small arms fire. While deploying the patrol, he was seriously wounded, but continued to direct the assault until his death. First Lieutenant Polimac's bravery and self sacrifice restored his platoon to an efficient fighting unit which annihilated the enemy in its attack. Home address: Mrs. Anna Polimac (mother), Box 372, Monroe, Michigan.

Private First Class DIONISIO Z. TEMELLOSA, (38061755), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Private First Class TEMELLOSA formed the point of the advance guard in his battalion. The advance was up a narrow jungle track with precipitous slopes on either side covered with thick growth along which were excellent places for ambush. Sporadic fire from scattered enemy groups and snipers was encountered from the higher ground. Private First Class TEMELLOSA, as first scout in the point squad, pressed forward aggressively and steadily, aware that at any moment he and the other men might be ambushed and subjected to all kinds of fire. He and his second scout accounted for eight enemy dead. At all times, Private First Class TEMELLOSA was keenly alert, cool, and employed excellent individual tactics. Home address: Mr. Ceferno Temellosa (Father), Harlingen, Texas.

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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 Decoration is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division, to the following named officers and enlisted men:

Captain ARGYLE E ARMSTRONG, (0425209), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Mokmer Drome Area, Biak Island from 2 to 5 June 1944. As Commanding Officer of a combat engineer company, Captain ARMSTRONG, with outstanding leadership and courage employed his unit in the construction of eight miles of road vitally necessary in supplying an Infantry Regiment operating against the Japanese. This is particularly outstanding that it was accomplished under extremely heavy enemy fire, often with no protection except their own security guards. In addition four and one half miles of a main supply route had to be kept open and maintained. His gallant action

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and determination commands great admiration. Home address: Mrs. Argyle E Armstrong (Wife), 5316 5th Avenue NE, Seattle 5, Washington.

Major CHARLES B CLAYPOOL, (0342985), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. At an early hour on D Day of the First American Landing in Dutch New Guinea, it was necessary to closely examine the beach to insure the speedy handling of cargo and unloading of troops. Although the beach was under enemy fire from various directions, with especially heavy fire from a strong point established on a nearby island, Major CLAYPOOL unhesitatingly went ashore and accomplished this mission. He displayed a high degree of skill, outstanding devotion to duty, and sound judgment. Home address: Mrs. Charles B Claypool, (Wife) 1222 2d Avenue, South East, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Major GRAND S GREEN, (0264558), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During enemy bombing of an ammunition and gasoline dump, Major GREEN, whose field artillery battalion was emplaced in the area, exhibited cool disregard for his safety in bringing the situation under control. He evacuated personnel from the lanes of fire and assigned them new areas, enabling the battalion's guns to continue firing when called upon. Although gasoline and ammunition were exploding all about him, showering the beach with fragments, he moved about the area, supervising the digging of slit trenches and emplacement of machine guns. Major GREEN'S coolness and decisive instructions when in great personal danger did much to relieve the confusion and aided in evacuating wounded. Home address: Mrs. Grand S Green (wife), 2302 East 125th Street, Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class WILLIAM HOLDER (20456626), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Private First class HOLDER with a group of scouts, formed the point of the advance guard in his battalion. The advance was up a narrow jungle track with precipitous slopes on either side covered with thick growth along which were excellent places for ambush. Sporadic fire from scattered enemy groups and snipers, was encountered from higher ground. Private First Class HOLDER moved forward aggressively and steadily, aware that at any moment he and the other men might be ambushed and subjected to all kinds of fire. He and the first scout accounted for eight enemy dead. At all times, Private First Class HOLDER was keenly alert, cool, and employed excellent individual tactics. Home address: Edith Prucitt, (sister), Route 3, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Sergeant FRANK W HURLIMAN, (20933686), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Sergeant HURLIMAN, an assistant squad leader, was moving forward with his unit in an assault to secure a saddle ridge to be utilized by the company for its night perimeter defense. The advance was over steep, rocky, and muddy terrain and through enemy rear guard positions consisting mainly of numerous snipers in the trees throughout the area. When one of the men was hit, Sergeant HURLIMAN, disregarding personal safety, crawled to the man's side to effect a rescue. With the aid of two others, he dragged forward a litter, placed the wounded man on it and carried him to a place of safety. While being carried, the wounded man was again hit by a sniper, this time discharging a rocket carried on his person. Despite this additional hazard, Sergeant HURLIMAN continued the evacuation. Home address: Mr. Anton A Hurliman (father), RFD, Cloverdale, Oregon.

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Private BERNARD KAPLAN, (32982774), Medical Department, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Private KAPLAN, during a night infiltration by Japanese into the defensive perimeter of the company to which he was attached as an aid man, administered first aid to two casualties. It was dangerous to move from cover of a foxhole within the perimeter since the Japanese had penetrated their defense. Although visibility was poor, the form of a moving man could be easily distinguished within a few yards. In spite of the hazard, Private KAPLAN acted unhesitatingly in the performance of this deed, with complete disregard of personal safety. Home address: Mrs. Bernard Kaplan, (wife), 1274 5th Avenue, New York City, New York.

Staff Sergeant CHARLES LEON, (39165210), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Staff Sergeant LEON, a platoon sergeant, was moving forward with his Unit in an assault to secure a saddle ridge to be utilized by the company for its night perimeter defense. The advance was over steep, rocky, muddy terrain and through enemy rear guard positions consisting mainly of numerous snipers in the trees throughout the area. When one of the men was hit, Sergeant LEON, disregarding personal safety, crawled to the man's side to effect a rescue. With the aid of two others, he dragged forward a litter, placed the wounded man on it and carried him to a place of safety. While being carried, the wounded man was again hit by a sniper shot, this time discharging a rocket carried on his person. Despite this additional hazard, Sergeant LEON continued the evacuation. Home address: Mrs. Angloa Leon (mother), 5519 South Van Ness Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

Major PHILLIP W LONG, (021962), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action on Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Major LONG led reinforcements to evacuate wounded from the shore during the withdrawal of a regiment of Infantry from an important air drome area. He landed his buffaloes near the rearmost elements of the withdrawing forces and evacuated the wounded from that point while under fire. Major LONG'S devotion to duty, his coolness and calmness under fire made possible the success of his mission. Home address: Mrs. Phillip W Long, (wife), c/o Col R C Brady, ASF Depot, Richmond, Virginia.

Lieutenant Colonel HAROLD G MAISON, (0141515), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 to 30 April 1944. Lieutenant Colonel MAISON commanded his battalion in an outstanding and courageous manner throughout the operation. He was with the leading elements of his battalion at all times and made rapid and effective employment of his companies under heavy enemy fire. His coolness and sound tactical judgment in combat gained the confidence and cooperation of all officers and enlisted men. Lieutenant Colonel MAISON, through his aggressiveness and superior leadership under fire enabled his battalion to complete its mission in a minimum of time with but few casualties. Home address: Mrs. Harold G Maison, (wife), 2945 Lincoln Way, San Francisco, California.

Private RALPH A NICHOLAS, (36020378), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Parai Jetty, Biak Island on 29 May 1944. During the evacuation of wounded by amphibious truck and LCT from a beach, the area was placed under observed enemy mortar fire. Without

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orders, Private NICHOLAS, driver of an amphibious truck, returned to the beach after delivering a group of casualties to an LCV and evacuated forty men who had been left behind in an exposed position. This necessitated two trips to the beach under enemy fire. The courageous performance of Private NICHOLAS and others on the amphibious truck saved the lives of many wounded. Home address: Mrs. Dorothy A Burroughs (sister), 6028 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Corporal HERVE G ROBERT, (31178611), Coast Artillery Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Soriani Village on Biak Island on 28 May 1944. Corporal ROBERT, left the protection of his gun revetment to administer first aid and comfort to the first sergeant of his organization who had been mortally wounded. Knowing sniper fire existed in the area as a result of enemy infiltration, with complete disregard of the possibility that he too might lose his life, he unhesitatingly dashed to the aid of a wounded comrade. Home address: Mrs. Herve G Robert, (wife), 238 Union Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Technician Grade Five MARCUS P SANCHEZ, (32888561), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Parai Jetty, Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Technician Grade Five SANCHEZ exposed himself to mortar and small arms fire, without regard for his safety to successfully rescue a platoon of men from a dangerously exposed position. Technician Grade Five SANCHEZ, a member of the crew of an amphibious truck, after accomplishing a mission of evacuating wounded personnel from a beach, then voluntarily returned to make sure all had been evacuated. Forty men were found there and were evacuated in an operation requiring two trips. This act of Technician Grade Five SANCHEZ, under heavy enemy fire, saved the lives of those men. Home address: Mrs. Esther L Sanchez (mother), 192 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, New York.

Second Lieutenant ROBERT W VOGT, (0447723), Infantry, United States Army. For gallantry in action in the vicinity of Parai Jetty, Biak Island on 29 May 1944. Lieutenant VOGT exposed himself to mortar and small arms fire, without regard for personal safety to successfully rescue a platoon of men from a dangerously exposed position. Lieutenant VOGT, in charge of a crew operating an amphibian truck, in company with crew, after accomplishing a mission of evacuating wounded personnel from the beach, voluntarily returned to the beach to make sure all had been evacuated. Forty men were found there and were evacuated in an operation requiring two trips. Lieutenant VOGT'S action on this occasion reflects great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mrs. Robert R Vogt, (Mother), 212 Woodlawn Avenue, Burlington, Iowa.

Captain ROBERT E WELLS, (0315676), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Mokmer Drome, Biak Island 7 and 8 June 1944. Captain WELLS, with outstanding courage, personally directed the landing of tanks from LCM'S to blast the Japanese incaves near the beach at the Mokmer Drome Area. While making a personal reconnaissance of the landing beach, the enemy fire became so intense that it was necessary to leave the area. Waiting until nightfall, Captain WELLS personally directed the landing of Buffaloes loaded with supplies vital to an Infantry Regiment in the area and in addition

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evacuated the wounded. This gallant act, performed under intense enemy fire, greatly aided the Infantry advance. Mrs. Eloise Wells (wife), 219 Fairview Ave., Greenville, South Carolina.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE OAKLEAF CLUSTER (Silver Star).

By direction of the President, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Major WILLIAM B BROWN by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders Number 19 dated 15 May 1944, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major WILLIAM B BROWN, (0346640), Field Artillery, United States Army. For gallantry in action near Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. After an enemy bombing, Major BROWN courageously exposed himself to exploding ammunition and fire in order to organize evacuation of wounded. He caused slit trenches to be dug and directed personnel to positions of safety where they would not hinder fire fighting operations. He did much to prevent a high casualty rate by prompt evacuation and sheltering of personnel. Major BROWN'S calm directions and leadership when in grave personal danger were an inspiration to those about him. Home address: Mrs. Naomi Brown, (wife), 6421 SE 89th Avenue, Portland Oregon.

By direction of the president, in addition to the Silver Star awarded to Major HARRY N RISING JR., by the Commanding General, Second Engineer Special Brigade as published on page 1, Section I, General Orders Number 9, dated 2 November 1943, a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster is awarded him by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (Bulletin 43, WD, 1918). The citation is as follows:

Major HARRY N RISING JR., (0240062), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For gallantry in action at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. On the night of 23 April 1944, an enemy bomb scored a direct hit on a fuel dump, causing a raging fire which threatened to destroy the entire dump area consisting of ammunition, fuel, and large quantities of Japanese bombs and supplies. For a period of about six hours, Major RISING remained in the dump area organizing, directing and participating in the rescue of wounded and creating a fire break. He exposed himself to extreme personal danger from live shells and blazing oil drums which were thrown great distances by repeated explosions. Not until it was definitely established that all personnel were removed and that further efforts could not check the fire did Major RISING retire to a place of safety. The courageous example set by Major RISING prevented panic and further loss of life. Home address: Mrs. Harriet L Rising (mother), Park View Apartments, Memphis, Tennessee.

IV. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July 1926 (Bulletin 8, WD, 1926), a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following enlisted men:

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Technician Grade Five NENEATH K. KEENEY, (20941357), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism at Humboldt Bay Dutch New Guinea on 27 April 1944. A comrade of Technician Grade Five KEENEY lost his footing in a small boat and fell into the water. Without regard for the danger involved of diving into unknown water, Technician Grade Five KEENEY swam to his assistance to a point about two hundred yards distant where he had been carried by the current. It was particularly difficult to effect the rescue as the drowning man struggled desperately. Technician Grade Five KEENEY'S cool and quick action saved the life of this man. Home address: Ella Afnbrenner (sister), 1331 SE 36th Street, Portland, Oregon.

Technical Sergeant HAROLD A WOLCOTT, (20928821), Infantry, United States Army. For heroism near T. dji, Dutch New Guinea on 26 April 1944. While swimming in the surf, a fellow soldier, unable to swim was carried out to sea by a strong undertow. Although there was a strong current flowing, Sergeant WOLCOTT unhesitatingly swam to the rescue of the drowning man and towed him to shallow water. This conspicuous courage and quick action saved the life of a man who would have otherwise drowned. Home address: Mrs. Elsie Steltu, (mother) Wibaux, Montana.

V. AWARD POSTHUMOUS 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 posthumously awarded by the Commanding General, 41st Infantry Division to the following officer and enlisted man:

Technician Grade V WILLIAM W STOUT, JR., (34174430), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 24 May 1944. Technician Grade V STOUT, though physically ill, insisted on doing his share of work in operating a Regimental message center. He worked frequently at night her ling and servicing operational messages in a very efficient manner. Although he had a severe attack of heat exhaustion, he refused to be relieved and insisted on doing necessary work knowing the importance of its accomplishment. Home address: Mrs. Beulah S Stout (mother), 1111 8th Street, Durham, North Carolina.

Second Lieutenant LEE W WALKER, JR., (0508670), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 25 April 1944. In order to locate enemy points of resistance during an advance by his platoon, Lieutenant WALKER made a personal reconnaissance under intense enemy fire. After having discovered enemy positions, he was killed while endeavoring to cover his platoon's advance by firing on the enemy from the flank. By his courageous act, performed without thought for personal safety, Lieutenant WALKER displayed outstanding leadership. His performance was an inspiration to the officers and men of his company throughout the operation. Home address: Mrs L. W. Walker, (Mother), 334 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, Illinois.

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VI. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of executive order Number 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. 3, WD, 1944), a Bronze Star Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, First Infantry Division to the following officers and enlisted men:

First Lieutenant WILLIAM H ALLEN, (01580568), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 8 May to 15 June 1944. First Lieutenant ALLEN operated bakery services for a Task Force involved in two operations. In both instances, he had his bakery established and operating within twenty-four hours after arrival. On one occasion when twelve of his sixteen ovens were damaged by an enemy bombing, he started repair work before daylight and within twenty-four hours was operating at full capacity. First Lieutenant ALLEN contributed greatly to the morale of the Task Force. Home address: Mrs. William H Allen, (wife), 2620 SW Tichner Drive, Portland, Oregon.

Lieutenant Colonel FRANK M ARTHUR, (0366701), Chemical Warfare Service, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 16 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR performed his duties of Task Force Chemical Officer with superior ability. His advisory staff work on chemical warfare problems was of excellent value in conduct of the operations. He also took charge of captured Japanese chemical dumps and obtained much data of vital intelligence value. Lieutenant Colonel ARTHUR rendered services of great value to the Force. Home address: Mrs. Frank M Arthur, (wife), 1329 Elm Street, Baker, Oregon.

First Lieutenant DONALD N BAXTER, (02035260), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy near Janatu Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 8 to 22 April 1944. When assigned a special mission in an amphibious operation, Lieutenant BAXTER immediately began special training of a reinforced platoon. He obtained all information possible about his objective from maps, aerial photographs and overlays and constructed a highly detailed sand table in order to instruct his men in detail. Each individual was thoroughly briefed in the situation and impressed with the importance of the task. First Lieutenant BAXTER'S efficient instruction made possible the extremely successful accomplishment of a vital mission when actually undertaken. Home address: Mrs. Doris Baxter (wife), 3118 South 42d Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Grade V CHESTER G CANBY, (20935676), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations at Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea from 22 to 28 April 1944. Although Technician Grade V CANBY'S normal duties in his company was that of a cook, he volunteered to serve as a scout with one of the assault platoons. On one occasion he killed an enemy sniper who had disorganized his squad. In another instance, he exhibited quick thinking by recovering a live grenade which had been thrown into their position and throwing it back into enemy emplacements. His actions in combat were entirely at his own volition and were the more remarkable because it was not part of his normal duties. Home address: Mrs. Claude Biggle (mother), Buxton, Oregon.

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Technical Sergeant HUGO H CARLSON, (39076956), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 5 May 1944. Technical Sergeant CARLSON performed his duties as operations sergeant of a field artillery battalion in an outstanding manner. He assumed many extra duties in the operations section which normally would be handled by officers. He willingly and skillfully supervised a great deal of intelligence activity, maintained operational maps, collected, filed, and forwarded reports and messages to higher headquarters. In addition, he personally supervised the fire direction center when the assistant S-3 was absent on necessary missions. Technical Sergeant CARLSON'S initiative in performing his own and additional duties was a decided asset to the effective operation of his Battalion. Home address: Mrs. Edith E Carlson, (Mother), 411 N. Washington, Lindsborg, Kansas.

Major (then Captain) HENRY B CARY, (0410107), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 1 May 1944. As assistant Division Quartermaster, Major CARY displayed outstanding technical skill and initiative in the establishment of quartermaster dumps of supplies, food, and ammunition for issue to assault troops. Through careful planning and operation, he was able to forward sufficient supplies for over nine thousand troops despite the fact that roads were bad and transportation insufficient. Major CARY'S outstanding endeavors were an inspiration to those who worked with him. Home address: Mrs. Henry B Cary, (wife), 2810 Plymouth Drive, Bellingham, Washington.

Private First Class IVY R CYPERT, (38069359), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 24 April to 11 May 1944. Private First Class CYPERT performed outstandingly as a member of a small group of men detailed to handle supplies at a jetty on Humboldt Bay. In order to maintain a smooth flow of supplies to forward troops, it was necessary to work long hours under extremely arduous conditions. He was always on hand where work was the hardest and did more than his share to alleviate the pressure of work. Home address: Mrs. Clara V Cypert (mother), Route 1, Monday, Texas.

Technician Grade IV LAWRENCE L DENK, (32300767), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. When an enemy bomb had reduced beach dumps to a smoldering mass of supplies, unexploded bombs and ammunition, without regard for his safety, Technician Grade IV DENK operated a bull dozer for eighteen continuous hours clearing the area to prepare dump sites for incoming supply ships. During this period, Technician Grade IV DENK was constantly in danger of serious injury or death due to intermittent explosions of bombs and ammunition. Home address: Mrs. Eva Denk (mother), Grunin, Wisconsin.

First Lieutenant NORTHAM W DIBBLE, (0341530), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During an enemy bombing of beach dumps of supplies and ammunition, First Lieutenant DIBBLE led a group of volunteers in dangerous proximity to exploding ammunition and rescued a wounded soldier. During the entire period of the fire he was conspicuous for his heroism. He was always near the scene of the greatest

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danger and contributed greatly to the control of a dangerous situation. First Lieutenant DIBBLE'S calmness was a decisive factor in preventing panic and disorganization. Home address: Mrs. Wortham W Dibble (wife), Sumpter, South Carolina.

Technician Grade V CLEM V DORLAND, (18163142), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. In an attempt to extinguish a fire in an enemy ammunition dump which was endangering a nearby ammunition and supply dump, Technician Grade V DORLAND operated a D-7 bulldozer in the forming of a fire wall around the dump. Although the exploding ammunition was endangering unloading operations and personnel on the beach, Technician Grade V DORLAND remained on the bulldozer, with considerable danger to himself, until bombs started to explode, destroying a piece of equipment working with him at which time he was ordered by an officer in charge to move from the area. Home address: Mrs. Maggie Dorland (mother), General Delivery, Catoosa, Oklahoma.

Private WILBUR DRENNEN, (37085181), Quartermaster corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During an enemy bombing of an ammunition and supply dump on Humboldt Bay, Private DRENNEN dashed through flying shrapnel and incendiaries in close proximity to exploding ammunition in order to evacuate a wounded comrade. His prompt act, with complete disregard of his personal safety, saved the life of his fellow soldier. Home address: Mrs. Mary Drennen (mother), 350 So. Stuart Street, Denver, Colorado.

Captain WILLIAM T DRUMRIGHT, (01578398), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Biak Island from 27 May to 15 June 1944. Captain Drumright, the task force gasoline supply officer, was charged with location of storage facilities for aviation gasoline and the other petroleum products used by the Task Force. Due to congestion in available areas, the problem of storage was a tremendous one. Captain DRUMRIGHT, through personal reconnaissance in areas under sniper and mortar fire, made possible the speedy discharging of LSTs and the dispersal of the gasoline to the extent that no gasoline has been destroyed through enemy action. Where the soil permitted, Captain DRUMRIGHT made revetments to protect the gasoline from enemy fire or bombings. On frequent occasions, Captain DRUMRIGHT worked after darkness had fallen despite air alerts and enemy air action. His services contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. William T Drumright, (wife), 1312 Stratford Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee.

Captain (then First Lieutenant) GLENN A EATON, (0388125), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. As a member of a reconnaissance party for a forward division command post, Captain EATON, without regard for his own safety, entered an area recently occupied by enemy troops, in spite of the fact that enemy snipers had been left in the rear of the advancing Infantry. He went the main track to investigate a heavily wooded area as a possible site for the command post. Captain EATON was

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at all times in danger of enemy action, but without hesitation, carried out his mission as planned. Home address: Mrs. Jeannette A Eaton (wife), 3324 NE 48th Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

Private GILBERT E ERFERT, (36808563), Field Artillery, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. When enemy air craft bombed a supply and ammunition dump on Humboldt Bay, Private ERFERT volunteered with a group of others to enter the danger area of fire and explosions as a litter bearer to remove wounded men. Outstanding courage and disregard of his own life displayed on this occasion, reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Home address: Mr. William Erfert (brother), 3167 A N. Julia Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Technician Grade IV GUNNER B ERICKSON, (39086836), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During an enemy bombing of an ammunition dump, Technician Grade IV ERICKSON volunteered to operate a bull dozer that was near the fire and moved vehicles and artillery equipment away from the explosions. After the equipment had been moved, he assisted with his bull dozer in the construction of fire breaks. This work was performed for twelve consecutive hours until his bull dozer became inoperative. Home address: Mrs. Gunner B Erickson (wife) 82 Hopper Lane, Santa Rosa, California.

Captain QUENTIN H EVERS, (0394903), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 15 June 1944. Captain EVERS directed his company in unloading supplies from amphibious craft, operation of dumps, and transportation of supplies to Infantry troops, in a superior manner. He applied himself to his duties with little or no rest for many consecutive days. On one occasion, during an enemy bombing, he exposed himself to possible injury in order to collect his men and supervise construction of firebreaks. Captain EVERS' services were of great value to the Task Force. Home address: Mrs. Rosella S Evers, (wife), Pukwana, South Dakota.

Warrant Officer Junior Grade DEANE R FLETT, (W2114732), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations at Finsehafen New Guinea and Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 10 April to 10 May 1944. As assistant adjutant of an Infantry Regiment preparing for amphibious operations, Warrant Officer FLETT lay the ground work for all necessary combat administration. He instructed battalion adjutants, Sergeant Majors, and First Sergeants of his Regiment in their administrative functions prior to embarking on the operation. During active operations, he was in charge of all casualty reporting for the Regiment and did an outstanding job in forwarding information to higher headquarters, although information received was extremely meager. He did much to relieve combat units of detail and his efficient work was responsible for efficient administration throughout the operation. Home address: Dr. Charles Flett (father), Milbank, South Dakota.

Major LEO K FOWLER, (0328119), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy

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at Finschhafen, New Guinea and Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 8 April to 1 June 1944. Major FOWLER in his capacity as Assistant to the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 of a Task Force performed outstandingly in loading supplies, equipment and personnel for amphibious movement of a Task Force. He carefully planned available boat space so that all impedimenta was loaded in the most efficient manner. During landing operations unloading was carried out smoothly due to his planning and foresight. Major FOWLER performed an important job exceptionally well which contributed materially to the success of the operation. Home address: Mrs. Leo K Fowler, (wife), 38 Society Street, Charleston, South Carolina.

Lieutenant Colonel WARD C HOWARD, (0383255), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 10 May to 17 June 1944. Lieutenant Colonel HOWARD, through his untiring effort and full understanding and utilization of ammunition and maintenance companies within his command supplied ammunition and affected maintenance of vehicles and landing craft. His insight into the tactical situation enabled him to anticipate critical ammunition shortages and to provide ample supply when most needed. The excellent planning of Lieutenant Colonel HOWARD was a significant contribution to the success of military operations on Biak Island. Home address: Mrs. Ward C Howard (wife), Kellogg, Idaho.

Technician Grade V HAROLD KALTENBERGER, (37329986), Ordnance Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Without regard for personal safety, Technician Grade V KALTENBERGER operated a bulldozer, removing Artillery equipment and trucks from a burning supply dump of exploding ammunition and gasoline. The supply dump, having been bombed by enemy aircraft burned rapidly and with tremendous explosions endangering critically needed equipment. Technician Grade V KALTENBERGER, without hesitation, risked his life with every item he removed to safety. Home address: Mr and Mrs J. J. Kaltenberger (parents) Route 2, Box 205, Fort Collins, Colorado.

First Lieutenant SPENCER C MC MURDIE, (01583366), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and Biak Island from 22 April to 15 June 1944. Lieutenant MC MURDIE, the Graves Registration Officer for a Task Force involved in two operations, performed his duties with outstanding initiative and efficiency. On many occasions he led his men through enemy controlled territory with but a small security group for protection. Isolated graves were reduced to a minimum and permanent cemeteries established while still under enemy fire. Lieutenant MC MURDIE exhibited superior technical knowledge and devotion to duty throughout a rigorous campaign. Home address: Mrs. Bessie O McMurdie, (mother), 1553 South 16th Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Master Sergeant JOSEPH J MINAHAN, (38058949), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 6 May 1944. Sergeant MINAHAN displayed noteworthy diligence and devotion to duty as operations sergeant of a Task Force G-3 Section throughout combat operations. He worked long hours supervising posting of operations maps, and recording messages and dispatches, often exposed to enemy strafing and bombing. Sergeant MINAHAN exhibited notable efficiency and initiative in the performance of his duties.

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Home address: Mrs. Joe Minahan (mother), 4511 Willowbrook Boulevard, Houston 4, Texas.

Captain BOYD H MYER, (0384037), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea and at Biak Island from 23 April to 15 June 1944. Captain MYER, as Quartermaster Supply Officer for the Task Force involved in these operations, planned the types and amounts of rations to be carried by these forces. He came ashore at Biak Island in one of the first landing craft and made a reconnaissance of the beach for dump areas. His reconnaissance was so well planned and so complete that when the supplies started arriving on the beach, there was no delay in the unloading of them. He maintained the ration level to such an extent that at no time during the operation was there a shortage of food. On frequent occasions, Captain MYER applied himself to this duty for several days at a time with little or no rest. He was able to substitute enemy items of equipment to such an extent that it was possible to keep the Task Force clothed and equipped for its mission. Captain MYER'S services contributed materially to the success of the operations. Home address: Mrs. Dora Myhr, (mother), Box 331, Libby, Montana.

Sergeant WELDON W POWELL, (39301040), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy in the vicinity of Dobodura, New Guinea from 5 January to 25 January 1943. During that period in Dobodura, sergeant POWELL acted as Chief Clerk to the Task Force Quartermaster. He calculated the ration issue for approximately 6000 allied soldiers and 2000 natives daily on a percentage basis from stocks on hand rather than that on the ration scale laid down in tables, which was necessary because of the unbalanced type rations on hand and the extreme shortage of rations available. He supervised the use of the only transportation available for hauling supplies to combat troops and to evacuate patients to rear areas. He was required to make many decisions in the absence of the Task Force quartermaster, every one of which was expeditiously given and an example of sound judgment. Sergeant POWELL accomplished his work under trying circumstances in an outstanding manner. Home address: Mrs. Estella V Powell (mother), Box 432 Polson, Montana.

Captain FRANK K POWER, (0492653), Medical Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Biak Island on 12 June 1944. When an enemy air attack accounted for many casualties of a neighboring unit, Captain POWER volunteered to care for and aid in the evacuation of the wounded. He undertook this action despite the fact that the position was liable to further attack at any time, and carried out his treatment of casualties calmly and efficiently. Captain POWER was directly responsible for the saving of many lives and in the alleviation of much suffering. Home address: Mrs. Frank K Power (mother), 1865 Center Street, Salem, Oregon.

Captain MELVIN C RUEDY, (0384034), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 1 May 1944. Captain RUEDY, as Division Transportation officer, reallocated all vehicles of the Division to organizations which could put them to the best use. He set up and operated the

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initial ration dump near Lake Sentani and established a system of forwarding rations to combat troops by amphibious truck and Buffalo. He made personal visits to forward areas to insure that supplies were arriving in quantity and on time. Captain RUEDY'S forethought and attention to duty did much to feed and clothe the combat troops. Home address: Mrs. M. C. Ruedy (wife), 130 - 16th Street. Sparks, Nevada.

Corporal EMERY W RUEL, (11052504), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Corporal RUEL, during the enemy bombing of ammunition, gasoline, and ration dumps, was wounded in the ankle by shrapnel. Despite this handicap, he assisted in the construction of a fire break to prevent the fire from spreading to other ammunition dumps. He did not cease working at any time although limping badly from the wound in his ankle and in great pain. Corporal RUEL gave valuable assistance to fire fighting parties under a severe physical handicap. Home address: Mrs. Amy Rheault (sister), 177 St Joseph Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Master Sergeant ROBERT J RUSSELL, (20942079), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea, and Biak Island from 22 April to 15 June 1944. Master Sergeant RUSSELL, chief clerk of the Division Quartermaster office volunteered to land at an early hour in both operations as part of a reconnaissance party to locate sites for supply dumps. It was important that dumps be located at once in order to expedite unloading of LST's. Master Sergeant RUSSELL carried out these duties willingly and efficiently despite the fact that the enemy was still active. Home address: Mrs. Annie E Russell (mother), 1628 Madrona Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

Private First Class (then Private) ROBERT W SAGE, (39602594), Infantry United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. Private First Class SAGE volunteered for an extremely hazardous patrol within an area occupied by the enemy. By skillful individual scouting and patrolling, he successfully reconnoitered the advance of the patrol, which culminated in a successful mission. Home address: Mr. Joe J Sage (brother), Tujunga, California.

Technician Grade IV HOWARD W SANDBERG, (39501120), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Shortly after the landing at Humboldt Bay, Technician Grade IV SANDBERG'S Company was strafed by enemy aircraft. The action occurred so suddenly that no cover was available and any movement during the strafing was at the risk of one's life. Though at great peril to himself, he moved about all during the attack and was instrumental in saving the lives of three seriously wounded men. Technician Grade IV SANDBERG'S acts were accomplished calmly and efficiently and were an inspiration to the men of his Unit. Home address: Mrs. Elmer Sandberg (mother), Ronan, Montana.

Private First Class EDWARD J SANOCKI, (37162270), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 24 April 1944. During an advance on enemy

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positions, a Japanese light machine gun opened fire on the Company of which Private First Class SANOCKI was a member from a high ridge to their right flank. Acting as assistant gunner for a mortar, he assisted in placing it on an open road, the only position available at the time. Under fire from the machine gun and snipers, he maintained operation of the mortar until the machine gun was silenced, relieving the pressure on the flank of the Company. Home address: Mr. John Sanocki (father), Route #3, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Private First Class CLEMEN A SCHWEITZER, (36214017), Quartermaster Corps, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 23 April 1944. During an enemy bombing attack of a supply dump, Private First Class SCHWEITZER dashed into the blazing area and removed a soldier who was wounded and unable to help himself. This action was directly responsible for saving his fellow soldier's life since the area where he lay was completely demolished by fire a few moments thereafter. Home address: Mrs. Rose Schweitzer, (Mother) RR #1, Allenton, Wisconsin.

Sergeant MELVIN Q SIMMONS, (20935756), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 22 April 1944. Sergeant SIMMONS was in the first wave of his company's assault following the landing at Humboldt Bay. Enemy resistance was encountered from a pill box located about thirty five yards from the beach, from which fire was being poured into the second wave of our troops. Sergeant SIMMONS, a member of a platoon assigned to flank the position, advanced directly in the line of fire and upon reaching his objective fired directly into the pill box and then threw a hand grenade, silencing the enemy fire. Sergeant SIMMONS demonstrated outstanding courage and aggressiveness on this occasion and contributed to the success of his Unit in battle. Home address: Mrs. Melvin Q Simmons (wife), Hillsboro, Oregon.

Private First Class GEORGE J SULLY, (39527275), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 28 April 1944. Private First Class SULLY was a gunner of a light machine gun section which was making an assault on a well fortified enemy position. He placed his gun into operation under enemy sniper fire in order to provide support for the advance of the assault elements of his company. From his initial burst, his fire was directed accurately on enemy positions and this was continued throughout the attack allowing rifleman to advance to favorable firing positions. Private SULLY'S efficient operation of his gun disregarding personal danger, contributed to the success of his company's mission. Home address: Mrs. George Sully (Mother), 1343 Scotta Place, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Private JACK D SURLS, (37670372), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in support of military operations against the Japanese at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea on 28 April 1944. As radio operator for a battalion headquarters company, Private SURLS operated a voice radio from the command post throughout an attack against a strongly emplaced enemy force. Disregarding his personal safety, he maintained communications with assault elements with such efficiency as to prove invaluable

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to the operation of his battalion throughout the attack. Home address: Mrs. Della Surles (mother), 3719 W 13th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Private First Class PETER R. SWANK, (37110053), Infantry, United States Army. For heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on 22 April 1944 at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea. During a strafing attack upon his company's position, several barrels of high octane gasoline were hit and commenced to explode and burn. Private First Class SWANK, without hesitation ran to the danger area and pulled one of his wounded comrades to a place of safety. This action was performed while still under strafing fire. Home address: Mr. Norman P. Swank (father), Route #1, Lynnville, Iowa.

Chief Warrant Officer NOLAN F. SWEENEY, (W2114751), United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 30 May 1944. Chief Warrant Officer SWEENEY displayed outstanding initiative and ingenuity in salvaging a partially destroyed Japanese barge and putting it into operation. This boat was kept in operation by him and greatly supplemented existing water transportation during a critical period. Large quantities of supplies, and equipment were hauled, greatly expediting certain phases of the operation. In addition, Chief Warrant Officer SWEENEY aided in loading operations for an amphibious operation in a most commendable manner. Home address: Mr and Mrs. Albert J Sweeney, (parents), Dayton, Oregon.

Second Lieutenant RUSSELL A. SWEETLAND, (O2034617), Corps of Engineers, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 28 to 30 April 1944. Lieutenant SWEETLAND was leader of an Engineer Platoon assigned the task of maintaining an extremely swampy section of a vital supply road during the Hollandia operation. Since it was necessary that all equipment and supplies to forward areas be sent over this road, it was essential that it be placed in operation with a minimum of delay. Lieutenant SWEETLAND exhibited outstanding technical skill and devotion to duty by working consecutively for forty-eight hours until the road was open for traffic making it possible to move supplies to forward areas. Home address: Mrs. Russell A. Sweetland, (wife), 105 Mason Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

Sergeant LOUIS G. SWIFT, (39376044), Infantry, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy at Humboldt Bay, Dutch New Guinea from 22 April to 1 May 1944. During operations of the Regiment of which Sergeant SWIFT is a member, he performed important clerical duties with excellent results. His accurate compilation of strength, casualties, evacuations, and other data under extreme adversities were of great value to his Regimental Commander. Home address: Mrs. Kay Boddy (Sister), 121 14th North, Seattle 2, Washington

Lieutenant Colonel EUGENE S. TARR, (O371095), Adjutant General Department, United States Army. For meritorious achievement in connection with military operations at Finschhafen, New Guinea from 18 April to 16 June 1944. Upon activation of a Task Force, Lieutenant Colonel TARR was placed in command of a service area wherein were established all rear elements of the Force. He supervised the administration of organizations and personnel under his control with the utmost efficiency. Upon call from the forward echelon he secured transportation for military equipment and replacements to the operational area, and personally