

guiding the patrol through enemy mine fields, concealed enemy forces opened fire with machine guns and Private Rider was seriously wounded in both legs. Realizing the devastating effect of the cross-fire he refused to permit anyone to come to his aid. Private Rider's exceptional courage in refusing help and forcing the patrol to withdraw without him undoubtedly saved many of his comrades from certain death. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

John Ronco, 12 077 459, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, at Lichtenberg, France. When Sergeant Ronco's reconnaissance patrol encountered a heavily mined area, the explosion of several mines seriously wounded two men and aroused nearby enemy mortar positions, which immediately adjusted fire on the group. Four more of the patrol fell wounded by the mortar fire. Sergeant Ronco then organized an evacuation team to remove the wounded men. He fearlessly led his group over five hundred yards of difficult terrain, and, despite the mines and mortar fire, succeeded in evacuating all casualties to safety. Sergeant Ronco's extreme courage and calmness under fire contributed materially to saving the lives of the wounded soldiers. Entered military service from Roseto, Pennsylvania.

Theodore H. Ruhling, 37 540 026, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8-10 January 1945 near Matten, France. Private Ruhling was acting as scout for a seven man reconnaissance patrol on the mission of obtaining information of the disposition of enemy troops. Trapped behind enemy lines in the face of a major enemy attack, Private Ruhling was forced to conceal himself in the snow for over fourteen hours. When darkness fell, the patrol attempted to make its escape. Private Ruhling walked over twenty four miles in the sub-freezing weather, evading countless enemy patrols and overcoming almost insurmountable obstacles. His outstanding courage and endurance played a major role in the successful completion of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from Independence, Missouri.

Lester V. Rutan, 35 088 675, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Rutan participated in numerous round trip crossings of the Main River under intense enemy machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. In the face of this heavy fire, he continually volunteered for each succeeding trip until the mission was completed. Private Rutan's exceptional courage and aggressive determination played a major role in successfully establishing a bridgehead and in the ultimate capture of the city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Urbana, Ohio.

Glenn R. Schroeding, 33 941 647, Private, Infantry, Company E, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 March 1945, near Starzelhorn, France. During an enemy artillery concentration which inflicted serious casualties on his company, Private Schroeding exposed himself to the intense fire to aid a wounded soldier. Although seriously wounded himself, he placed a more severely wounded comrade upon his back and carried him three hundred yards to the shelter of a dugout where he could receive medical aid. Private Schroeding's magnificent display of courage was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Cecil C. Spalley, 35 233 336, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Headquarters and Service Company, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. As a member of a three man reconnaissance team, Corporal Spalley, radio operator, was endeavoring to contact his battalion when his jeep was stopped by enemy machine gun and small-arms fire. Disregarding the enemy fire striking all around him, he continued to send

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and receive messages until he was forced by the other members of the team to abandon his vehicle and take cover. Through his outstanding courage and devotion to duty, Corporal Smalley made an effective contribution to the rapid bridging of the Regnitz River at Furth, Germany. Entered military service from Xenia, Ohio.

David Smallwood, 35 882 406, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, at Ludwigswinkel, Germany. Private Smallwood was a member of a force assigned to protect the flanks of tank destroyers occupying the town. They were subjected to mortar and artillery fire and enemy sniping with machine guns from 300 yards away. When a man was wounded by shell fragments at a time that all aid men and litter bearers were busy, Private Smallwood and another soldier volunteered to carry the wounded man to the aid station 500 yards up the main street. Though they had to expose themselves to deadly fire, the two men disregarded their own safety to evacuate the wounded man to the aid station. Entered military service from Cane Creel, Kentucky.

John H. Sterthaus, 34 789 766, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company E, 142nd Engineer Combat Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 18 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. When the tank crew he was attached to came under heavy enemy fire from the Siegfried Defenses near Ludwigswinkel, Germany Private Sterthaus, with utter disregard for his own safety, began sweeping the road sides with his mine detector in order to allow the tank to maneuver into a defiladed position. Working in the mine field with enemy shells bursting nearby, he remained at his task until the tank and crew were in a position of comparative safety. Through his outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Private Sterthaus made an effective contribution to the attack against the vaunted German west wall. Entered military service from Daytona Beach, Florida.

Dennis F. Sullivan, 32 362 761, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945, near La Wanzeneau, France. When his four man patrol was ambushed by enemy snipers, Sergeant Sullivan was wounded in the chest and his comrade hit in the leg. Disregarding his own wound, Sergeant Sullivan administered first aid to the injured soldier and carried him back into friendly territory where medical aid was available. Sergeant Sullivan's extreme courage and disregard for himself saved the wounded man from possible death or capture. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Henry Terry, 35 440 185, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 March 1945, near Reipertsweiler, France. As the patrol of which Private Terry was a member approached a wooded knoll, four enemy riflemen appeared preparing to fire. Before the enemy could fire a shot, Private Terry, firing from the off hand position, killed one, wounded another and caused the others to retreat. Private Terry's prompt heroic action saved his patrol from casualties and enabled it to advance and destroy several gun positions, facilitating a later attack in that area. Entered military service from East Lynn, West Virginia.

Harold G. Walling, 6 262 295, First Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, near Ohlungen, France. While moving forward near Ohlungen, France, Sergeant Walling's company was pinned down by withering enemy machine gun fire. In the initial burst of fire, the company commander's messenger was killed and his radio put out of order. Realizing the need for mortar fire, Sergeant Walling, who was near the company commander, received fire orders from him and then crawled through deep snow to relay the orders to a mortar position. Although the enemy was firing at

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him the entire route, he made three trips which resulted in the silencing of the enemy guns, thus enabling his company to continue its counter attack. Entered military service from Whitefish, Montana.

Howard L. Millat, 18 171 880, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in Würzburg, Germany. As light machine gunner for his squad, Private Millat was in position alerted for an expected enemy counter attack. He observed the approach of enemy soldiers and immediately opened fire on them, receiving in return a heavy concentration of machine gun, machine pistol, rifle, or m. p., and panzerfaust fire. Although he suffered painful burns from white phosphorous grenades thrown into his position, he held his ground fearlessly until friendly rifle troops reinforced his position and drove the enemy back. Entered military service from Pineville, Louisiana.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

D. PRESTON BROWN, JR., O1 103 028, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 1st Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 26 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Selma, Alabama.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Charles A. Stratton, 36 604 383, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. During the attack on Furth a direct artillery hit on an ammunition truck set off a series of explosions, wounding several American soldiers. Corporal Stratton, although painfully wounded continued to administer first aid and carry the seriously wounded to shelter until all of the men were evacuated to a position of safety. Then in the face of the intense enemy barrage, he made his way to the medical aid station and returned with medical aid men and ambulances. Through the heroic actions of Corporal Stratton the wounded men were safely evacuated to the rear for medical treatment. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) I
Award of the Bronze Star Medal II

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS):--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

William J. Boyle, 39 610 292, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company 232d Infantry Regiment, on 19 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Butte, Montana.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Coy Andrews, 38 446 702, Private (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Claude Backward, 38 590 529, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 9 January 1945 to 19 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Locust Grove, Oklahoma.

Tennon T. Brazil, 34 076 234, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Colfax, Louisiana.

Lewis Butler, 38 623 955, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 7 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from West Monroe, Louisiana.

Philip Cantone, 20 065 236, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Donald J. Cooley, 37 676 782, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters 1st Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Morrison, Iowa.

Joe A. DeLeon, 38 582 795, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 9 January 1945 to 19 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Albert G. Dorsey, 35 037 989, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, on 13 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Covington, Kentucky.

Lawrence Dorn, 35 812 342, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 13 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Smithland, Kentucky.

Walter L. Duckwerth, 38 654 526, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Monroe, Louisiana.

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Cecil R. Elrod, 39 249 341, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Beverly Hills, California.

Russell Farrington, Jr., 33 885 688, Private First Class, Medical Department Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, on 18 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Marion, Virginia.

Arthur E. Fletcher Jr., 14 196 613, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Perry, Florida.

Walter J. Gordon, 38 273 451, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Nelson L. Grebe, 37 636 121, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters, First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 February 1945 to 8 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Carl Hawkins, 38 697 097, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Department, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, on 18 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Sayre, Oklahoma.

Cyril J. Illing, 36 647 041, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 13 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Anthony S. Keaup, 36 347 207, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 24 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Robert E. Knobe, 33 889 989, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 1 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Hagerstown, Maryland.

Eddie P. Kulmer, 35 707 902, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Department, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, on 18 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Dale L. Lewis, 37 747 460, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Springview, Nebraska.

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~~Byrd D. Lonn, 37 537 997, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 7 April 1945 to 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Kansas.~~

Cyril A. Masserang, 36 273 534, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Walter L. Maxwell, 35 087 168, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 10-20 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

Jose A. MacBoza, 38 578 126, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 9 January 1945 to 19 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Picacho, New Mexico.

Richard W. Metzger, 13 054 231, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Harold J. Miller, 33 939 729, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 15 March to 23 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Taylor, Pennsylvania.

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Robert Mirsky, 32 861 446, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Carl W. Monk, Jr., 11 063 402, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 15 March to 23 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

Robert McFish, 38 400 670, Corporal, Infantry, Company M, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 24-24 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

William C. Neely, 37 749 404, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 27 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Leavenworth, Kansas.

Wayne G. Osmolt, 34 812 481, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Donald V. Petrovitch, 37 402 465, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 7 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Leonard F. Pinkawski, 32 532 564, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 13 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Dunkirk, New York.

Steve Powlishen, 31 251 981, Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from East Hartford, Connecticut.

Leonard Russin, 32 973 150, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Norman R. Scherer, 42 165 808, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Walton, New York.

George N. Schwartz, 42 063 004, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Eldon M. Seil, 37 589 628, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 January to 7 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Fairfax, Minnesota.

Ernest J. Sneed, 34 975 967, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Albany, Georgia.

Lindsay H. Stewart, 33 921 361, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Claysville, Pennsylvania.

Richard L. Swisher, 18 147 471, Corporal (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Roswell, New Mexico.

Arturo Trevino, 38 454 479, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

Weeley White, 32 706 697, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Trenton, New Jersey.

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal..... I
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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--...a. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

William R. Bingham, 12 217 533, Private First Class, Infantry Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

MAX E. PARIS, 01 322 403, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 20-21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona

Joseph D. Flagiello, 35 794 399, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Kenneth E. Gebo, 31 389 615, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 10 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Westboro, Massachusetts.

Daniel E. Jackson, 34 948 362, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 4 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Lyerly, Georgia.

Joseph A. Krinski, 35 318 463, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 17 January 1945 in France. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Walter E. Karre, 43 171 010, Private, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Middleport, New York.

Harold E. McKelly, 31 450 056, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Brewer, Maine.

George R. Moore Jr., 35 907 312, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Marvin Morrison, 42 057 483, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 28 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Harold A. O'Neil, 35 234 876, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 25 February 1945, in France. Entered military service from Massillon, Ohio.

Carl M. Szydewitz, 35 368 503, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18-19 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Guy A. Simmons, 35 707 874, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 6 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.

Adolph W. Stief, 35 794 050, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 12-16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Lester, Pennsylvania.

William C. Sweet, 35 707 874, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Corps of Military Police, 1F Platoon, 22d Infantry Division, on 9 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Danville, Kentucky.

b. By direction of the president, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

Glenn R. Bostian, 20 382 000, Master Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rockwell, North Carolina.

Robert L. Brocley, 35 239 965, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fulton, Ohio.

EARL R. BROOKS, 01 320 922, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company Second Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

LEO W. COYNER, 01 179 043, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Fedele J. D'Erastro, 32 486 922, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

David W. Darcan, 19 613 736, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lame, Kansas.

Elden L. Eaker, 34 748 139, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cherryville, North Carolina.

Raymond J. Farrell, 20 115 064, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 18 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lynn, Massachusetts.

Byron J. Greenwood, 37 575 091, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Martin U. Heiman, 42 082 712, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, IPV Team 168, (attached 242d Infantry) from 15 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

EDWARD D. HOFFMAN, 01 137 474, Captain, Field Artillery, Battery B, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pueblo, Colorado. ✓

Quinten G. Jalsing, 37 595 334, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Tunbridge, North Dakota.

James W. Harris, 37 537 361, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Falls City, Nebraska.

Anthony J. Kemetz, 36 832 748, Technician Fourth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 592d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cudahy, Wisconsin.

Robert W. Pearson, 6 250 457, Master Sergeant (then First Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 42d Division Artillery, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Texas. ✓

RUFUS RIVER, 0 352 465, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 6 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ward, West Virginia. ✓

Edward Schnur, 12 111 238, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Nyckoff L. Tchomp, 32 312 370, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Walden, New York.

BRADISH J. SMITH, 024 041, Major, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from West Point, New York.

Kelvin W. Smith, 33 793 751, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 7 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Sopalsky, 32 511 452, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 26 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chauncy, New York.

WILLIAM T. STANFORD, 0 412 487, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 42d Infantry Division, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Harford, Texas.

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VICTOR E. STROM, OI 283 163, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brunclaw, Washington. ~~BY GO 34 - 17 Feb 46~~

~~CONCELIUS, WILLIAM, O 304 720, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters 3d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York City, New York.~~

Louis L. Walker, IS 076 121, Master Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 23 December 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Lynn T. Wise, 10 102 513, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Field Artillery, Battery A, 342d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Jerome J. Suranski, 36 782 970, First Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 30 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--a. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Richard C. Chamberlain, 55 642 942, Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 19 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

Sydney A. Forstead, 52 732 540, Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 7 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

b. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

John C. Philbin, 33 022 398, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dalton, Pennsylvania.

III. REVOCATION:--... So much of Paragraph I, GO 8, this headquarters dated 5 January 1946, as pertains to the awarding of the Bronze Star Medal to Victor E. Strom, OI 282 163, Captain, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment is revoked:

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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (POSTHUMOUS)—... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 300-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

VERNON D. HALL, O 551 755, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company C, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 January 1945, near Ingolsheim, France. During the action around Ingolsheim, France, Lieutenant Hall, led a combat patrol deep into enemy territory. Observing the position of an enemy pillbox, he advanced on the emplacement and destroyed it with grenades. He then led his men deeper into enemy territory cutting communications lines. Upon discovering an enemy command post, he knocked it out single-handedly, with grenades. Attempting to gain entrance to the town, enemy machine gun fire struck several of his men. Lieutenant Hall then attempted to cover the withdrawal of the patrol, and in doing so was mortally wounded. His gallant conduct and unselfish devotion to duty in personally taking every risk in order to lessen the hazard for his men were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Services. Name and address of nearest relative: Elizabeth M. Hall (Wife), Roy, New Mexico. Entered military service from Roy, New Mexico.

Charles E. Miller, O 233 592, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Miller participated in numerous crossings of the Main River while establishing a bridge-head before the city of Wurzburg, Germany. Enemy artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire was exceptionally heavy and on his third trip he was slightly wounded. Disregarding his wound, he volunteered immediately for another crossing and on the return journey he was fatally wounded by the intense enemy fire. Private Miller's outstanding heroism and unselfish devotion to duty were instrumental in establishing the bridge-head and in the ultimate capture of the city. Name and address of nearest relative: Edith Lee, 363 Green Street, Lockport, New York. Entered military service from Lockport, New York.

Arlington C. Raymond, 42 114 950, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Raymond participated in numerous crossings of the Main River in the face of intense artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire. On his final return trip, due to casualties among crew members, he loaded his boat with prisoners and ordered them to paddle back. Midway in the stream, machine gun fire struck some of the prisoners and demoralized the others to such an extent that control of the boat was lost and it started to drift into enemy territory. In an attempt to save the boat so vital to the mission, Private Raymond leaped into the water, attempting to swim and push the boat to the friendly shore. Though fatigued and weary and under intense fire, he

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labored to propel the boat until exhaustion overcame him and he disappeared from sight. Private Raymond's great courage and heroic gallantry were instrumental in establishing the bridgehead and instilled in his comrades a determination that contributed to the eventual capture of Warzburg. Name and address of nearest relative: Mabel Raymond, R.F.D. #1, Durhamville, New York. Entered military service from Oneida, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:---. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Alma E. DeFoyd, SS 397 215, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945 near Reipertswiller France. When the other members of his rifle squad had either been wounded or pinned down by the intense enemy mortar and machine gun fire during the attack on Hill 301, Sergeant DeFoyd assaulted the enemy machine gun position alone. Although hit in the arm, he continued his assault until both his hands were badly injured by mortar fragments. He then carried one of his more seriously wounded comrades to the aid station, and after receiving medical attention, he returned to the top of the hill to care for the remainder of his men. Sergeant DeFoyd's gallant courage and selfless determination to aid his comrades was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from Fredrick, Oklahoma.

Lewis H. Gallien, 31 111 012, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15 March 1945, near Reipertswiller, France. During the fierce and bitter fighting for Hill 301, Sergeant Gallien's squad was pinned down by intense machine gun fire coming from well dug-in positions up the hill directly to the front. Fearlessly advancing up to a machine gun nest, he threw several hand grenades into the position, silencing the gun and forcing seven nearby enemy soldiers to surrender. He then led his squad in the final, successful assault of the Hill. Sergeant Gallien's exceptional courage and gallantry under fire in the face of the enemy played a major role in the continued advance of our forces against the determined enemy resistance. Entered military service from Ferris, New Hampshire.

Mathias J. Hauser, 32 996 690, Private First Class, Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division, Military Police Platoon, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 at Veitshochheim, Germany. Private Hauser volunteered to accompany an officer and three enlisted men across the Main River to attempt to induce the enemy garrison at Veitshochheim to surrender. After a three hour conversation, surrounded by an overwhelmingly superior armed enemy, the enemy commander was persuaded to capitulate. Although the return route was covered by fanatical SS troops with machine guns, Private Hauser assisted in rowing the captives across the river and later returned to demolish three loaded enemy flek guns. His outstanding heroism and aggressive determination resulted in the capture of the town and 129 armed enemy and the liberation of six American prisoners of war without casualties. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Jack L. Scharf, 12 143 665, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945, at Hatten, France. When his company's position at Hatten became untenable, Private Scharf volunteered to clear a path for the evacuation of the wounded members of the position. Braving a hail of machine gun and direct tank fire, he made his way to a barn where he encountered a force of enemy soldiers. In the fierce fire fight that followed, he inflicted such heavy casualties upon the enemy group that they

were forced to withdraw in a disorganized state. As a result of his gallant actions, fifty men were enabled to escape from the besieged building and avoid from possible capture or death. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Peter A. Calentine, 32 219 213, Corporal, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 April 1945, near Buchdorf, Germany. As Company E was approaching the town of Buchdorf, they were met and pinned down by intense artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire. With the mission of securing a house on the edge of town for observational purposes, Corporal Calentine crawled one hundred yards under terrific hail of fire from a sniper until he was within a few yards of his objective. He then threw a grenade into the building, killing the sniper and clearing the house. Through his courageous action, Corporal Calentine materially aided his company's advance into town. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Walter J. Czarnik, 36 908 349, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 212d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 22-23 March, 1945 near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. When his leading vehicle on a reconnaissance mission was fired on by the retreating enemy, Private Czarnik maneuvered his jeep into position from which his companion could return the fire. He then left it and joined a patrol on foot, aiding in capturing five of the enemy. Nearing Schwahnheim Germany the next day, he again voluntarily joined a foot patrol and entered the town. Upon questioning some Polish displaced persons, Private Czarnik learned the location of the enemy and assisted in apprehending more than two hundred Germans. Later he was a member of a patrol that contacted Third Army units, cutting off thousands of enemy troops. Finding that Benloch was still held by the enemy, the patrol entered the town and after an engagement, collected over fifty more prisoners. Private Czarnik's heroic actions resulted in capturing many enemy soldiers and eliminating hundreds of others while greatly facilitating the regiment's advance. Entered military service from Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Warren J. Eerp, 34 066 508, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 at Würzburg, Germany. When the advance section of the regiment became surrounded by infiltrating enemy patrols and all communication lines were severed, Private Eerp unhesitatingly volunteered to lay wire to the surrounded section. Despite heavy enemy sniper fire, he succeeded in laying the wire and establishing communications. Simultaneously the enemy patrol was driven off. Private Eerp's heroic action in the face of great danger was instrumental in the combat success of his platoon. Entered military service from Lake Park, New York.

Edward H. Knoble, 37 772 047, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 in Würzburg, Germany. In the first phase of the attack against Würzburg, Germany, Private Knoble was a member of a seven-man patrol which crossed the Main River in the first boat, knocked out a German machine gun and advanced to attack a 20mm cannon position. Fired on by enemy snipers in a nearby building, he entered through an open door, cleared the building and killed two snipers. He then carried a wounded comrade back to safety through the heavy fire. Private Knoble's outstanding courage and determination contributed

materially to clearing the way for the crossing of our troops in force and the launching of the attack on the city. Entered military service from Dodge City, Minnesota.

Charles L. Knouff, 37 640 688, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8-10 January 1945 near Hatten, France. When the reconnaissance patrol of which Private Knouff was point man had completed its mission, it was unable to send the information it had obtained because of radio failure. Cut off behind enemy lines for 36 hours by a major enemy attack, the patrol leader decided to attempt to escape during the hours of darkness. On the way back to our lines, Private Knouff's alertness enabled the patrol to evade several enemy patrols and to travel thirty miles in ten hours in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles. His outstanding courage and endurance contributed materially to the successful completion of the patrol's mission. Entered military service from Springfield, Missouri.

Richard D. Lakin, 33 396 485, Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. Observing two men lying wounded at the edge of a woods near Wurzburg under intense machine gun and small arms fire, Private Lakin and three other litter bearers braved the intense fire to go to their aid. Working heroically under the heavy fire, he assisted in treating the patients, one of whom was past aid, then helping to evacuate the remaining injured soldier through the intense fire to the aid station. Private Lakin's outstanding courage and coolness under fire saved the wounded infantryman from possible death or further injury. Entered military service from Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Clarence F. Laney, 32 549 29, Corporal, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. Observing two men lying wounded at the edge of a woods near Wurzburg under intense machine gun and small arms fire, Corporal Laney and three other litter bearers braved the intense fire to go to their aid. Working heroically under the heavy fire, he assisted in treating the patients, one of whom was past aid, then helping to evacuate the remaining injured soldier through the intense fire to the aid station. Corporal Laney's outstanding courage and coolness under fire saved the wounded infantryman from possible death or further injury. Entered military service from Churchville, New York.

Joseph A. Leahy, 32 128 928, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. Observing two men lying wounded at the edge of a woods near Wurzburg under intense machine gun and small arms fire, Private Leahy and three other litter bearers braved the intense fire to go to their aid. Working heroically under the heavy fire, he assisted in treating the patients, one of whom was past aid, then helping to evacuate the remaining injured soldier through the intense fire to the aid station. Private Leahy's outstanding courage and coolness under fire saved the wounded infantryman from possible death or further injury. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Arnie H. Phillips, 34 946 815, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the forced crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Germany, Private Phillips participated in six round trip crossings of the river under heavy machine-gun, sniper, and flak fire. Ignoring the heavy fire involved, he continued to volunteer for the mission of ferrying infantry men and ammunition to the far shore and returning with wounded

and prisoners until the bridgehead was firmly established. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty contributed to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Alca, Georgia.

Lawrence S. Rowan, 37 363 419, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 8 April 1945, near Arnstein, Germany. Seeing the scouts of his squad pinned down during the attack on Arnstein, Private Rowan exposed himself to attract the hostile fire to himself and to lay down a covering fire with his automatic rifle. Through the courageous and self-sacrificing action of Private Rowan, the scouts were able to withdraw to concealed positions from where they directed their company's fire on the enemy positions, neutralizing them. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Norman D. Wheeler, 37 432 667, Sergeant, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. During the battle for Wurzburg, the platoons of Company F were cut off from the ammunition dump by infiltrating enemy forces. Sergeant Wheeler's 60mm mortar squad was running out of ammunition. Sergeant Wheeler made his way through the enemy lines through intense sniper fire back to the ammunition point and returned with a heavy load of ammunition to his squad. By his courageous action under fire, his squad was able to effectively support rifle troops in liquidating infiltrating enemy forces. Entered military service from Allen, Nebraska.

IV. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:-- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Gale M. Mills, 35 243 599, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. Prior to the main assault on Wurzburg, Germany, Private Mills crossed the Main River in the first assault boat and assisted in knocking out an enemy machine gun and a 20mm cannon position. As he moved forward to attack a pillbox, he was wounded in the shoulder. He killed a sniper and then opened fire on enemy forces running in the street, forcing them to surrender. Then, despite his wound and the increasing intensity of the enemy fire, Private Mills courageously helped his comrade, suffering from concussion, back to the safety of our lines. Entered military service from Hartford City, Indiana.

John M. Petro, 39 542 822, Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. When the Second Battalion encountered heavy machine gun, rifle, and bazooka fire while advancing into Wurzburg, Sergeant Petro led his squad in the direction of the heaviest enemy fire. Approaching a church tower from which the heaviest sniper fire was pouring, he led his squad into the tower, killing five of the enemy with his rifle. Encouraged by his aggressive and courageous action, the squad killed fifteen and wounded twenty of the enemy, thereby removing a serious pocket of resistance that had been holding up the battalion advance. Entered military service from Burbank, California.

V. AWARD OF THE PURPLE HEART:--... Under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Purple Heart is awarded to the following for wounds received in action:

Arthur L. Laskbrook, 36 470 336, Private, Infantry, Company C, 232d Infantry Regiment, 11 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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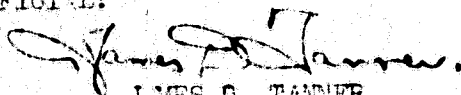
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VI, REVOCATIONS:--... So much of General Orders 13, GS, as pertains to the awarding of the Bronze Star Medal to Charles T. Fox, 34 211 468, Staff Sergeant, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment and Robert D. Brennan, O 398 029, Captain, Field Artillery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, is revoked:

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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Award of the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal II

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: -... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 300-43, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Chester H. Rakow, SS 755 984, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 42d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 23 March 1945, at Oberschlettenbach, Germany. Upon entering the town of Oberschlettenbach to establish a forward command post, it was learned that our forces had not yet occupied the town. With complete disregard for his personal safety, private Rakow started to search the buildings, encountering and disarming eight enemy in the first house. He then proceeded to help the remainder of the party in clearing the town and later established a stockade for the forty prisoners captured by the party. Private Rakow's outstanding courage and initiative played a major role in clearing the town for the command post personnel. Entered military service from Mt. Ranier, Maryland.

Helvin L. Ramage Jr., SS 340 899, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 42d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 11 April 1945, near Sch. Enfurt, Germany. During the advance of his company into Sch. Enfurt, Private Ramage, lead scout, heard an enemy motorcycle patrolman approaching through the woods. When the enemy patrolman came near, he halted him and took him as a prisoner. Shortly after, he heard another patrolman coming, and once more went forward alone and captured him. Private Ramage's courage and alertness enabled his company to surprise the enemy forces on the edge of town and quickly overcome them. Entered military service from Ridgefield, Washington.

Joseph Rago, SS 480 170, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 42d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action, on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Private Rago participated in six round trip crossings of the river under heavy machine-gun, sniper, and flak fire. Disregarding the intense concentration of fire and the heavy casualties already sustained, he voluntarily volunteered for the task of carrying up 100 lbs. of supplies and ammunition to the far shore and bringing the wounded and stretcher back until the mission was completed and the bridgehead was firmly established. Through his outstanding courage and determined devotion to duty, private Rago made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Guadalupe, Pennsylvania.

Garland T. Rasco, SS 270 100, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Company B, 42d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, near Stein, Germany. When private Rasco's tank destroyer platoon spearheaded an infantry attack on Stein, it met strong resistance from mines and enemy fire. Upon learning that one of our destroyers had been disabled by an enemy panzerfaust, private Rasco and an aid man, disregarding their own safety, went to the head of the column under heavy fire. After removing the dead and wounded from the vehicle and administering first aid, they evacuated the casualties to the aid station. Private Rasco's heroic action was largely responsible for saving the

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lives of the wounded men. Entered military service from Escondido, California.

Max E. Reder, 19 211 801, private first class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 19 March 1945, near Ludwigsweinkel, Germany. During the action near Ludwigsweinkel when intense enemy mortar and sniper fire pinned down private Reder and fifteen other men, he undauntedly made his way across an enemy mine field to reconnoiter a route of withdrawal for his comrades. When he had safely crossed the mine field, he reengaged the enemy snipers with rifle fire until the remainder of his group had successfully negotiated their withdrawal. Private Reder's fortitude and courageous act was directly responsible for the safe withdrawal of his men. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Robert A. Rhodes, 36 816 414, sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 January 1945, near Guembachin, France. During the action at Guembachin, strong enemy attacks forced the second battalion to withdraw from their positions. Sergeant Rhodes organized a small group of volunteers to act as rear guard for the withdrawing battalion. Without regard for his personal safety, he exposed himself to the intense artillery mortar and machine gun fire in order to deploy his men and direct their fire on the enemy. Not until the withdrawing elements had reached their new positions, did sergeant Rhodes successfully withdraw his group of men. His courageous and skillful leadership played a major role in the withdrawal of his battalion. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Gilbert J. Tigert Jr., O 537 265, second lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 28 January 1945 near Soufflenheim, France. During the withdrawal of our forces in the face of the final enemy attempt to retake Alsace, lieutenant Tigert volunteered to remain as part of a rear guard covering the withdrawal. For five hours he exposed himself to intense enemy mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire to direct the fire of his men. When ordered to withdraw, he supervised the blowing of two bridges and the establishing of two road blocks in the face of the oncoming enemy forces. By his outstanding and courageous leadership, lieutenant Tigert played a major role in allowing our forces to withdraw successfully to new defensive positions. Entered military service from Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Stephan Tomaszewski, 36 979 016, sergeant, (then private first class), Infantry Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on the 14th of March 1945 near Wissembour, France. During the action near Wissembour, France, private Tomaszewski was an automatic rifleman on a combat patrol in the Herdt Mountains. When the patrol was suddenly met by intense machine gun fire, private Tomaszewski crawled forward in the face of the deadly fire until he was near the enemy position. Then, with three bursts from his automatic rifle, he silenced the enemy gun, killing or wounding the entire crew. Private Tomaszewski's courageous action under fire enabled his patrol to proceed into their objective. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Joseph Williams, 35 893 498, sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 near Wurzburg, Germany. Sergeant Williams was the leader of a heavy machine gun squad supporting attacking rifle troops in the hills north of Wurzburg, Germany. When enemy 20mm cannon and small arms fire threatened to halt the advance, he moved his gun to an exposed but advantageous position to place fire on the enemy guns. Without any cover from the hail of enemy fire, sergeant Williams skillfully directed and controlled the fire of his gun so effectively that he assisted in destroying two machine gun nests

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... and in forcing enemy troops to retreat in disorder. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Private R. Wright, 18 108 212, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 14th Engineer General Battalion, for heroic achievement in action near Huesbarg, Germany. During the attack on Huesbarg, Private Wright was attached to the engineer platoon which was assigned the mission of ferrying assault troops across the Main River. When a coal was made for an air man to come for the wounded on the far side of the river, Private Wright volunteered for the mission and made the crossing through the deadly machine gun, anti-aircraft fire. Reaching the opposite bank, he set up a medical station and administered medical care to the wounded until the bridgehead was established and ordered of enemy troops. Through his great daring and unflinching devotion to duty, Private Wright was an inspiration to the fighting men around him. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Private J. Gouder, 7 391 407, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 23rd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 February 1945 near Hichtenberg, France. Sergeant Gouder was a member of a night combat patrol near Hichtenberg which suddenly encountered enemy small arms, machine gun, and artillery fire so intense that further advance was impossible. Taking full advantage of the terrain, he jumped into a vacant enemy foxhole and laid down an effective base of fire while the remainder of the patrol withdrew out of range of the enemy weapons. Because of direct enemy observation, Sergeant Gouder was forced to remain in his position until the following night when he was able to make his way back to friendly lines. His outstanding courage and accurate information concerning enemy deployment in that sector was invaluable to successful advance of his Battalion. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Private F. Kosowski, 30 097 003, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 132d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 April 1945, at Huesbarg, Germany. When Company B was helplessly pinned down in an open field by intense machine gun and sniper fire near Huesbarg, Private Kosowski continued to advance during his attack. Despite the bullets striking all around him, one of which hit the leg, he continued to push forward, killing three of the enemy. Private Kosowski's courage and aggressive action relieved his patrol of much of the enemy fire, enabling them to push forward into the town. Entered military service from Pontiac, Michigan.

Private P. Pagliaro, 30 409 090, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 132d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945, near Huesbarg, Germany. During the advance on Huesbarg, Private Pagliaro and another volunteer, upon detecting the enemy in woods to their front, advanced across an open field toward the enemy positions. Surprised by mortar and small arms fire, Private Pagliaro remained exposed to the enemy fire, placing protective fire on the enemy until his comrade crawled forward and silenced the enemy installation with a hand grenade. He then laid down a heavy concentration of fire into the woods compelling the enemy force of thirty men to surrender. Private Pagliaro's courage and initiative, his company's right flank was kept secure during the advance. Entered military service from Everett, Massachusetts.

Sergeant G. Pilibin, 30 022 393, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 14th Engineer General Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 13 January 1945 near Souffleheim, France. During the attack on Souffleheim, vital wire communications were severed by enemy artillery fire. Sergeant Pilibin immediately set out with two men to retrace the line into town to make the necessary repairs. When intense enemy artillery and machine gun fire held them up, Sergeant

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Philipin ordered the others to find safe positions while he went forward alone to repair the wire. Although an artillery shell burst knocked him to the ground, he immediately continued forward and repaired the break in the line. He then returned to the others and led them in a safe return to his unit position still under heavy machine fire. Sergeant Philipin's heroic action reestablished vital communications and protected his platoon from grave danger. Entered military service from Patton, Pennsylvania.

JOHN PRUSUCKI, CG NO 227, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company B, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, near Reims, France. While leading his platoon in an attack on Hill 61 near Reims, France, Lieutenant Prusucki and his men were hit by intense enemy machine gun and mortar fire. When the heavy mortar fire began to inflict heavy casualties, he immediately exposed himself and led his men in an assault on the enemy positions. Although seriously wounded in the shoulder, he continued to lead the attack, remaining with his men until they had taken their objective and he had been ordered to evacuate him. Lieutenant Prusucki's outstanding courage and heroic determination played a major role in the successful completion of his platoon's mission. Entered military service from Luskogon, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF THE PURVEYOR OF LEAF GUARDIAN TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-40, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Purveyer of Leaf Guardian to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

John W. Birchall, CG NO 519, Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 in Arnstein, Germany. When the advance of his platoon was halted in an open field on the edge of Arnstein, Germany, by intense machine gun and rifle fire, Sergeant Birchall and the other men set out to clear a sniper position to their front. He fearlessly charged across the open field through the hail of fire into the position. Fired on by an enemy soldier concealed within some bushes, he returned the fire, forcing the sniper to surrender. He then forced his prisoner to call for the other Germans of the unit, causing three more prisoners. Sergeant Birchall's courageous action and heroic determination were instrumental in the successful advance of his platoon into the city. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

SGT S. GARNER CG NO 401, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 January 1945 near Souffrier, France. During the withdrawal of our troops to new defensive positions from around Souffrier, France, Sergeant Garner voluntarily remained behind as a member of a force covering the withdrawal. For five hours he fought the advancing enemy troops with his rifle from an out-post position. Despite intense concentrations of mortar, machine gun, and shell and fire on his position, he never yielded or left his position. When the rear guard was ordered to withdraw, Sergeant Garner assisted in blowing the bridges and establishing two roadblocks in the face of the attacking enemy forces. By his courage, action and aggressive determination, Sergeant Garner played a major role in the successful withdrawal. Entered military service from Ontario, Kentucky.

IN COMPLIANCE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL COLLIER'S:

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OFFICIAL: JAMES P. TANNER,
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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--... a. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Sanford B. Berkwitz, 37 567 538, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 5 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Hopkins, Minnesota.

Guy J. Broggi, 38 638 040, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Calvin M. Gasto, 35 771 876, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 9-19 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Dunbar, West Virginia.

Paul D. Coffman, 35 226 802, Private First Class, Corps of Military Police, 42d Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, from 15 March 1945 to 1 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

John S. Cook, Jr., 34 857 879, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 12 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Greensboro, North Carolina.

Verlin L. Craig, 36 907 840, Private, Infantry, Company C, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 20 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Bloomington, Illinois.

Frank W. Davis, 39 212 404, Technical Sergeant (then Sergeant) Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Tacoma, Washington.

Dick Dickey, 37 519 780, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

~~Charles T. Fox, 34 811 468, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, 24 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Spartanburg, South Carolina.~~

~~Arthur C. Osier, 35 707 718, First Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Louisville, Kentucky.~~

Homer C. Gibson, 35 087 143, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 24-25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Mansfield, Ohio.

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Clarence P. Halvorson, 37 575 733, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Willeston, North Dakota.

Jesse W. Harter, Jr., 37 696 826, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 24-25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Ottumwa, Iowa.

Phillip M. Horvey, 51 727 465, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

Emory G. Haynes, 35 732 361, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Henry J. Horgan, Jr., 17 083 380, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 25 January 1945 in France. Entered military service from Manhattan, Kansas.

Robert E. Horton, 33 924 159, Private First Class, Infantry, Company G, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 27 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Soby Jaffe, 12 110 604, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25-26 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Malvin J. Lipnick, 34 139 635, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 2 May 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Inverness, Mississippi.

Clifford Melikian, 39 686 272, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Joseph C. Mohl, 42 047 374, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 7 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Bronx, New York.

Robert P. Moran, 39 236 370, Private, Medical Department, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, on 18 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Ventura, California.

Carl J. Newman, 34 990 119, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 10 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Boyds Creek, Tennessee.

Gerard J. O'Brien, 39 622 564, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 4 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Anaconda, Montana.

Ralph T. Spaulding, 11 114 177, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 9-19 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

William M. Spahr, 37 570 092, Sergeant, Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 9 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Duluth, Minnesota.

John F. Stetson, 35 853 643, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 8 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

Theodore E. Totton, 36 946 751, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Arthur R. Wernick, 38 541 928, Technical Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

b. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 630-25, 29 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

Virgil F. Bissiotto, 6 886 038, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company L, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Vearyl L. Bradley, 6 330 246, First Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Prague, Oklahoma.

ROBERT D. BRENNAN, O 392 029, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 1 April 1945 to 28 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Geneva, New York.

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~~PRESTON J. BROWN, O1 185 028, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 26 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Selma, Alabama.~~

RICHARD W. RYVE, O1 182 353, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DONALD R. BYRNE, O1 293 007, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Third Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Iberia, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT C. COFFELL, O 452 651, Captain, Infantry, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 27 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Santa Barbara, California.

John C. Comer, 34 883 249, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 3 March 1945 to 2 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chattanooga, Tennessee.

JOSEPH E. FORTE, O1 170 736, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 342d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milford, Connecticut.

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JOHN D. GUSTAFSON, O1 181 617, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion; from 13 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Willmar, Minnesota.

Willard W. Hall, 37 534 826, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Topeka, Kansas.

WILLIAM C. HODGES, O1 177 482, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Plant City, Florida.

Francis J. Hunt, 31 230 806, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Danbury, Connecticut.

Gerald Iocum, 37 374 247, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery B, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Holland, Michigan.

WILLIAM C. LOY, O1 040 866, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Beverly Hills, California.

JAMES E. MARTIN, O2 006 807, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ansonia, Connecticut.

John M. Mayersky, 23 699 426, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Norman O. McGinnis, 34 807 805, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jacksonville, Alabama.

JOHN E. PUGH, O1 127 136, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Field Artillery, Battery C, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Pasadena, California.

Maurice Miller, 38 732 323, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Henderson, Kentucky.

Elmer H. Mills, 36 355 800, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cicero, Illinois.

ELMER BUSH, O 443 681, Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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Robert W. Price, 39 330 841, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

ALTON B. SYKES, W2 126 640, Warrant Officer (Junior Grade), Army of the United States, Service Battery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Memphis, Tennessee.

Jack W. Taylor, 37 187 278, Staff Sergeant, Ordnance, 742d Ordnance LI Company, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

a. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

ISSAC T. DANOS, 01 288 191, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 15 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Westwego, Louisiana.

BILL H. KAMMERER, O 394 052, Major, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 10-11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from St Louis, Missouri.

b. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

JAMES A. DEANE, O 379 965, Major, Infantry, Headquarters Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 9 March 1945, inclusive, in France. Entered military service from Gainesville, Florida.

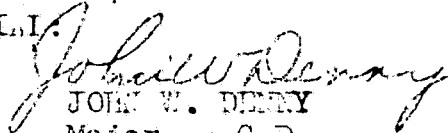
III. AWARD OF THE SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Second Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Henry Wendel, Jr., 35 1 203, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 16 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Vandalia, Ohio.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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IRON STAR MEDAL

AWARD OF THE IRON STAR MEDAL: In accordance with the direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of September 26, 1916, as amended, the Iron Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Germany, Wilson, 30 10 00, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 282d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on April 12, 1945, near Lutzen, Germany. During the attack on Lutzen, Germany, Wilson's machine gun hit on an ammunition track set off a series of explosions, wounding several American soldiers. Private Wilson, disregarding his own safety, continued to man his gun first and last until the ammunition was expended. Then, in the face of the intense enemy barrage, he made his way to the medical aid station and remained with medical aid men and ambulances. Through the heroic actions of Private Wilson the wounded men were safely evacuated to the rear for medical treatment. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

Glendon R. Child, 33 289 363, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 282d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, near Lutzen, Germany. When twenty millimeter and small arms fire threatened to halt our advance into Lutzen, Germany, Private Child moved his heavy machine gun into an exposed position to bring fire on the enemy guns. With no available cover, he fearlessly maintained a heavy volume of fire despite the intense fire directed at his gun position. Private Child's courage and aggressiveness played a major role in the capture and burning of Lutzen into the city. Entered military service from D'Harlem, Pennsylvania.

James C. Hardy, 31 11 220, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 282d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 April 1945, near Lutzen, Germany. During the advance on Lutzen, Private Hardy and a fellow rifleman, upon discovering the enemy was retreating, advanced across an open field toward the enemy soldiers. They threw a light mortar and small arms fire, Private Hardy crashed forward, while his comrade laid down a base of fire, and they both were pinned into the ground, dying three days later. He and the other soldiers then laid down small arms fire and a base of fire into the woods that the enemy force of thirty men retreated on. By Private Hardy's courageous action and initiative, his company was able to break through the enemy defenses. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Edward C. Hensley, 33 275 304, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 282d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, at Gundersheim, France. During the attack on Gundersheim, a heroic message was received reporting that one platoon was surrounded in the town and unable to withdraw. Private Hensley, a quarter-ton truck driver, voluntarily drove his vehicle into the town under heavy mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire, located the stranded men, and made repeated trips back and forth into town until he had evacuated the entire platoon. Private Hensley's remarkable courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers was directly responsible for saving the platoon from certain death or capture. Entered military service from Union, Pennsylvania.

Victor J. Heinrich, 30 043 100, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I,

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232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 20-21 January 1945, in Haguenau Forest, France. While remaining behind as part of a force covering a battalion withdrawal, Private Hainden and another man became separated from the main body in the darkness. Finding themselves behind enemy lines at daylight, the two men ignored the possibility of surrender and began to work their way back to friendly lines. Though exposed to bitter cold and possible capture en route, they made notes of enemy strengths, equipment and dispositions. After three days and nights, they finally located their company and reported their intelligence to the command. Private Hainden's superior judgment and initiative in obtaining vital information assisted the battalion in preparing its defenses so as to repulse an enemy attack which took place a few days later. Entered military service from Sulphur Springs, Texas.

Thomas A. Hurst, O 342 770, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, near Sausheim, France. During the attack on the city, Corporal Hurst worked ceaselessly under intense mortar, artillery, and small arms fire to assist in the establishment of collecting points from which to evacuate casualties. During this action he sustained a wound in the leg, but he refused evacuation until medical attention had been provided for his wounds elsewhere. Corporal Hurst's courage and disregard for himself contributed materially to the prompt treatment and evacuation of numerous casualties that day. Entered military service from Galveston, Texas.

Robert H. Jenkins, 35 00 390, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, near Soufflenheim, France. When our forces withdrew to new defensive positions from the Haguenau sector, Private Jenkins voluntarily remained behind as part of a covering force. For seven hours he remained in an exposed position under intermittent intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, fearlessly resisting in holding back the enemy advance. Upon withdrawing he helped to blow the bridges and establish two roadblocks in the rear of the detachments covering enemy forces. Private Jenkins' courage and zealous devotion to duty during the severe battle in the Haguenau sector contributed to our success. Entered military service from Newberry, S. C.

Edward V. Johnson, 34 100 180, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945, near Haguenau, France. During the attack on Haguenau, France, Private Johnson, Second Lieutenant's assistant, was ordered to proceed into the town to deliver vital supplies and ammunition to the hard-pressed troops. Driv- ing through a heavily-mined road in the town, he was subjected to intense machine gun and mortar fire. Despite the fact that shells were bursting all around him and that a machine gun was pointed at his front, he bravely continued on, until he had delivered the supplies under heavy artillery and mortar fire, and returned over the same route to his company. Through his initiative, courage and devotion to duty, Private Johnson contributed materially to the successful attack. Entered military service from Leost, California.

Mitchell J. Krajewski, 36 88 784, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. During the bitter fighting for Wurzburg, Germany Company F was cut off and surrounded by infiltrating enemy forces. The main mortar position was almost exhausted, Private Krajewski bravely infiltrated through the infiltrating enemy under intense machine gun and sniper fire, found the supply point, and fearlessly returned over the same route with heavy load of ammunition. Private Krajewski's prompt and courageous action was largely responsible for the successful containing of the sector against the counter-attacking enemy. Entered military service from

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Detroit, Michigan.

Clis D. Island, 37 575 404, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company A, 123rd Medical Battalion for heroic achievement in action, on 10 April 1945, near Sankelburg, Germany. When the first German paratrooper aircraft and transport personnel and other vehicles to seek cover, Private Island made six trips through the heavy fire to evacuate casualties. On one occasion he was forced to stop and attend to a wounded soldier who had been blown down and was bleeding the head before he could continue. His disregard of personal danger and devotion to duty enabled him to complete the evacuation of the wounded and to return to place of duty. Entered military service from Elmer, Kansas.

William J. Leslie, 14 134 481, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 11 April 1945, near Sankelburg, Germany. During the attack on Sankelburg, Private Leslie volunteered to serve as a guard for prisoners taken from the abandoned city. Accompanying the attacking company, he was pinned down by tank machine gun fire. After fighting with fierce fire which interrupted the resistance, he took advantage of the withdrawal and moved them to the rear, despite heavy concentration of anti-aircraft fire falling in the area. During the withdrawal of the day, Private Leslie fearlessly made three trips in and out of the city collecting prisoners, under constant machine gun, mortar, and sniper fire. Entered military service from York, North Carolina.

Paul J. McMan, 25 046 510, Private First Class, Infantry, Company N, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 January 1945, near Châtillon-sur-Meuse, France. During the withdrawal of our forces from the Huguereu sector to new defensive positions, Private McMan voluntarily remained behind to provide rear guard protection. For several hours he remained in an exposed position under a constantly heavy machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, holding back enemy advances in the sector. Upon withdrawing he assisted in blowing two bridges and destroying two road blocks in the face of the advancing enemy. Private McMan's indomitable courage and selfless determination were instrumental in the successful withdrawal of our forces. Entered military service from Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Richard J. Meyer, 37 574 270, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 27 April 1945, near Ober-Roden, Germany. While providing flank security for his company near Ober-Roden, Private Meyer suddenly encountered an enemy machine gun squad in well-entrenched positions on the flank. He opened fire with his automatic rifle, killing the squad leader. A tremendous concentration of mortar fire was then directed upon him, but he continued to advance, locating the mortar gunners, killing two of them, and destroying their mortar. Private Meyer's courage and aggressiveness in the face of overwhelming opposition contributed immeasurably to the successful advance of his company. Entered military service from Loup, Nebraska.

William C. Noy, 35 513 417, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 6 March 1945, near Amarna, France. While on a reconnaissance patrol, part of Sergeant Noy's squad was pinned down by an intense concentration of rifle and machine gun fire. He skillfully led a group of his men by fire and maneuver through dense underbrush to within thirty feet of an enemy machine gun nest where he engaged in a fierce fight, inflicting thirteen casualties on the determined force. When forced to withdraw by superior fire power, he led his men back without loss. Sergeant Noy's aggressiveness and accurate reporting of enemy positions aided materially in the

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Execution of plans for the successful attack which followed on 15 March 1945; entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

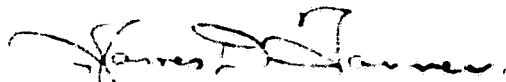
Sergeant A. Nicholls, 30 122 574, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 28th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, near Wulfsberg, Germany. While advancing through the enemy mine field threatened to halt our attack on Wulfsberg, Private Nicholls moved his heavy machine gun to an exposed position to bring down on the enemy guns. With no available cover he kept it open fire through the hail of enemy fire. After forcing the enemy to withdraw, he moved his gun forward over the open terrain and continued to direct effective fire on the enemy. Private Nicholls' outstanding courage and valor resulted in the destruction of two enemy machine guns, a 20mm cannon, and in the complete retreat of enemy forces. Entered military service from Oakland, California.

Sergeant J. Nigro, 12 1 121, Sergeant Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company E, 28th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, in Wulfsberg, Germany. While advancing through Wulfsberg, Sergeant Nigro's platoon was held up by fire from a sniper fire. Exposing himself to the heavy fire, he located the positions of several of the snipers, and then went back to his platoon's position. There he obtained automatic rifles, moved forward them under the intense fire, and placed automatic rifle fire on the positions, killing three of the enemy. Sergeant Nigro's courage and aggressive action enabled his platoon to continue forward to the successful accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Long Island, New York.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADE GENERAL COLLINS:

EDITH M. STUBBS,
Lt. Col., General Staff Corps,
Asst. Chief of Staff.

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JAMES D. COLLINS,
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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 Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Kenneth C. Dahlstrom, 39 326 883, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Corporal Dahlstrom participated in numerous crossings of the Main River prior to the attack on Wurzburg under intense artillery, machine gun, and sniper fire. When crossings were temporarily halted due to the increased intensity of the fire and the mounting casualties, Corporal Dahlstrom unhesitatingly volunteered to carry the vitally needed supplies and men across the river. By his indomitable courage and exceptionally selfless devotion to duty, he was instrumental in establishing the bridgehead and in the eventual capture of the city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Portland, Oregon.

Charles J. Detoy, 19 153 690, Corporal, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 near Mulbach, Germany. While on a patrol behind enemy lines, the reconnaissance platoon in which Corporal Detoy was a squad leader came under intense fire which wounded two of his comrades. Corporal Detoy located the position of the two soldiers, and although he was wounded himself and exposed to full view of the enemy, he advanced with the platoon leader in the face of the heavy fire to move the two men to cover. Corporal Detoy's indomitable courage and gallantry saved the lives of his two comrades. Entered military service from Claremont, California.

Sgt Goldstein, 42 146 777, Private First Class, Infantry, Company F, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 19 April 1945, near Furth, Germany. During the advance of our forces on Furth, an enemy panzerfaust knocked out one of our tank destroyers, killing three men and seriously wounding six in and around the tank. Under an intense hail of enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private Goldstein ran to the aid of the men. After treating the wounded and helping them to safety, he advanced through the heavy fire to a nearby patch of woods from which the panzerfaust had been fired. With his rifle he killed the panzerfaust man and six accompanying riflemen. Private Goldstein's indomitable courage in the face of superior odds was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

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LEONARD D. MORGAN, O2 025 556, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Armored Force, Company C, 756th Tank Battalion, for gallantry in action on 26 March 1945 near Mannheim, Germany. During the attack on Mannheim, Germany, Sergeant Morgan's tank was hit by an enemy bazooka round, wounding eight infantrymen and causing his crew to abandon the tank and take cover. After two aid men had been hit by snipers, Sergeant Morgan went to the wounded men and administered first aid although small arms, mortar, and artillery fire was hitting all around him. He then hastily inspected his tank and finding that it was only slightly disabled, loaded the wounded soldiers on the vehicle and evacuated them. Sergeant Morgan's indomitable courage and unwavering determination saved the seriously injured men from further injury or death. Entered military service from Chewelah, Washington.

Edward B. Mulcahy, H. O. A. 160, Staff Sergeant, Infantry Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 30 April 1945, near Etteleben, Germany. Although seriously wounded in the chest by enemy flak fire while leading a combat patrol near Etteleben, Germany, Sergeant Mulcahy ordered his men to cover and organized them for a fire fight with the enemy. In the fierce fighting that followed, Sergeant Mulcahy was injured again, but succeeded in killing three of the enemy. In spite of seven wounds, he again organized his men and led them in a flanking maneuver that destroyed the enemy position and captured four of the remaining Germans. Through his gallant actions, Sergeant Mulcahy eliminated a strong enemy outpost from his company's route of advance. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

Michael Pugachow, 33 699 270, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for gallantry in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Corporal Pugachow participated in numerous crossings of the Main River, carrying infantrymen and supplies across to the bridgehead at Wurzburg, Germany, and returning with prisoners and wounded. On his fourth crossing he was seriously wounded by the intense machine gun fire directed at his boat. Despite his injury and the continuously increasing fire, he continued to control the boat and assisted in paddling in order to speed the boat across the river. Corporal Pugachow's indomitable courage and gallantry in disregarding his personal safety after being wounded enabled the remainder of the crew to continue and transport the critically needed reinforcements to the growing bridgehead. Entered military service from Terrendale, Pennsylvania.

ROBERT F. STEFFER, O2 006 219, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 25 February 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. Learning that three men of a reconnaissance patrol had been wounded in a mine field in the vicinity of Reipertswiller, and that one of the men could not be found, Lieutenant Steffer determined to locate the missing men. He entered the mine field alone, worked in total darkness with the constant threat from enemy machine gun positions only 100 yards away, and succeeded in locating the wounded men. Administering first aid, he then carried the soldier to the Battalion Aid Station for further treatment. Lieutenant Steffer's gallant courage and heroic devotion to duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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THE AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations GMR 45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Ray A. Adams, 18 008 673, Corporal, Infantry Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 April 1945 at Furth, Germany. Corporal Adams was a member of a wire team that was assigned to the Renitz River at Furth, Germany. As he moved forward, he was subjected to intense small arms and artillery fire coming from a concealed enemy. In the face of the heavy fire, he continued to move forward and spliced the wire line wherever the artillery severed it in order that the assault company would have continuous communication with the Battalion Command Post. Through his outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Corporal Adams made an effective contribution to the successful attack. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

George Bass, 32 207 950, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 January 1945, near Sassenheim, France. During the enemy attack on Sassenheim, forward elements were running critically short of mortar and machine gun ammunition. Private Bass voluntarily drove his jeep and trailer loaded with ammunition over a road exposed to enemy fire up to the besieged elements. Artillery, mortar, and small arms fire became so intense that his vehicle was virtually riddled with shrapnel holes, but he remained with his jeep and succeeded in bringing the urgently needed ammunition to the machine gun and mortar positions. Private Bass's outstanding courage and determination contributed materially to the successful defense of the sector against determined enemy attacks. Entered military service from West New York, New Jersey.

Herman J. Bergath, 37 575 736, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 26 January 1945 at Neuberg, France. When five enemy soldiers were reported to have occupied a nearby building, Private Bergath, taking one man to cover him, volunteered to attempt their capture. Approaching the building, two enemy soldiers were seen running from the rear door. He opened fire and one of the Germans fell, the other stopped and indicated that he wanted to surrender. Private Bergath shouted to the prisoner to return to the building for the remaining soldiers. When the Germans failed to come out of the building, he opened fire and 58 German soldiers filed out of the building along with one American captive. Through his outstanding courage and aggressiveness, Private Bergath captured a strong enemy outpost. Entered military service from Three Forks, North Dakota.

Ernest J. Bessard, 37 574 284, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. Early on the morning of 5 April 1945, Sergeant Bessard and his light machine gun section were placed on the alert in preparation for an enemy counter-attack. When the attack started, he exposed himself to intense machine gun, rifle, and automatic weapons fire to direct the fire of his section and keep them supplied with ammunition, making one trip through the intense enemy fire to the supply point for vitally needed ammunition. By his outstanding courage and leadership, Sergeant Bessard's section was able to completely halt the determined counter-attack, while inflicting a large number of casualties. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Fred W. Bessinger, 33 938 307, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. During the attack on Wurzburg Private Bessinger and two comrades were trapped in a house by heavy machine gun and sniper fire from a neighboring building. The enemy bazooka rounds entered the house, killing one of his comrades and wounding the other. Disregarding his personal safety, Private Bessinger exposed himself to the hostile fire, and with two rifle grenades, knocked out the enemy machine gun. He then further exposed himself to direct the fire of his platoon on the bazooka position. Private Bessinger's extremely courageous action under fire played a major role in the capture of the town. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pa.

Infrew Clades, 33 138 156, Technician Third Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. When our casualties mounted during a determined enemy counter-attack at Wurzburg, Sergeant Clades unhesitatingly advanced through the intense enemy fire to the first wounded man and administered first aid. Unable to leave him to his safe position, he remained with the soldier until help came. Three times more during the fierce fighting, disregarding the heavy enemy fire, he went to the aid of wounded men. Sergeant Clades' fearless actions under fire and his expert first aid treatments undoubtedly saved the lives of several of the injured soldiers. Entered military service from Wilmington, Delaware.

Harold M. Cohn, 33 746 365, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 112d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Cohn participated in seven round trip crossings of the Main River during the fierce attack on Wurzburg under intense machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. His indomitable courage in the face of the constantly increasing enemy fire, volunteering for each succeeding trip contributed immeasurably to the establishment of the bridgehead and the ultimate fall of the city to our constantly advancing forces. Entered military service from Washington, D. C.

John P. Cubbit, 34 251 241, Private First Class (then Private), Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. As our troops were bitterly fighting their way through the streets of Wurzburg, they were fired on by a concealed enemy panzer Faust grenade. Private Cubbit quickly located the enemy position and, with utter disregard for personal safety, advanced through the line of fire to within a few yards of the enemy. Remaining calm under the intense fire, he threw a hand grenade into the emplacement, killing all of the enemy personnel. Private Cubbit's outstanding courage and aggressiveness contributed materially to the continued advance of our forces. Entered military service from Columbia, Louisiana.

Richard R. Francis, 33 930 551, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the action at Schweinfurt, Private Francis was with his squad on a mission to take an enemy barracks which was known to contain a captured American officer. When his squad was held up by sniper fire, he exposed himself to this fire, located and killed two of the enemy, and proceeded on toward the barracks under intense machine gun and small arms fire. He then set up his automatic rifle about twenty yards from the building and poured a steady stream of fire into it, enabling his squad to assault the building. Private Francis' courageous action played a major role in the liberation of the American officer and the capture of seventy prisoners. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

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Paul J. Fuszner, 37 622 899, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry; Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 March 1945 at Oberschlettenbach, Germany. Upon entering the town of Oberschlettenbach to establish a forward Command Post, it was learned that our forces had not yet occupied the town. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Corporal Fuszner entered one of the buildings armed only with a .45 caliber pistol and emerged a few minutes later with six prisoners. Corporal Fuszner's outstanding courage and aggressiveness played a major role in clearing the town for the Command Post personnel. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

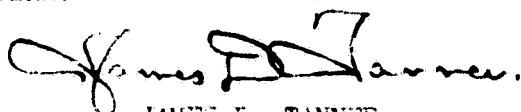
Filbe L. G. Galvan, 39 680 377, Private, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the advance on Schweinfurt, Private Galvan, first scout for his rifle squad, crawled alone under intense enemy rifle and machine gun fire to within a few yards of a barracks where he killed three Germans with his rifle, then discovered that the enemy was holding an American officer prisoner inside. From his vantage point he next directed the fire of the remainder of his squad on the enemy positions around the building. Private Galvan's alertness and courage under fire contributed materially to the release of the American officer and the capture of eighty of the enemy. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

JAMES C. GENTRY, 44 040 670, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 4 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. When Private Gentry's mortar squad had almost exhausted their ammunition supply during the action at Wurzburg, he voluntarily left his position of cover to carry ammunition to the forward gun positions. His route exposed him to heavy small arms fire from close range. Despite his personal danger, Private Gentry courageously continued to supply the guns with ammunition, enabling them to place a heavy volume of accurate fire on the enemy installations. Entered military service from Franklin, Tennessee.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal II

1. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:— (a) By direction of the president, under the provisions of War Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

DEMONT D. PROBY, O 160 944, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from North Baldwin, Ohio.

James T. Pillingham, 34 546 986, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Infantry, Company D, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 21 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Atlanta, Georgia.

Morton S. Everett, 11 246 756, Technician Fifth Grade, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, on 26 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

FRANCIS P. WYLLI, O 1 010 782, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 8 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Pelham Manor, New York.

Leslie V. Jespersen, 39 136 413, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Fourth Grade), Infantry, Company A, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 17 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Canoga Park, California.

Jack Katz, 32 995 300, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, on 16 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Arthur E. Korhonen, 37 572 215, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, on 3 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Hibbing, Minnesota.

David C. Lennon, 37 676 964, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal) Field Artillery, Battery A, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, on 6 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Deventert, Iowa.

John D. Lickle, 33 290 128, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, from 18-19 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Irving Lisman, 31 403 663, Private First Class, Medical Corps, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, on 4 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Furlington, Vermont.

Eudolph J. Mitkowski, 33 934 217, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Peter L. Misuraca, 36 906 442, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, on 16 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Frank J. Rosenthal, 36 645 355, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, on 26 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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William A. Roberge, 39 209 044, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 9 and 10 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Roger Steinberg, 36 832 449, Technician Fifth Grade, Motor Department, Company P, 122d Medical Battalion, on 4 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

James R. Lewis, 36 118 018, Corporal, Cavalry, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, on 14 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Crescent, California.

(b) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-4, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

Samuel M. Abbate, 34 449 301, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Yuba City, Texas.

LEO W. BREAHM, 36 844 418, Captain, Medical Corps, Company G, 122d Medical Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Chester P. Barst, 32 157 240, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 304 Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 15 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newark, New Jersey.

Robert Blissert, 32 970 104, Master Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 6 January 1945 to 10 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Massachusetts, New York.

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James W. Brink, 36 116 157, Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 406 Division Artillery, from 15 March 1945 to 5 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mason, Ohio.

Donald C. Crowl, 37 475 924, Staff Sergeant, Corps of Military Police, 406 Infantry Division Military Police Platoon, from 15 February 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, Minnesota.

Ernst Deutsch, 32 083 232, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 April 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Walter E. Glaze, 36 124 412, Sergeant, Medical Department, Company A, 122d Medical Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Carroll, Michigan.

WALTER J. GRIFFIN, 32 016 497, Second Lieutenant (Staff Sergeant), Cavalry, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, from 15 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lerna, Ohio.

FREDERICK W. HUNN, 36 082 441, Private First Class, Cavalry, (then Second Lieutenant), Cavalry, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, from 15 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Okemah, Oklahoma.

Frederick J. Hulse, 32 087 016, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

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Clarence S. Harze, 33 795 516, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 42d Division Artillery, from 13 March 1945 to 4 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

William E. Hazard, 16 133 779, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 9 April 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in Germany. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Wilbur Inall, 32 276 271, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, Company 1, 132d Medical Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 5 May 1945, inclusive in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

WILLIAM E. PATTISON, O1 133 632, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Indianapolis, Indiana.

William E. Plouff, 6 978 136, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 22d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944, to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Coates, New York.

Walter C. Rawlins, 39 737 450, Staff Sergeant, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Ventura, California.

CHRISTOPHER F. REILLY, O1 319 441, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Millers-Park, Pennsylvania.

JEFFREY W. STEFFEN, O1 321 070, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 42d Infantry Division, from 20 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Walter Stein, 35 227 469, Private First Class, Counter Intelligence Corps, 42d Infantry Division, from 21 March 1945 to 1 May 1945, inclusive, in Germany. Entered military service from South Bend, Indiana.

Edward L. Sten, 34 673 122, Private First Class, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sector, North Carolina.

Isidore A. Tetreault, 31 462 333, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 15 March to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lowell, Massachusetts.

Robt E. Taylor, 34 242 110, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milendale, South Carolina.

Harold E. Waller, 32 725 289, Technician Fifth Grade (then Private First Class), Service Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Quentin W. Donally, 39 324 394, Corporal, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 42d Division Artillery, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Everson, Washington.

11. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--... (1) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 12 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

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Frank J. Pascal, 36 645 355, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, on 23 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

(b) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

CLOWIS H. BRANFILL, O 519 132, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 5 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bonham, Texas.

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Arlen C. Bjork, 37 595 592, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945 near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. During the fierce fighting around Ludwigswinkel, Germany, the advance of K Company was halted by intense enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun, and small arms fire. Upon seeing one man near him seriously wounded, Private Bjork left the cover of his foxhole and gave the man first aid. He then fearlessly helped his comrade back to the medical aid station through the withering enemy fire. Private Bjork's outstanding courage and devotion to his comrades undoubtedly saved the injured man from death. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

John W. Brackett, 38 682 132, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 April 1945 near Furth, Germany. When a squad of ammunition bearers carrying vitally needed supplies across the Regnitz River were pinned down by intense small arms fire, Private Brackett immediately returned fire with his rifle. Although seriously wounded in the hip a few minutes later, he continued to fire at the enemy positions until smoke impaired visibility. Only then did he cease firing and seek a position of cover. By Private Brackett's outstanding courage and selfless determination, the ammunition squad was enabled to deliver the critically needed ammunition to our forces fighting fiercely on the opposite bank of the river. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Norvel J. Fagala, 36 555 325, Technician Fourth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 March 1945 near Schomay, Germany. When one man was seriously wounded by artillery fire, Sergeant Fagala led his litter squad to the wounded man and carried him to partial cover from the continuing concentrations of enemy fire. After treating him, he once more faced the heavy fire to give blood plasma to another injured soldier, carrying him to a place of safety. Sergeant Fagala's extreme courage and devotion to duty were directly responsible for saving the two men from possible death. Entered military service from San Juan, Texas.

James R. Hill, 38 400 389, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 March 1945 near Fischbach, Germany. While in a forward observer party, Private Hill crawled to an exposed position under direct hostile machine gun and rifle fire in order to locate the enemy positions. While adjusting fire on a pillbox, he was wounded in the shoulder, but he continued to direct the fire until the pillbox was destroyed. Private Hill's outstanding courage and determination enabled our artillery to destroy important enemy fortifications that were holding up the

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the progress of our forces. Entered military service from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Phillip M. Mohr, 31 398 274, Private First Class, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 near Landersbach, Germany. When a dismounted reconnaissance party came under fire from an enemy ambush, Private Mohr, a machine-gunner, laid down effective counter fire enabling the ambushed party to escape to a position of safety. In the fire fight that followed, Private Mohr was forced to abandon his gun and vehicle because of the concentration of hostile fire directed on his exposed position. Refusing to leave his job behind he returned through the heavy fire to the abandoned vehicle and drove it to safety. Through his outstanding courage and aggressiveness, Private Mohr enabled the patrol to withdraw to safety without casualties. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

John H. Fry, 12 083 162, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. During the street fighting in the city of Wurzburg, Private Fryfield's platoon was pinned down by accurate machine gun and sniper fire. Undaunted by the fact that six other men had been driven back while trying to reach a house concealing a sniper, Private Fryfield ran across fifty yards of open terrain under heavy machine gun and small arms fire to reach the house. He then made his way through the building to the sniper's location and killed him with his rifle. Private Fryfield's outstanding courage permitted his platoon to resume their advance into town. Entered military service from Corsicana, Texas.

Clayton J. Buck, 39 140 373, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Germany, Private Buck participated in seven round trip crossings of the river under heavy machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. Ignoring the heavy fire involved, he continued to volunteer for the mission of carrying infantry and ammunition across and bringing wounded and prisoners back until the bridgehead was finally established. His outstanding courage and devotion to duty contributed to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

James Rodriguez, 38 263 83, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 January 1945 near Sassenheim, France. During the action near Sassenheim, Private Rodriguez left the comparative safety of his foxhole, during an intense mortar and artillery concentration, to go to the aid of a rifleman whose dug-out had come in on him. After waiting for over an hour exposed to the intense fire, he bravely freed the man and assisted him to the aid station for treatment. Private Rodriguez's outstanding courage and selfless determination undoubtedly saved his fellow soldier from possibly death or serious injury. Entered military service from San Antonio, Texas.

David J. Handou, 31 370 479, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Corporal Handou participated in six round trip crossings of the river under deadly machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. In spite of the danger involved and the heavy casualties already sustained, he continually volunteered for the task of carrying infantry men and ammunition to the far shore and bringing the wounded and prisoners back until the mission was

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completed. Through his outstanding courage and determined devotion to duty, Corporal Rondeau made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Brockton, Massachusetts.

Robert A. Ross, 20 425 139, Staff Sergeant (then Corporal), Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945 at Rittershoffen, France. When his anti-tank gun position was attacked by three enemy tanks, Corporal Ross coolly and accurately destroyed the first two tanks with three well placed rounds. When his weapon failed to fire, he remained in position attempting to repair it until wounded by a direct hit on the gun. In spite of his wound, he maintained control and skillfully maneuvered his men safely away from the useless gun. Corporal Ross's exceptional courage and calm leadership was directly responsible for saving the lives of the remainder of his men. Entered military service from Biloxi, Mississippi.

Edgar L. Simpson, 20 828 898, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. While on outpost guard for his anti-tank platoon, Private Simpson observed an enemy bazooka man knock out one of two friendly tanks advancing through the town, and then head for the other tank. He quickly ran to the street, exposing himself to enemy machine gun and rifle fire, and went to the spot where he had seen the enemy soldier. Spotting the enemy, Private Simpson killed him with his carbine. By his courageous action and alertness he saved one of our tanks and its crew from destruction or damage. Entered military service from Hugo, Oklahoma.

Warren J. Slatcher, 42 116 137, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Slatcher participated in numerous crossings of the Main River under heavy machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. Although he had had no previous training on assault boats, he volunteered unhesitatingly, disregarding personal safety and exhaustion, carrying infantrymen and supplies across and bringing wounded and prisoners back until the mission was completed. Private Slatcher's exceptional courage and aggressive determination contributed materially to the establishment of a bridgehead and the ultimate fall of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Schenectady, New York.

William H. Slaughter, 15 016 424, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945, near Ludwigswinkel, Germany. As machine gun section sergeant, Sergeant Slaughter organized a patrol to go to the aid of a wounded man a mile in enemy territory. With three others he exposed himself to enemy mortar, machine gun, and sniper fire and evacuated the wounded man on an improvised stretcher across ground constantly under fire. Sergeant Slaughter's heroic action was instrumental in saving this man's life. Entered military service from Buckhannon, West Virginia.

George F. Thompson, 3E 541 690, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an engineer assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Corporal Thompson, in the face of murderous machine gun and flak fire and seeing his comrades killed beside him, continued to man his boat, carrying assault troops to the far shore and bringing wounded and prisoners back. Although it was his first time under intense fire,

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He never hesitated in making the crossings without smoke or concealment until the mission was completed and the bridgehead was firmly established. By his untiring effort and fearless devotion to duty, Corporal Thompson made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg, thus enabling the Division to continue its relentless pursuit of the enemy. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

John H. Thompson, 35 672 546, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company A, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 June 1945 near Gerstheim, France. During the withdrawal from Sassenheim, France, Private Thompson and several men remained behind under heavy enemy fire to aid a wounded soldier. By providing a litter from a blanket, he aided in carrying the man over three thousand yards of open terrain constantly exposed to machine gun and artillery fire. By his courage and disregard for personal safety, Private Thompson materially contributed to saving the injured man's life. Entered military service from Grince, Illinois.

Andrew Vincent, 35 677 765, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Vincent participated in several round trip crossings of the Main River under heavy enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. He continually volunteered for further trips despite the mounting casualties. On two occasions he observed the positions of sniper rifles on our troops and, with deadly accuracy, killed both of them with his automatic rifle. Private Vincent's courage, alertness, and skill contributed materially in establishing the bridgehead which led to the capture of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

Arvid C. Walters, 24 672 513, Technician Fifth Grade, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew during the round trip crossings of the Main River at Wurzburg, Corporal Walters participated in six round trip crossings of the river under heavy machine gun, sniper, and rifle fire. Ignoring the heavy fire involved, he continued to volunteer for the mission of carrying infantrymen and ammunition to the far shore and bringing wounded and prisoners back until the bridgehead was firmly established. His untiring effort and devotion to duty contributed to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Berkeley, California.

Arnold B. Walters, 39 585 853, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 243d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13-14 January 1945 at Weiden, France. When the tank destroyer guarded by Private Walters and two others was hit by an enemy shell, killing one crew member and wounding another, the guards and the remainder of the crew took cover in a shell hole. As the enemy fire increased, the tank destroyer crew withdrew, so the three infantrymen started evacuating the wounded man over 1500 yards of open terrain covered by enemy fire. Facing the intense fire and his own personal danger, Private Walters alternated between carrying the wounded man and providing covering fire. His heroic actions saved the wounded man's life in evacuating him from a dangerous area to needed medical aid. Entered military service from Bell, California.

L. Wayne E. Wittne, 37 152 530, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 243d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 13 March 1945 near Gerstheim, Germany. When the approaches to Gerstheimbach were blocked by mines and booby traps, Sergeant Wittne volunteered to lead his section in clearing the roads. Despite heavy artillery and mortar fire, he and

... rapidly and skillfully neutralized all of the mines and booby traps. Sergeant Whiting's outstanding ability and leadership enabled his battalion and the infantry battalion to capture the town with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Rock Hill, South Dakota.

FRED D. WOODS, 3118 27, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company H, 252d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 at Arnstein, Germany. During the attack on Arnstein, Lieutenant Woods was acting as mortar observer attached to Company E. While crossing an open field near the city, Company E was pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Lieutenant Woods advanced under the heavy fire to an enemy mortar position and directed mortar fire on the enemy gun positions. In this courageous action and skillful observing, Lieutenant Woods relieved the pressure on Company E, enabling them to continue the advance and successfully attack the town. Entered military service from Hill no, Texas.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: (a) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-10, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Edro T. Sauer, 38 442 104, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from El Paso, Texas.

Dale W. Burroughs, 38 473 237, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Collinsville, Missouri.

Edward C. Carlson, 38 504 335, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 15-18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Milton F. Short, 38 449 312, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Rockdale, Maryland.

Harold L. Callum, 38 539 714, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery B, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, on 3-5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WENT T. LEWIS, 38 133 524, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Fort Worth, Texas.

Thomas J. Frazier, 38 543 293, Sergeant, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 17 March 1945 to 2 April 1945, in France. Entered military service from Fairview, Ohio.

James H. Miller, 38 514 389, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 11 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Joseph T. Gorman, 38 110 989, Private, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, on 19 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Georgia.

Harold W. Knicker, 38 573 774, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 17 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

John M. Taylor, 38 378 323, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company A, 122d Medical Battalion, on 26 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Esten M. Matthews, 38 521 376, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Richmond, Virginia.

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Vincent J. Lombardi, 32 001 585, Corporal, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

Edward T. Mielke, 32 998 090, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 15 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Queens, New York.

Paul E. Miner, 42 116 780, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Battery B, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, on 3-5 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Pochester, New York.

Thomas Nicholson, 36 765 937, First Sergeant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company H, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Bellsville, Illinois.

Theodore Powell, 20 382 372, Staff Sergeant (then Technician Third Grade), Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 5-7, January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Quantin T. Wagner, 33 498 269, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 17 March 1945 to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from McClure, Pennsylvania.

Dugh M. Watkins, 14 026 381, Corporal, Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 6 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Montgomery, Alabama.

(b) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

ROBERT J. ACKERMANN, O 401 519, Captain, Infantry, Company M, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Parksville, Kentucky.

Thomas Alberici, O 173 219, Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Lionel Aronowicz, 31 370 528, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

ANTHONY M. BASSON, O 1, O 1 165 038, Captain, Field Artillery, Battery A, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Grenada, Mississippi.

WILLIAM E. BRADFORD, O 131 537, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Field Artillery, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hart, Texas.

Benjamin Beckage, 33 508 562, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Herken P. Carlson, 36 209 795, Sergeant, Infantry, Service Company, 212d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Newburgh, Wisconsin.

ANN W. CARROLL, O 031 470, First Lieutenant, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

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John Chebro, Jr., 33 359 084, Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 23 February 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Harold C. Conzylman, 33 934 731, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 25 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Paul Copelan, 33 812 126, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 12 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

John F. Dodson, 18 007 938, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery F, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mexahackie, Texas.

John H. Finney, 34 719 985, Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 20 February 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

John George Jr., 36 114 264, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Earl Crish, 32 996 225, Field Artillery, Corporal, Battery A, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New York, New York.

GEORGE W. HOKT, O 401 446, Captain, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Sullivan, Illinois.

Raymond P. Litvinchuk, O 919 968, Staff Sergeant, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 1 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Menoska, Wisconsin.

JAMES T. LYNN, O 524 134, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

Norman A. Meyer, 37 073 314, First Sergeant (then Technical Sergeant), Field Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 232d Field Artillery Battalion, from 17 February 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Armour, South Dakota.

Sidney A. Millikan, 37 005 396, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 542d Field Artillery Battalion, from 10 March 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wichita, Kansas.

Richard H. Morath, 39 212 499, Technician Fourth Grade (then Technician Fifth Grade), Infantry, Headquarters Company Third Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 24 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Everett, Washington.

Harold P. Panner, 36 624 571, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rockwood, Indiana.

WALTER B. PHILLIPS, O1 046 922, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Mount Warren, New York.

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George Raffeld, 36 030 918, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 3 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

James E. Rawnsley, 37 135 281, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 142d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Kansas City, Missouri.

Douglas F. Rogers, 36 765 459, Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Phillip R. Schaeffer, 33 732 433, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company G, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 6 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Westminster, Maryland.

Ronald E. Schellkopf, 33 551 710, Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 27 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

LESTER T. SMITH, 01 596 185, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 20 February 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive in France and Germany. Entered military service from Washington, 25, D. C.

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 JOHN W. SMITH, 01 282 163, Captain, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hummel, Washington.

Arthur C. Surby, 39 467 380, Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Spokane, Washington.

Thomas W. Tharsing, 39 139 329, Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps, 42d Quartermaster Company, from 20 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

Luence J. Thibault, 31 051 049, Sergeant, Medical Department, Company A, 122d Medical Battalion, from 21 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Salem, Massachusetts.

Edward J. Urbanik, 12 200 663, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Battery C, 392d Field Artillery Battalion, from 16 February 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Dunkirk, New York.

JAMES W. WILSON, 01 533 937, Captain, Medical Administrative Corps, Headquarters, 122d Medical Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Marion, Ohio.

RONALD I. WILE, 01 167 616, Captain, Field Artillery, Headquarters, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Jackson, Michigan.

Clonnes, J. Watson, 33 336 143, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery C, 42d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HARVEY J. WELLS, 01 736 059, Captain, Medical Corps, 1st Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 15 March 1945 to 5 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE FRANCE STAR MEDAL:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September, 1945, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the France Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy of the United States:

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Rene G. Jacobs, 20 749 887, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 252d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Honored military service from Luverne, Minnesota.

III. RECOMMENDATION. So much of Paragraph I, General Order #19, this head-
quarters, dated 10 October 1945, as pertains to the award of the Bronze Star
is hereby awarded to Private First Class, Jason M. Luskop, 33 523 876, 212d Infantry, is
revoked:

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

HORRY HUSTENBERG,
Lt. Col., General Staff Corps,
Actg. Chief of Staff.

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James F. Tanner
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- AWARD OF THE MERIT CROSS TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL..... IV

I. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL :-... By direction of the president, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, the following medal is awarded to:

August Aparo, 36 91 712, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 22nd Infantry, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 12 April 1945, near Semmerling, Germany. When Sergeant Aparo saw a boat loaded with four Russians, one a young boy, capsized about 25 yards from the American side of the Main River, he unhesitatingly went to the aid of the young boy who was stuck on the head of the boat and was being carried downstream by the swift current. Fighting against the strong current, he succeeded in dragging the boy to the vicinity of the bank where, because of exhaustion, he held on to the branch at the water's edge until comrades could rescue them both from the river. Sergeant Aparo's heroic action in saving the drowning boy exemplifies the highest traditions of the service. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Peter Rocco, 11 490 00, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 42nd Field Artillery Battalion, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy, on 13 May 1945, near Mittersill, Austria. When part of a load of ammunition exploded in the caisson behind the truck in which Private Rocco was riding, the truck, caisson, and boxes containing 107mm non-lethal ammunition burst into flame. After being driven back twice by exploding hand grenades and small arms, Private Rocco was able to assist in unloading the caisson and freeing the truck to move from the scene of the explosion. At this time, with complete disregard for his own safety, he jumped to the back of the truck to assist in extinguishing the burning ammunition boxes. Private Rocco's heroic action saved the truck and its personnel from destruction and prevented a more serious explosion which would have endangered the lives of other men in the area. Entered military service from New Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) :-... By direction of the president, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

Harold C. Horchmann, 37 06 603, private, Corps of Engineers, Company I, 14th Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Horchmann participated in several crossings of the Main River under intense machine gun, sniper, and artillery fire. Although the enemy field of fire was excellent, he volunteered unhesitatingly for each trip, completely disregarding his personal safety, until, on the eighth crossing, he was mortally wounded. Private Horchmann's untimely courage and unselfish devotion to duty were instrumental in establishing the bridgehead. Name and address of nearest relative: Pauline Horchmann, Sparta, Illinois. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL: . . . BY direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1945, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

John R. Amilkavich, SS 765 599, Sergeant (then Corporal), Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 April 1945, near Weisstadt, Germany. When the patrol of which he was a member was halted and cut-off by superior enemy forces, Corporal Amilkavich unhesitatingly volunteered to remain behind to cover the withdrawal. Despite intense enemy machine and small arms fire directed at his position, he continued to fire until the remainder of the patrol had withdrawn. Corporal Amilkavich's exceptional courage and selfless devotion to duty enabled the patrol to withdraw successfully with a minimum of casualties and with much needed information. Entered military service from Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

John A. Lombak, SS 677 766, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an engineer assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Private Lombak, under heavy machine gun and flat fire, continued to man his boat, ferrying assault troops to the far shore and bringing wounded and prisoners back. Although it was his first time under fire, he never hesitated to make the crossings without cloak or concealment until the mission was completed and the bridgehead was firmly established. By his untiring effort and fearless devotion to duty, Private Lombak made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg, and enabled the division to continue its relentless pursuit of the enemy toward Bamberg. Entered military service from Beaumont, Texas.

Charles F. Cain, SS 626 640, Private First Class, Cavalry, 42nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 near Schwanau, Germany. When a patrol entering Schwanau was fired upon, Private Cain, in order to cover the patrol's movement, drove his machine gun jeep into the town under heavy fire to a position from which machine gun fire could more effectively be delivered on the enemy. Private Cain remained with his vehicle despite intense Panzerfaust fire directed at the jeep, maneuvering it so that continuous machine gun fire could be brought to bear against the enemy position. Private Cain's courage and extreme devotion to duty enabled the patrol to withdraw without serious casualties. Entered military service from Putnam County, Missouri.

Andrew T. Carolla, SS 466 659, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 42nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Kilstett, France. During the fierce fighting for Kilstett, Private Carolla voluntarily accompanied two wiremen on a mission to repair communications lines from the front line to the Regimental Command Post. Despite constant and intense enemy artillery and mortar fire, he worked tirelessly for six hours until communications were again intact. Private Carolla's courageous action and aggressive determination contributed materially to reestablishing vital communications. Entered military service from Bridgeport, Connecticut.

William G. Duggs, SS 369 012, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company C, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 9 April 1945, at Geldersheim, Germany. When his platoon was ambushed by superior enemy forces, Sergeant Duggs immediately took command of the left flank and led that group in attack against the enemy. Throughout the fight, Sergeant Duggs, with complete disregard for his own safety, exposed himself to enemy fire to go from man to man giving encouragement and advice. His outstanding courage and selfless determination

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played a major role in inflicting serious losses on the enemy enabling the advance of his company to continue. Entered military service from North Long Beach, California.

Dwight Gamble, 6 906 231, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 April 1945, in Mursburg, Germany. During the fierce fighting for Mursburg, the advance of our forces was held up by intense machine gun and sniper fire coming from a nearby church steeple. Private Gamble forged his way through the intense hail of enemy fire, and with his automatic rifle succeeded in knocking out most of the enemy positions. He then occupied the positions alone and held them until reinforcements came forward and aided him in eliminating the remainder of the enemy emplacements. Private Gamble's indomitable courage made a material contribution to the successful capture of the city. Entered military service from Pineville, Kentucky.

Harry J. Guntheroth Jr., 36 471 107, Staff Sergeant (then Sergeant), Infantry Company B, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 1 March 1945, near Nickenberg, France. While Sergeant Guntheroth was leading his squad in an attack on Hill 328, his men became pinned down by intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire. The men were momentarily frightened and reluctant to move. Sergeant Guntheroth exposed himself to the intense fire in order to reconnoiter a route of withdrawal to safety. Sergeant Guntheroth's outstanding courage and fearless leadership contributed materially to withdrawing his men from their precarious position without a casualty. Entered military service from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Alfred J. Hazel, 1 412 747, Private, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 April 1945, at Dombach, Germany. When his company had been held up for three hours by intense machine gun and sniper fire, Private Hazel noticed an infantryman lying wounded exposed to the direct fire. Despite the intensity of the small arms and machine gun fire, he advanced to the injured man and administered first aid. Enemy snipers to this time zeroed in on his position and wounded Private Hazel before he could finish his work. His exceptional courage and unflinching determination were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Army of the United States. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Thomas L. James, 44 600 479, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer General Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, in Ludwigshafen, Germany. As member of an assault boat crew, Private James participated in seven round trip crossings of the Main River under intense machine gun, sniper, and artillery fire. Although he had had no previous training in the operation of assault boats, he immediately volunteered for such a succeeding trip, carrying infantrymen across and returning with wounded and prisoners until the mission was completed. Private James' exceptional courage and unflinching determination contributed materially to establishing the bridgehead and the ultimate fall of Ludwigshafen. Entered military service from Clayton, Georgia.

Albert J. Kautsky, 31 399 187, Sergeant, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 31 March 1945 near Broombach, Germany. When given the mission to take and hold an important bridge over the Main River, Sergeant Kautsky acted with extreme courage. Upon arrival at the bridge, he immediately advanced rapidly across it, overpowering the guards before an alarm could be given and the bridge blown. By his daring and courageous action, Sergeant Kautsky secured a valuable point in the division's route of advance across Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FEROMI LEVITAN, 6 149 379, Second Lieutenant, Flight Lieutenant, Battery C, 40th Field Artillery Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March

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1945, near Althoen, France. When the infantry battalion to which he was attached as artillery forward observer was held up by determined enemy resistance Lieutenant Devitan braved enemy mortar and automatic weapons fire to direct friendly artillery fire. When enemy mortar fire was landed at his position for five hours, he exposed himself to enemy observation and directed artillery fire that destroyed the enemy mortars and neutralized the machine guns. Lieutenant Devitan's heroic actions enabled the battalion to advance unimpeded and reach its objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Ithaca, N. Y.

William J. McGhee, 36 664 40, Technical Field Grade, Cavalry, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, near Mulbach, Germany. When a member of a reconnaissance patrol was wounded, Corporal McGhee volunteered to attempt the rescue of the man from an area covered by withering fire from enemy machine guns. Driving his armored car along a road exposed to enemy fire, he effected the rescue of the badly wounded man and returned with him to cover. By disregarding his own safety, Corporal McGhee saved the life of a wounded comrade. Entered military service from Dallas, Texas.

Ernest W. McGissack, 36 669 009, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry Company K, 42nd Infantry, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Le Manschau, France. When enemy artillery fire knocked out the pillbox which private McGissack and another soldier were guarding, several of the occupants were wounded. After sending his comrade to secure medical aid, Private McGissack observed a twelve man enemy patrol approaching his position. Exposing himself to direct observation, he opened fire on the enemy with his automatic rifle, forcing them to withdraw after killing and wounding six of them. Private McGissack's bold and courageous action maintained the security of the position until help arrived for the wounded man. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

James E. McLeroy, 36 632 838, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. After crossing the Main River in the first assault boat, private McLeroy aided in knocking out a machine gun which had been firing on the troops making the crossing. Noticing a machine gun and several snipers to the left flank, he fearlessly advanced on the enemy position alone. Firing as he advanced, he killed two of the snipers and caused the third to retreat. Then, approaching the machine gun, he eliminated two of the men and crew with a grenade and forced the others to surrender. Private McLeroy's courageous and aggressive action played a major role in the successful assault on the city. Entered military service from Clarksville, Texas.

Donald H. Hainke, 36 632 466, Private First Class, Infantry, Company D, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945, near Immenhols, France. When a strong enemy force attacked his outpost, Private Hainke opened fire with his mortar and continued to repulse the attacking Germans for forty-eight hours. When troops encircled his position, he continued the deadly barrage until the rifle troops he was supporting had safely withdrawn to the main line of resistance. He then led his squad in a successful thrust through the enemy encirclement and in a withdrawal to friendly lines. Through his indomitable courage and aggressive leadership, Private Hainke was largely responsible for the safe withdrawal of the defending troops of the outpost line of resistance. Entered military service from The Rivers, Wisconsin.

Joseph E. Poppa, 36 699 274, Private First Class, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 42nd Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Private Poppa participated in the second crossing of the Main River under

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heavy enemy artillery, machine gun and small arms fire. Although the enemy had an excellent field of fire, he unhesitatingly volunteered for each trip, disregarding his personal safety, until on the final trip he was seriously wounded by enemy fire. Private Popynia's exceptional courage and aggressiveness played a major role in establishing the bridgehead which ultimately led to the capture of Wurzburg. Entered military service from Warrendale, Pennsylvania.

William E. Schaeper Jr., 13 073 639, Corporal, Cavalry, 42nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945, near Briarum, Germany. When the lead jeep of his platoon was held up by fire from three 88mm cannon and small arms, Corporal Schaeper, disregarding his own safety, advanced to the vehicle and manned the 50 caliber machine gun, directing such accurate fire on the enemy that they were forced to abandon their guns. He also called for and directed mortar fire which inflicted numerous casualties upon enemy dug in on the opposite bank of the river. Corporal Schaeper's courage and prompt action enabled his platoon to continue on it's mission without further delay or casualties. Entered military service from College Station, Texas.

Charley L. Shankles, 38 642 472, Private First Class, Cavalry, 42nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, at Zimmern, Germany. During an attack by an enemy platoon, Private Shankles was exposed to heavy machine and small arms fire while guarding his jeep. Refusing to leave his vehicle, he maneuvered it into position so that the returning gunner could bring effective fire on the enemy positions, inflicting numerous casualties on the enemy before withdrawing. Private Shankles' outstanding courage and devotion to duty contributed materially to the safe withdrawal of the remainder of his platoon. Entered military service from Nowata, Oklahoma.

Leo J. Tremblay, 33 434 493, Private, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, at Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an engineer assault boat crew during the crossing of the Main River at Wurzburg, Private Tremblay, in the face of murderous machine gun and flak fire and seeing his comrades killed beside him, continued to man his boat, carrying assault troops to the far shore and bringing back wounded and prisoners. Although it was his first time under fire, he never hesitated to make the crossings without smoke or concealment until the mission was completed and the bridgehead was firmly established. By his untiring effort and fearless devotion to duty, Private Tremblay made an effective contribution to the rapid capitulation of the key city of Wurzburg and enabled the division to continue its relentless pursuit of the enemy. Entered military service from Warren, Pennsylvania.

John Vanicky, 31 380 364, Corporal, Corps of Engineers, Company A, 142d Engineer Combat Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945, near Wurzburg, Germany. As a member of an assault boat crew, Corporal Vanicky participated in four round trip crossings of the Main River under heavy machine gun, sniper, and flak fire. Completely disregarding his personal safety, he volunteered for each succeeding crossing, despite the mounting intensity of the enemy fire, until the mission was accomplished. Corporal Vanicky's courageous and aggressive determination contributed materially to the establishment of the bridgehead and the ultimate capture of the heavily defended city. Entered military service from Torrington, Connecticut.

Henry J. Whitmire, 38 588 925, Corporal, Cavalry, 42d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Stein, Germany. As Whitmire drove his vehicle into Stein, he discovered that the town was

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surrounded by an enemy unit. Dismounting, he engaged the enemy, and in the ensuing action killed four of their number and took two prisoners. He then contacted his platoon by radio and arranged for them to cover his withdrawal from the enemy area. Through his outstanding courage and aggressiveness, Private Whitmire gained invaluable information for the subsequent drive of the Division to the Main River. Entered military service from Stillwell, Oklahoma.

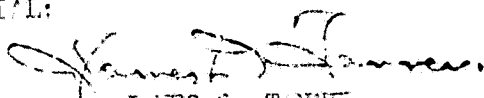
IV. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLASSIC TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:... By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-15, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Classic to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

Allen A. Holroyd, 39 101 407, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class) Infantry, Company L 282d Infantry Regiment for heroic achievement on 7 January 1945, near Cleberg, France. During an attack on enemy positions near Cleberg, France, Private Holroyd, as platoon scout, moved up a hill and opened fire, causing the enemy to withdraw. After securing the hill, the Platoon came under a hail of enemy automatic weapons fire, and Private Holroyd again moved out in the face of the deadly enemy fire. Firing from the assault positions as he advanced, he again forced the Germans to withdraw and succeeded in killing an enemy sniper who had been left behind to cover the withdrawal. Through his outstanding courage and aggressiveness, Private Holroyd enabled his platoon to take their objective with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from San Francisco, California.

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Award of the Silver Star I
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I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

William C. Albert, 35 440 248, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 January 1945 at Litzersheim, France. When an Italian mortar company and armor threatened to cut off the house his platoon was defending, Private Albert volunteered to cover the withdrawal of the platoon. Observed by Germans advancing on his position with four Americans as a screen, he killed seven of the enemy and liberated his comrades. Fired upon by an enemy tank, he returned the fire with his rifle and killed two of the tank crew. When his position became untenable, he fired a final burst from his weapon and withdrew. Private Albert's extraordinary heroism and gallantry enabled his platoon to withdraw without casualty. Entered military service from Irus, West Virginia.

JOHN PRZYSCUCHA, 02 006 227, Second Lieutenant (then Staff Sergeant), Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 in Stettetten, France. While Sergeant Przysucha and several of his men were fighting off an attacking force of enemy soldiers near a house in Stettetten, France, an enemy hand grenade was hurled into the room. With complete disregard for his personal safety, Sergeant Przysucha immediately rushed to the grenade, picked it up, and threw it out the window only an instant before it exploded. Sergeant Przysucha's gallant courage and prompt action in an emergency saved the three men with him from certain death or injury. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

SYLVAN G. ALSPAUGH, 02 313 945, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company F, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Wissembour, France. When a request was made for an officer to lead a platoon in an attack against the enemy main line of resistance, Lieutenant Alspaugh, company executive officer, voluntarily assumed command of the attacking force. He fearlessly led the platoon up a hill through heavy enemy artillery, mortar and small arms fire and successfully secured the objective. Through his aggressive leadership and unflinching devotion to duty, Lieutenant Alspaugh played a major role in the successful assault. Entered military service from Georgetown, Washington.

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Ralph C. Becker, 37 311 311, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company E, 122d Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 3 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. During the bitter house to house fighting for Wurzburg, Germany, Private Becker learned of a seriously wounded infantryman in a house where the front elements were fighting. Despite intense machine gun and rifle fire, he unhesitatingly moved forward to where the wounded man lay, administered first aid, and then later evacuated him. Private Becker's outstanding courage and devotion to his fellow soldiers undoubtedly saved the injured man's life. Entered military service from Onamia, Minnesota.

Frank M. Brooks, 33 794 015, Corporal, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945 near Ludwigsinkel, Germany. When the rifle platoon of which Corporal Brooks was messenger was held up by intense mortar and machine gun fire, the platoon leader attempted to contact the company commander to give him the situation. Finding the radio out of operation, Corporal Brooks volunteered to go and contact the company commander. Exposing himself to the intense enemy fire, he ran across eight hundred yards of open terrain and contacted the company commander. Corporal Brooks' action enabled the company commander to employ his troops in such a manner as to overcome the enemy resistance. Entered military service from Wayne, Pennsylvania.

John D. Carr, 34 788 258, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company E, 122d Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 in Wurzburg, Germany. When two infantrymen were seriously wounded in Wurzburg, Private Carr accompanied his ambulance forward of American tanks fighting in the streets to aid the two men. Without protection of covering fire, he and his driver faced intense machine gun fire to render first aid and then evacuate the men to the aid station. Private Carr's heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his personal safety, enabled the wounded men to receive critical medical attention promptly and undoubtedly saved their lives. Entered military service from Tampa, Florida.

Lloyd A. Childress, 33 934 183, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 18 January 1945 near Sessenheim, France. When the enemy launched a strong attack against his forward observer post during the fighting for Sessenheim, Private Childress took an automatic rifle from a wounded comrade and opened fire upon the advancing enemy. After the enemy had withdrawn because of his accurate fire, he moved forward under a heavy artillery concentration and assisted an aid man in evacuating casualties to the medical aid station. By his courageous actions and aggressive skill, Private Childress was largely responsible for the defeat of a strong enemy thrust into our lines. Entered military service from Harris Town, Pennsylvania.

Quentin L. Cline, 35 871 309, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20 March 1945 near Phillipsbourg, France. During the fighting for Phillipsbourg, France, Corporal Cline drove a truck load of ammunition for the Third Battalion into the town. When his truck was observed by the enemy and subjected to a heavy concentration of artillery and mortar fire, he unhesitatingly ran to his vehicle through a hail of flying fragments and drove the load of high explosives out of enemy range. By his courageous actions, he saved his vehicle and vitally-needed ammunition from certain destruction. Entered military service from Mullins, West Virginia.

Norman K. Cobb, 34 792 116, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company E, 122d Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 near Wurzburg, Germany. When two infantrymen were seriously wounded in Wurzburg, Corporal Cobb drove his ambulance forward of American tanks fighting in the streets to aid the two men. Without protection of covering fire, Corporal Cobb and his assistant driver faced withering machine gun fire to render first aid to the casualties and then evacuate them to the aid station. Corporal Cobb's heroic action, performed with utter disregard for his own safety, enabled the wounded men to receive critical medical attention promptly and undoubtedly saved their lives. Entered military service from Crestview, Florida.

William J. Cunningham, 22 952 922, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company A, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Sassenheim, France. During the withdrawal from Sassenheim, France, Sergeant Cunningham and several men remained behind under heavy enemy fire to aid a wounded soldier. Improvising a litter from a blanket, he aided in carrying the man over three thousand yards of open terrain constantly exposed to intense mortar and artillery fire. By his courage and disregard for personal safety, Sergeant Cunningham materially contributed to saving the injured man's life. Entered military service from Garden, New Jersey.

Albert H. Firestone, 37 743 014, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 at Arnstein, Germany. During the bitter fighting for Arnstein, Germany, Private Firestone's platoon was helplessly pinned down in an open field by intense machine gun and rifle fire. He voluntarily ran across one hundred yards of open terrain under the fire in order to reach his platoon sergeant with a coordinating message from one of the supporting tank destroyers. By his courageous determination, Private Firestone enabled tank destroyer fire to neutralize the enemy positions, permitting his platoon to advance into the town. Entered military service from Lincoln, Nebraska.

Robert T. Fretcher, 35 931 528, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 in Wurzburg, Germany. During the battle for Wurzburg, Germany, Private Fretcher's platoon found itself pinned with superior enemy firepower and unable to hold its positions. He immediately volunteered to go back and bring up the supporting platoon. Licking his way through the debris-filled streets under constant sniper fire, he surprised an enemy machine gun crew behind our positions. Before the enemy could fire, he killed or wounded all of the crew, continuing in contact with the support platoon. Private Fretcher's outstanding courage and unswerving determination played a major role in the successful capture of the town. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

William A. Fulcher, 25 570 922, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 19 March 1945 at Lubitzental, Germany. Private Fulcher, with four other infantrymen, was riding in a tank in the attack through the barbed wire line when they were suddenly met by intense machine gun, rifle, and mortar fire from a pill box to their front. As he jumped from the tank, Private Fulcher noticed that his platoon leader had been wounded severely by shell fragments in the legs and stomach. He crawled and ran through the hostile fire across four hundred yards of open terrain to contact a litter squad and guide them back to the wounded officer. Private Fulcher's steadfast courage under fire was directly responsible for saving his platoon leader's life. Entered military service from Wollinton, Texas.

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Harlo T. Gentle, 36 959 119, Technician Fifth Grade, Cavalry, 42nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, for heroic achievement in action on 5 April 1945 near Mullanach, Germany. When a member of his reconnaissance patrol was wounded, Corporal Gentle volunteered to attempt the rescue of the man from an area covered by withering fire from enemy machine guns. Driving his armored car along 700 yards of exposed road, he effected the rescue of the badly wounded man and returned with him to cover. By disregarding his own safety, Corporal Gentle saved the life of a wounded comrade and set a splendid example for his fellow soldiers to emulate. Entered military service from Bay County, Michigan.

Rudolph W. Hair, 7 031 666, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Sessenheim, France. During the withdrawal from Sessenheim, France, Private Hair and several men remained behind under heavy enemy fire to aid a wounded soldier. Improvising a litter from a blanket, he aided in carrying the man over three thousand yards of open terrain constantly exposed to intense mortar and artillery fire. By his courage and disregard for personal safety, Private Hair materially contributed to saving the injured man's life. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Harvin L. Jones Jr, 34 969 059, Sergeant (then Private), Infantry, Company E, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13-14 January 1945 at Hutten, France. When the tank destroyer guarded by Private Jones and two other men was hit by an enemy shell, killing one crew member and wounding another, the sounds of the remainder of the crew took cover in a shell hole. As the enemy fire increased, the tank destroyer crew withdrew, so the three infantrymen started evacuating the wounded man over 1500 yards of open terrain covered by enemy fire. Despite the intense fire and his own personal danger, Private Jones alternated between carrying the wounded man and providing covering fire. His heroic actions saved the wounded man's life in evacuating him from a dangerous area to needed medical aid. Entered military service from Fayetteville, North Carolina.

James J. Krueger, 36 961 601, Sergeant (then Private), Infantry, Company E, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945 near Keltanhaus, France. When the ammunition supply of the machine gun of which he was assistant runner ran low, Private Krueger, disregarding his own safety, ran across open terrain through concentrations of 88mm, automatic weapons and small arms fire to replenish the supply. On the return trip, loaded with the precious ammunition, he suffered a fall which painfully injured his left foot. Ignoring the injury although the gun was continually shifted to meet enemy pressure, Private Krueger remained at his post and played a vital part in repulsing the assault. Entered military service from Fecedville, Wisconsin.

Fletcher D. Lowe, 34 842 483, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 5 January 1945 at Grambsheim, France. On 5 January 1945 Corporal Lowe was given the mission of evacuating supplies and ammunition from the town of Grambsheim, France, in the face of a determined enemy attack. Disregarding intense enemy artillery, mortar, and direct tank fire, he continued on his mission until all of the vital supplies had been evacuated to the newly established supply base. Through his courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Corporal Lowe saved the needed supplies and ammunition from capture by the enemy. Entered military service from Columbus, South Carolina.

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OTHA K. MALTBIE, O2 006 237, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Cannon Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. As forward observer for Cannon Company, Lieutenant Maltbie advanced with the forward elements of riflemen in the attack on the strong German positions. Reportedly exposing himself to heavy small arms and mortar fire in order to deliver accurate supporting fire, Lieutenant Maltbie called for effective support that inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and broke up the counterattack. By his skillful location of targets and his courage under fire, Lieutenant Maltbie prevented the Germans from regaining their positions and enabled our advance to continue. Entered military service from Turlock, California.

Wesley D. Myers, 37 673 677, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 at Meyersheim, France. During the fierce fighting for Meyersheim, France, Corporal Myers, Second Battalion ammunition truck driver, was ordered to proceed into the town to deliver vitally needed ammunition to the hard-pressed troops. Driving along a heavily-mined road leading into the town, he was subjected to intense and direct enemy artillery and mortar fire. Despite the fact that shells were bursting all around his truck and that a vehicle twenty-five yards in front of him was demolished, he unhesitatingly continued on, unloaded his truck under heavy artillery and mortar fire, and returned over the same route to his company. Through his indomitable courage and devotion to duty, Corporal Myers contributed immeasurably to the successful attack. Entered military service from Potherville, Iowa.

John J. Napolitano, 32 512 106, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 January 1945 at Hatten, France. Under heavy artillery, mortar, and small arms fire, Private Napolitano voluntarily set up and operated his machine gun in an exposed position in order to better cover an infantry attack. When his position was attacked from the flank by an enemy halftrack, he swung his gun around and commenced firing upon the vehicle. Although his fire had little direct effect on the halftrack it did hold it up long enough for a friendly tank destroyer to destroy it. Private Napolitano's heroic action undoubtedly saved the lives of many of the Infantry in preventing an attack on their rear. Entered military service from Middletown, New York.

Harry E. Neville, 32 113 321, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Reipertswiller, France. During the attack on Hill 301 near Reipertswiller, France, word was received at Company B's ammunition point that the company was running low on ammunition. Corporal Neville voluntarily carried ammunition over the mine-infested hill which was under constant enemy mortar and artillery fire. During the trip, two men with him were killed by enemy mines, but he did not falter until the mission was successfully completed. Corporal Neville's courageous action and selfless determination played a major role in the successful attack on Hill 301. Entered military service from Poughkeepsie, New York.

Theodore J. Farlow, 32 429 723, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 13-14 January 1945 at Hatten, France. When the tank destroyer guarded by Private Farlow and two other men was hit by an enemy shell, killing one crew member and wounding another, the guards and the remainder of the crew took cover in a shell hole. As the

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enemy fire increased, the tank destroyer crew withdrew, so the three infantrymen started evacuating the wounded man over 1500 yards of open terrain covered by enemy fire. Despite the intense fire and his own personal danger, Private Pawlow alternated between carrying the wounded man and providing covering fire. His heroic actions saved the wounded man's life in evacuating him from a dangerous area to needed medical aid. Entered military service from Buffalo, New York.

James G. Reines, 35 239 334, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company A, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 17 January 1945 near Saschenheim, France. During the withdrawal from Saschenheim, France, Private Reines and several men remained behind under heavy enemy fire to aid a wounded soldier. Improvising a litter from a blanket, he helped to carry the man over three thousand yards of open terrain constantly exposed to intense mortar and artillery fire. By his courage and disregard for personal safety, Private Reines substantially contributed to saving the injured man's life. Entered military service from Charleston, West Virginia.

Lloyd A. Rivard, 36 979 061, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. When Private Rivard's platoon sergeant was seriously wounded by sniper fire during the bitter street fighting for Wurzburg, the aid men were forced to cross 150 yards of open terrain under intense mortar, machine gun, and rifle fire to reach the wounded man. As the litter bearers started across the open area, Private Rivard ran into an exposed position and deliberately drew the enemy fire on himself, diverting attention from the litter bearers. He remained in this exposed position, firing his rifle, until the wounded man was successfully evacuated. Private Rivard's outstanding courage and first class act undoubtedly saved the wounded man's life. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

John E. Sinclair, 39 598 247, Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company B, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945 near Reipartsweiler, France. An enemy counterattack on Hill 395 near Reipartsweiler, France, forced the rifle company of which Private Sinclair was a member to withdraw to the company defense line. Private Sinclair remained behind under intense enemy machine gun and rifle fire to provide effective and accurate covering fire for the company with his automatic rifle. Only after the troops were in position did he leave his own exposed position and effect a withdrawal. Private Sinclair's extremely courageous action played a major role in the successful withdrawal of his company. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

John F. Starks, 36 506 102, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 20-24 January 1945 in Hemanen Forest, France. Many of the soldiers of a force covering a battalion withdrawal, Sergeant Starks and the others became separated from the main body in the darkness. Finding themselves behind enemy lines at daylight, they were made aware of the possibility of a counterattack and began to work their way back to friendly lines. Though exposed to bitter cold and possible capture enroute, they made notes of enemy strength, equipment and dispositions. After three days and nights, they finally located their company and reported their intelligence to the commander. Sergeant Starks' superior judgment and initiative in obtaining vital information assisted the battalion in preparing its defenses so as to repulse an enemy attack which took place a few days later. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

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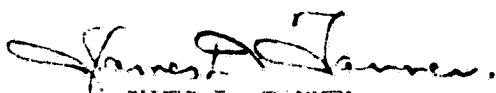
ARTHUR W. VERVAET, OI 326 785, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 6 January 1945 at Gumbshain, France. During the attack on enemy positions near Gumbshain, France, Lieutenant Vervast exposed himself for two hours to intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire, directing his platoon until he was wounded in the leg by shell fragments. Despite his painful wound, he continued to lead his men into the town. Later he was wounded twice more and rendered incapable of further action. Lieutenant Vervast's extreme courage and selfless determination played a major role in the capture of the town. Entered military service from Oakland, New Jersey.

Malvin C. Wille, 36 299 452, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Company B, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945 at Wurzburg, Germany. While voluntarily laying wire between his platoon and an infantry unit, Private Wille was observed and shelled by enemy mortars. Though this fire forced him to work intermittently, he completed his mission and established communications. Later just after a German counterattack was reported, the lines went dead and Private Wille disregarding his own safety, went out to repair them. As he completed this task, he was informed that enemy troops were between him and his platoon. Starting back he was held up by fire from two enemy machine guns until friendly artillery eliminated them and he could reach his unit. Private Wille's heroic actions maintained communications between the infantry and the tank destroyers and enabled them to work together to crush the enemy attack with heavy losses. Entered military service from Juncau, Wisconsin.

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- Award of the Silver Star (Posthumous) I
- Award of the Silver Star II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal III
- Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal IV

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR (Posthumous):-... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded posthumously to:

William R. Campbell, 36 149 962, Private, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 February 1945 and 27 February 1945, near Kankfurt, France. When his combat patrol came under a withering hail of enemy small arms and machine gun fire, Private Campbell and another member of the patrol made a direct assault on the machine gun emplacement, firing as they moved forward. Although his comrade was wounded by the deadly machine gun fire, Private Campbell continued to advance and succeeded in killing or wounding the occupants of the German position before he was hit by a grenade and mortally wounded. Through his gallant action, Private Campbell saved the lives of his comrades who were caught in the enemy ambush. Name and address of nearest relative: Miss Mary Campbell (Sister), Route 3, Gladwin, Michigan. Entered military service from Gladwin, Michigan.

Seymour Silverfarb, 32 433 095, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, at Schweinfurt, Germany. When a man was severely wounded during the attack on Schweinfurt, Private Silverfarb, although warned of the deadly enemy fire concentrated on the area, steadily made his way forward. As he approached the wounded man, Private Silverfarb was hit by enemy sniper fire and was mortally wounded. He died while still attempting to administer aid to the casualty. Private Silverfarb's gallant actions exemplify the highest traditions of the Armed Forces of the United States. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Seymour Silverfarb (Wife), 934 Parretti Street, New York, New York. Entered military service from New York, New York.

II. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR:-... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

LIEUTENANT JACKSON, OI 326 399, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 24 January 1945, near Ohlungen, France. As Lieutenant Jackson led a patrol into a wooded area, the enemy opened up with deadly machine gun fire. Leaving five men to guard the rear of the patrol, Lieutenant Jackson unsafely advanced toward the hostile gun and succeeded in killing the entire crew. He then continued his advance into the woods and came upon a full company of enemy infantrymen. Lieutenant Jackson observed the group until he located the company commander whom he killed with a well-aimed shot, leaving the enemy force in a disorganized state. He then returned to his patrol and contacted elements of an armored division and personally led them in an attack on the enemy company. Through his great daring,

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aggressive skill and initiative, Lieutenant Jackson played a major role in the successful attack which accounted for 160 of the enemy killed or captured. Entered military service from Caras, Washington.

W. ROBERT OSTERMANN, 02 019 772, Second Lieutenant, (then Corporal), Infantry, Company P, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 9 November 1944 in Berg, France. While advancing into the town of Berg, under a heavy mortar and artillery fire with the leading elements of the 1st Infantry Regiment, Ostermann, Corporal Ostermann and another soldier were fired by sudden and intense enemy machine gun fire coming from dug in positions. Ostermann's comrade lay down a base of fire covering him. He fearlessly advanced on the enemy machine gun and killed the machine gun crew with a hand mortar, and a burst from his submachine gun. While entering the first building, Ostermann was fired upon from the heavily armed Germans. He attempted to fire his weapon, but it jammed. After only a moment's hesitation, he stepped boldly forward and manœvered the enemy troops with his useless weapon, ordering them to drop their guns. The German soldiers hesitated slightly and then dropped their arms without firing a shot. Corporal Ostermann's indomitable courage and gallantry in the face of superior odds reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Army. Entered military service from Okanogan, Washington.

Frank A. Coyle, 34 234 74, Sergeant, Infantry Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 March 1945, in the Herdt Mountains, France. After working his way through a heavily mined section of the Hagenau-Witzche road, Sergeant Coyle came under a withering hail of small arms and machine pistol fire as he made his way up a steep slope. With utter disregard for his own safety, Sergeant Coyle exposed himself to the deadly fire to determine the strength and deployment of the enemy forces confronting him. Arming himself with grenades, he neutralized the strongest concentration of enemy fire, and proceeded to move through the hostile positions, collecting seven of the enemy into the hands of a comrade, where upon they surrendered. Sensing a movement to his rear, he turned and opened fire upon four of the enemy in a cleverly concealed bunker, quickly neutralizing this second position. Through his indomitable courage, aggressive action and tactical skill, Sergeant Coyle singlehandedly accounted for the loss of the enemy wounded, nine prisoners taken, and the elimination of two enemy strong points. Entered military service from Jackson, Tennessee.

EDWARD J. KENNEDY, 02 006 910, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 13 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. When his platoon was ordered in the mission of forcing a crossing of the Regnitz River at Furth, Lieutenant Kennedy braved the hail of enemy fire that was concentrated on the area to reconnoiter the routes of approach and plan his attack against the enemy positions on the opposite bank. Returning to his platoon, he led his men over the twisted wreckage of a blown bridge that was under hostile observation and enemy fire. Upon reaching the opposite bank, he fearlessly led an assault against the mortar and machine weapons positions of an overwhelmingly superior force and successfully established a firm bridgehead. Lieutenant Kennedy's increasing courage contributed directly to the capture of Furth and the surrender of 1,400 enemy troops. Entered military service from Englewood, Colorado.

Richard Mabe, 34 431 262, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 17 April 1945, in Furth, Germany. When his company was pinned down by deadly machine gun fire during the house to house fighting in Furth, Private Mabe, regardless of his personal safety, crossed

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the hottest zone of fire in an attempt to locate the German gun. Locating the enemy emplacement, he opened fire with his rocket launcher, and the German soldier concentrated his fire upon Private Nabe's position. Disregarding the hail of fire, he again loaded his rocket launcher and destroyed the hostile gun. On another occasion, he braved direct enemy fire in order to destroy a German Mark IV tank. Through his great daring and aggressive initiative, Private Nabe played a major role in the successful attack. Entered military service from Guilford County, North Carolina.

Chester P. Novak, 37 703 118, Private First Class, Infantry, Company L, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 6 April 1945 at Wuerzburg, Germany. During the battle for Wuerzburg, Private Novak, light machine gunner, was firing his machine gun in support of rifle troops moving forward to envelop and knock out enemy machine gun and anti-aircraft positions which were holding up the progress of his unit. Firing from an exposed position on an embankment Private Novak was hit by an enemy twenty millimeter anti-aircraft artillery shell and was knocked down from the embankment. Although his left arm was completely useless, Private Novak unhesitatingly crawled back up to his embankment and continued to fire his machine gun. His accurate fire silenced a large part of the enemy fire and enabled rifle troops to continue in a further successful advance. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Mike J. Pavlik, 35 605 367, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 15-16 March 1945, near Altkorn, France. When the leading company to which Private Pavlik was attached as aid man was caught in an enemy mine field by heavy enemy fire, numerous casualties occurred. Private Pavlik immediately organized litter squads to evacuate the wounded, and administered first aid. Despite the danger from mines and shells, he remained calm during the evacuation, personally removing six wounded. After a severe enemy counterattack the following day, Private Pavlik conducted the evacuation of five walking wounded and one litter patient through an area known to contain enemy mines to the rear aid station four miles away. His courageous and intelligent actions undoubtedly saved many lives. Entered military service from Youngstown, Ohio.

WALTER A. KING, JR., O 591 013, First Lieutenant (then Second Lieutenant), Infantry Company M, 23d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 14 January 1945, near Metz, France. During the determined German attack against our defensive positions along the Moser River, Lieutenant King, as leader of a heavy machine gun section, ordered his men to hold their positions when the enemy concentrated our main line of resistance with a sizeable force. Throughout the attack, while under deadly enemy artillery and small arms fire, he personally encouraged his men, repaired severed communication lines, and led disarmed riflemen in counterattacks to reestablish our lines. When the enemy troops advanced on one of his machine guns, he braved the enemy onslaught and destroyed the German formation with accurate curtain fire. Upon losing contact with one of his positions, he made his way into territory which had been overrun by the enemy and moved the machine gun to a supplementary position. By his gallant actions in the face of overwhelming odds, Lieutenant King played a major role in the defense of our main line of resistance during the frenzied German attempt to recapture Alsace. Entered military service from College Station, Texas.

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David Ringler, 36 922 020, Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 204d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 12 April 1945, at Furth, Germany. During the hours of heavy fighting in Furth, Sergeant Ringler's squad came under heavy mortar and fire from an enemy position located in a church building. When the danger for his own safety, Sergeant Ringler braved the intense enemy fire and led an attack of five men on the enemy position. In the fire fight that followed, Sergeant Ringler was wounded, but he kept driving forward until the position was captured. In clearing the building of enemy troops, he discovered that the church housed an enemy communication center which controlled the enemy forces defending the area. Through his indomitable courage and tenacious aggressiveness, Sergeant Ringler contributed directly to the recapture of the city of Furth and the capture of 3,000 enemy soldiers. Entered military service from Flint, Michigan.

Francis H. Steiner, 6 274 251, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 212d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, at Furburg, Germany. When the enemy launched a fanatical counter-attack during the fighting for Wurzburg, Sergeant Steiner, upon learning that enemy forces had occupied a building directly across the street from his mortar position, unhesitatingly led his men to the enemy strong point. Fighting from room to room, he killed three and wounded several more of the enemy. After clearing the building, Sergeant Steiner observed a German patrol withdrawing his position from the rear in sound formation and promptly directed telling rifle fire on the enemy group, thus disorganizing and halting the enemy counter-attack. As a result of Sergeant Steiner's outstanding courage and aggressive leadership, four enemy were killed, seven wounded and eleven prisoners taken. Entered military service from Ft. Albany, Long Island, New York.

Donald F. Sullivan, 33 591 203, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 April 1945, at Furburg, Germany. As Sergeant Sullivan and an assistant moved forward toward their observation post, they were ordered to halt by a German soldier concealed behind some shrubbery in a park. Before they could take cover, the enemy soldier opened fire, and at the same time they were caught in cross-fire from nearby enemy positions. Sergeant Sullivan was severely wounded by the withering enemy fire, but he held his position and ordered his companion to return for help. He continued to return the enemy fire until reinforcements arrived, then collapsed. By his indomitable courage and tenacious aggressiveness, Sergeant Sullivan, singlehanded, held off an enemy counter-attack, estimated at 200 strong, until our forces could form to repulse the determined attack. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Walter P. Wood, 02 216 903, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 212d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action, on 25 February 1945, near Fohlhutte, France. Lieutenant Wood was leading a combat patrol when one of his men had his foot blown off by an enemy mine. Although severely stunned by the concussion Lieutenant Wood killed three Germans with grenades and went to the aid of the wounded man. While carrying this man to safety, he shot and killed a German soldier and two enlisted men. When intensified enemy fire made further advance impossible, Lieutenant Wood withdrew his patrol, carrying the wounded man and skillfully guiding his men to our lines, where he collapsed from exhaustion. His courageous leadership and devotion to his men reflect the highest credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

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III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:---By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 28 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

LUTHER B. BARBOCK, OIA #27, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry, Headquarters, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 29 April 1945, at Fullhausen, Germany. During the advance on Dachs, Colonel Barbock led a company into Fullhausen to establish a temporary command post. As the party entered the village, Colonel Barbock observed an enemy soldier sitting up and aiming a gun, and unhesitatingly opened fire, neutralizing the hostile gun. A German officer approached and attempted to draw his pistol, but he was quickly overpowered and disarmed. Another enemy officer was captured, and Colonel Barbock forced this officer to march ahead of him and tell his men if any more shots were fired the German officer would die. Through his great daring and aggressive leadership, Colonel Barbock was largely responsible for the capture of 37 German soldiers who were attempting to escape from the vicinity of the concentration camp at Dachs where they had acted as guards. Entered military service from Milford, Connecticut.

JOHN C. BELCHER, OI 321 141, Captain (then First Lieutenant), Infantry, Company D, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 4 April 1945, at Murburg, Germany. During the fierce fighting in Murburg, Lieutenant Belcher, Heavy Weapons Company Commander, made his way forward to reconnoiter for a position from which he could obtain observation of enemy installations and traps. Locating a suitable building, he found that it had not yet been cleared of enemy traps. Realizing the necessity for accurate mortar fire, he unhesitatingly entered the building and proceeded to clear it. In the fire fight that followed, he accounted for two enemy killed and six captured. He then adjusted accurate mortar fire, traversing along railroad tracks where a determined enemy had dug in and was holding up our advance. Through his professional skill, aggressiveness, and a fearless determination, Lieutenant Belcher was responsible for over 20 enemy casualties and enabled our attacking elements to continue their advance. Entered military service from Springfield, Illinois.

WALTER J. BLOOM, OIA #45, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, near Nohain, France. When litter bearers were unable to reach the wounded lying in an area covered by enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private Bloom volunteered for the task of evacuating the casualties. Crawling and creeping through several hundred yards of soft snow, he reached the wounded and returned them to the safety of his company lines. Through his outstanding courage and devotion to duty, Private Bloom saved the lives of two of his comrades. Entered military service from Crowley, Louisiana.

DENNIS J. McLAUGHLIN, OIA #33, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, near Nohain, France. When litter bearers were unable to reach the wounded lying in an area covered by enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private McLaughlin volunteered for the task of evacuating the casualties. Crawling and creeping through several hundred yards of soft snow, he reached the wounded and returned them to the safety of his company lines. Through his outstanding courage and devotion to duty, Private McLaughlin saved the lives of two of his comrades. Entered military service from New York City, New York.

MIKE M. MORAN, OIA #13, Technician Fourth Grade (then Private), Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 21 February 1945, near Althorn, France. As a five-man patrol from

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Germany L neared the enemy lines, the patrol leader stepped on a mine and the patrol drew intense enemy automatic weapons fire. The patrol leader, seriously wounded, tried to make his way back to our lines, but experienced great difficulty. Private Morales, company aid man, observing the action from our main line of resistance, unhesitatingly made his way through the intense enemy fire to the side of the wounded man. He then administered first aid and carried the wounded man to a position of safety and medical aid. Through his outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Private Morales saved a wounded comrade from possible death. Entered military service from Covina, California.

John E. Petro, 39 542 212, Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 near Münsteln, Germany. While Sergeant Petro's patrol was crossing an open field, the scout advanced alone to demand the surrender of an enemy soldier. In response the patrol was suddenly rained down by a hail of machine gun fire from all directions which seriously wounded the scout. Sergeant Petro then left his position of cover and crawled forward to give the man medical aid. While still under heavy fire, he crawled back and directed covering fire of his patrol until friendly tank destroyers were able to rescue the wounded man. Sergeant Petro's courageous action was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

William P. Vance, 33 091 211, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 25 January 1945, near Neuburg, France. When litter bearers were unable to reach the wounded man in an area covered by enemy artillery and mortar fire, Private Vance volunteered for the task of evacuating the casualties. Crawling and creeping through several hundred yards of soft snow, he reached the wounded and returned them to the safety of his company lines. Through his outstanding courage and devotion to duty, Private Vance saved the lives of two of his comrades. Entered military service from McDowell, Virginia.

IV. WARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations, 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

William J. McGrath, 37 341 235, Private, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 12 March 1945, at Schenau, Germany. When an enemy shell made a direct hit on a Ranger Platoon command post, wounding five men, Private McGrath, disregarding the continuous hostile shelling, made his way into the wreckage to aid the wounded men. With the help of two comrades, he brought out the casualties and evacuated them to the battalion aid station while continually under heavy artillery fire. Through his outstanding courage and unswerving devotion to duty, Private McGrath saved the lives of five wounded comrades. Entered military service from Columbia, Missouri.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:— (—) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations (AR) 45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

John M. Alvarez, 19 109 250, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 19 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Tucson, Arizona.

Chester A. Anderson, 31 464 295, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 17 March 1945 to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Millboro Falls, Massachusetts.

Gamillo J. Bernardini, 37 331 732, Sergeant, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 15 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Denver, Colorado.

Charles H. Bistrick, 33 732 560, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 17 March 1945 to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Baltimore, Maryland.

Lewis T. Coy, 37 602 287, Private First Class, Infantry, Company M, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 6 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

William F. Pagan, 31 422 549, Private First Class, Corps of Military Police 42d Division MP Platoon, on 26-27 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Boston, Massachusetts.

HOWARD E. POWERS, O 337 097, Lieutenant Colonel, (then Major), Infantry, Headquarters 2d Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 24-25 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Olympia, Washington.

Robert W. Evans, 37 226 408, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 21 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Madison, Wisconsin.

Joseph F. Genna, 36 261 463, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, 15 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Jackson, Michigan.

Raymond G. Head, 38 665 203, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 19 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Mount Ida, Arkansas.

William J. Huran, 34 827 541, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 17 March 1945 to 20 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from Fowman, Georgia.

Earl P. Johnson, 37 594 267, Private First Class, Infantry, Company H, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 15 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Hulu S. Key, 37 975 036, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 15 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Cantersville, Alabama.

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Joseph P. Kunnert, 36 966 492, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 15 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Anne A. Lausi, 32 264 103, Private First Class (then Private), Medical Department, Company C, 122d Medical Battalion, 12 March 1945, in France. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Tom W. Marnam, 35 315 730, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 3 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Hills, Ohio.

Edward S. Mendenia, 39 404 346, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters and First Battalion, 432d Infantry Regiment, on 23 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Sacramento, California.

Richard E. Siddell, 12 145 403, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 15 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Benton B. Union Sr., 34 947 582, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Macon, Georgia.

Clinton A. Tarsac, 34 264 171, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Second Battalion, 232d Infantry Regiment, on 18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Gastonia, North Carolina.

Berthelomew P. Tirro, 42 112 952, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 15-18 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Garden, New Jersey.

Joseph J. Van Delt, 42 112 682, Private First Class, Infantry, Anti-Tank Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 15 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Elizabeth, New Jersey.

(3) By direction of the President under the provisions of Army Regulations 60-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against Germany of the United States:

Robert E. Barnwell, 34 472 439, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery C, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945, to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from New Bern, North Carolina.

John P. Bender, 36 114 249, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 13 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Arthur Black, 35 170 406, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 25 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Indio, California.

Robert E. Bowen, 14 054 249, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery C, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945, to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

Joseph C. Brooks, 31 241 208, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Headquarters Company, 402d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 24 October 1944 to 1 May 1945, inclusive, in Holland, Belgium and Germany. Entered military service from Walpole, Massachusetts.

John P. Hall, 14 173 940, Corporal, Field Artillery, Battery C, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Raleigh, North Carolina.

William J. Connell, Jr., 42 023 238, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Rochester, New York.

Frank L. Fern, 33 071 060, First Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery A, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 1 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

John R. Frink, 35 035 621, Staff Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Springfield, Ohio.

Curtis W. Fritz, 16 171 425, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 22d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Fredrick W. Conclin, 15 103 545, Technician Fifth Grade, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 25 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Cleveland, Ohio.

THE F. CAMPBELL, 31 223 421, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Company L, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Des Moines, Iowa.

WALTER E. HANCOCK JR., O 336 943, Captain, Medical Corps, Medical Detachment, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 29 October 1944 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. Entered military service from Pollocksville, North Carolina.

Joseph P. Hostutler, 35 087 096, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 15 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fairmont, West Virginia.

John Jozinski, 36 081 021, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 13 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

WYNDEN T. FORDY, O 352 248, Captain, Cavalry, Headquarters, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 29 October 1944 to 7 April 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Carlisle, Massachusetts.

Gerald L. ... 404, Sergeant, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 25 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Edis C. Lang, 33 090 237, Technician Fifth Grade, Field Artillery, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 23 October 1944 to 30 April 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France and Germany. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

FRANK E. ... 32, Captain, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters, Third Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, inclusive in France and Germany. Entered military service from Salt Lake City, Utah.

Norman Musil, 16 171 457, Private, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 25 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Herold ... Barrin, 35 245 130, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 13 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Toledo, Ohio.

Thomas C. Pleasant, 37 537 271, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 25 March 1945 to 3 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Reno, Kansas.

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Pietro E. Simone, 19 100 199, Staff Sergeant, Field Artillery, Battery B, 1st Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 1 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Los Angeles, California.

Francis H. Stever, 31 283 166, Private, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company from 25 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Bangor, Maine.

Warren A. Thack, 42 302 450, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 25 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Irvington, New Jersey.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:---. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 28 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

ROBERT E. EDWARDS, O1 322 108, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 282d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Burlingame, California.

JOSEPH R. DELMONT, O 406 455, Captain, Chaplain Corps, Headquarters, Second Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive in France and Germany. Entered military service from Syracuse, New York.

III. REVOCATIONS:---. So much of Paragraph 2, General Orders 253, dated 15 November 1945, this headquarters, as pertains to Irene A. Laisi, 32 864 103, Private First Class is revoked.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

ERWIN BUSTBERG,
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Award of the Bronze Star Medal I
Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal..... II

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:... a. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals who were in action:

James C. Loulaye, 16 452 630, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters, Company, Third Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Taylorville, Illinois.

Marionick Adams, Jr., 38 036 551, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 22 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

W. Ivin E. Morrison, 30 909 642, Private First Class, Infantry, Company A, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 14 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from Kentucky, Louisville.

Marshall Hunt, 38 869 260, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Virginia, Virginia.

Warren S. Papp, 41 285 215, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 19 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Waltham, Massachusetts.

Clifton R. Frink, 38 044 246, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

DAVID H. HESSE, 41 315 484, First Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 19 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from Columbus, Ohio.

Joseph M. Lybata, 38 881 293, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Downey, California.

Edwin Smith, 19 381 271, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Seattle, Washington.

Frank L. Stueck, 37 748 036, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 18 April 1945 in Germany. Entered military service from Red Cloud, Nebraska.

ROBERT J. WALL, 01 287 973, Captain, Infantry, Company L, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 15-24 March 1945 in France. Entered military service from Madison, Michigan.

b. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following individuals who were in action with military

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Carl F. Lankovich, 35 232 599, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Hartsville, Ga.

John J. Linton, 1 103 438, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Seattle, Wash.

Peter F. Grogan, 36 472 470, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

William H. Petricola, 3 313 294, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Buffalo, Alaska.

WALTER WALKER, 21 942 674, First Lieutenant, Transportation Corps, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from 1 January 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

John H. Welch, 20 218 077, First Sergeant, Infantry, Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Burlington, Iowa.

Dr. J. J. Yarty, 13 015 427, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Service Company, 22nd Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Reading, Pennsylvania.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:... by direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 17 September 1942, extended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Ray A. Friend, 16 177 002, Private First Class, Infantry, Company C, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 24-25 January 1945 in France. Entered military service from Norfolk, Michigan.

BY ORDER OF BRIG. GEN. L. COLLIER:

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Award of the Bronze Star Medal I.
Award of the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal II

I. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:-... (a) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Sherwood W. McIntire, 38 342 737, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 19 March 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Claude, Texas.

Bernard Muesenfechter, 37 644 515, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from St. Louis, Missouri.

Edward A. Orr, 38 450 002, Private First Class, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, on 23 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Little Rock, Arkansas.

George H. Perry, 37 771 536, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Waterville, Minnesota.

Eugené H. Petajohn, 39 599 151, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Hollywood, California.

Cordell Phillips, 35 525 975, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Waterville, Minnesota.

Seymour Fosner, 32 616 939, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 20 and 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

Donald E. Rojewski, 37 479 443, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from St. Paul, Nebraska.

Ernest E. Simmons, 36 257 733, Corporal, Field Artillery, Company A, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, on 4 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Harold F. Steenburg, 6 903 601, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Gloversville, New York.

Euclid C. St. Peter, 31 220 049, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, on 7-8 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Houlton, Maine.

Adrian A. Stroud, 35 892 196, Private First Class, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, on 7-8 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Eckerty, Indiana.

George N. Volkay, 33 425 432, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 18 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

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Harmon Watts, 38 541 702, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 20 and 21 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Houston, Texas.

Artise W. Westbury, 7 030 244, Private First Class, Infantry, Company K, 222d Infantry Regiment, on 13 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Gloversville, New York.

(b) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

James C. Huggins, 34 392 681, Private, Field Artillery, Company C, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, from 28 October 1944 to 30 April 1945, inclusive, in Holland, France, and Germany. Entered military service from Linden, Alabama.

Edward W. Kush, 35 524 996, Technician Fifth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Warren, Ohio.

Bruno F. Matas, 31 369 831, Technician Fourth Grade, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 222d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 24 April 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Leo J. Schaeffer, 37 306 381, Technician Fourth Grade, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Nicollet, Minnesota.

RUSSELL L. STEPHENS, 01 641 829, 1st Lieutenant, Signal Corps, 132d Signal Company, from 15 March 1945 to 6 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Clinton, Missouri.

JOHN C. STEVENSON, 0 464 373, Captain, Field Artillery, Service Battery, 402d Field Artillery Battalion, from 15 March 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Phoenix, Arizona.

Louis T. Stone, 31 109 458, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 9 January 1945 to 15 March 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Keene, New Hampshire.

Cleon A. Webb, 35 109 043, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 232d Infantry Regiment, from 6 January 1945 to 8 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Owensboro, Kentucky.

OSCAR A. WEIDAUER, 01 313 832, 1st Lieutenant, Infantry, Service Company, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 5 January 1945 to 7 May 1945, inclusive, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Fonda, Iowa.

II. AWARD OF THE FIRST OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following:

JOHN GARDNER, 01 822 790, First Lieutenant, Field Artillery, Reconnaissance Company, 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945 near Herlheim, Germany. While on a forward reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Gardner rode on top of the lead tank going into action as part of Combat Command "A", 12th Armored Division. He remained in this precarious position for three hours under enemy artillery, mortar, machine gun and small arms fire. Several times he was forced to dive into a ditch for cover, or to throw grenades at enemy riflemen, but always regained his position on the vehicle. Lieutenant Gardner's voluntary heroic action enabled him to return with

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accurate and vital information to his commander, resulting in the destruction of one enemy tank, several strong points and numerous enemy troops. Entered military service from Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania.

(b) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious achievement in action:

Harry R. Eichkoff, 36 274 251, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, 26 April 1945, in Germany. Entered military service from Detroit, Michigan.

Lein G. Schneider, 12 111 146, Private First Class, Infantry, Company B, 242d Infantry Regiment, on 22 January 1945, in France. Entered military service from Brooklyn, New York.

(c) By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States:

EDWARD L. KRISER, 02 006 925, Second Lieutenant, (then Staff Sergeant) Infantry, Headquarters, 242d Infantry Regiment, from 25 December 1944 to 3 May 1945, in France and Germany. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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NUMBER 1) OO 222, 1945, was the last of the 1945 series. This is the first of the 1946 series. 3 January 1946.

- Award of the Silver Star I
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal (Posthumous) II
- Award of the Bronze Star Medal III
- Award of the Soldier's Medal IV

I. AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR: By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Silver Star is awarded to:

Everett H. Buckley, 6 572 930, Technical Sergeant, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 5 January 1945 at Gambenheim, France. When his battalion was forced to withdraw to new defensive positions, Sergeant Buckley voluntarily organized a delaying force of seven men. Disregarding his personal safety, he moved into an exposed position in the face of intense machine gun, mortar, and artillery fire and fired rifle grenades directly into the advancing enemy. When the last elements of the battalion had safely withdrawn, Sergeant Buckley left his position, and then further risked his life to bring a wounded comrade to safety across the same dangerous terrain under withering fire. Sergeant Buckley's extreme courage and devotion to duty were important factors in the efficient withdrawal of his battalion with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from Orland, California.

Morris Eisenstein, 36 709 953, Corporal, Infantry, Company H, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 29 April 1945, near Dachau, Germany. When his Battalion's attacking column was pinned down during the drive against Dachau, Corporal Eisenstein, with utter disregard for the hail of enemy machine gun fire falling around him, mounted a jeep and attempted to put the vehicle's machine gun into action. After numerous attempts to fire the faulty weapon had failed, he made his way through the deadly enemy fire to the cab of an abandoned truck and opened fire on the enemy positions with the truck's anti-aircraft machine gun. When the supply of ammunition at the gun was exhausted, he exposed himself to the direct fire and climbed over the cab to the rear of the truck for a re-supply of ammunition. He then reloaded the machine gun and continued to lay down effective fire on the enemy emplacements. By his outstanding courage and aggressive actions, Corporal Eisenstein provided covering fire which enabled our troops to successfully flank the hostile positions, and capture 150 of the enemy, eliminating a strong obstacle from the Division's route of advance. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

John C. Hitchcock, 11 108 245, Private, Infantry, Company C, 232d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 23 April 1945 near Döckingen, Germany. When his platoon was surprised by enemy machine gun and small arms fire, Private Hitchcock was wounded while acting as a lead scout. Despite his wound, he advanced on one machine gun position and destroyed it with grenades. Before seeking medical aid, he continued to attack until his company had secured their positions. Private Hitchcock's extreme courage under fire was instrumental in ensuring the rapid advance of his company. Entered military service from Springfield, Massachusetts.

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Charles F. Lang, 31 449 060, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, First Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 11 April 1945, near Schweinfurt, Germany. During the attack on Schweinfurt, Private Lang volunteered to serve as a guard for prisoners taken from the embattled city. Pinned down by artillery and small arms fire numerous times, he followed the leading companies in the attack. While searching one of the prisoners, the enemy soldier attempted to throw a concealed hand grenade into a group of our men who were inspecting captured equipment nearby. Private Lang quickly seized the grenade from the prisoner's hand and hurled it in another direction where it exploded harmlessly. His promptness, initiative and gallantry in this emergency thereby saved several of his comrades from certain injury or death. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

VORDA B. MOORE, 02 006 320, Second Lieutenant, Infantry, Company G, 222d Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 27 February 1945, near Kuhlulle France. When it had been determined that the enemy was making a withdrawal, Lieutenant Moore voluntarily led a combat patrol into enemy territory with the mission of gaining and maintaining contact with the enemy until ordered to withdraw. As the patrol approached the German main line of resistance, they became engaged in a deadly fire fight, and Lieutenant Moore, with utter disregard for the intense machine gun fire, moved from man to man to check their deployment and issue his orders. Going to the aid of two members of the patrol who were wounded, he stepped on a Shu mine and was himself seriously wounded. Despite the severity of his injury he remained with the patrol, and only after five of his eight men had become casualties did he direct a withdrawal to our lines. Through his gallant actions, Lieutenant Moore played a major role in the elimination of an entire platoon of the enemy. Entered military service from Nixon, Texas.

II. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS)---... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star Medal is awarded posthumously to the following:

John W. Gault Jr., 11 120 261, Sergeant, Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 March 1945, near Althorn France. When the enemy counter-attacked with mortars and small arms fire near Althorn, causing Sergeant Gault's mortar squad to lose contact with the forward observer, Sergeant Gault left his position to investigate the situation and to reestablish communications. After moving to the front lines through heavy enemy fire, he secured information concerning the counter-attack, reestablished contact with his observer and returned to his squad. While giving the information to his gunners a shell exploded nearby mortally wounding him. His courage, initiative and self-sacrifice were in the best traditions of the Armed Forces. Nearest relative: Gertrude Gault (Mother), 105 West Street, Portland, Maine. Entered military service from Portland, Maine.

Norman E. Lipschultz, 36 674 531, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 April 1945, in Wurzburg, Germany. During the battle for Wurzburg, a pocket of enemy resistance halted the advance of the Second and Third Battalions. Private Lipschultz's Ranger squad advanced to overcome the resistance. When the Rangers opened fire, the enemy began a withdrawal which Private Lipschultz attempted to block although in doing so he was forced to expose himself to the enemy fire. He killed five of the retreating enemy with his rifle before receiving a fatal wound. As a result of Private Lipschultz's heroic sacrifice two battalions

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were enabled to continue their advance into the city. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs Ruth Kracno (mother), 1646 South Roman Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

Fred W. Trankle, 39 1/2 743, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 2 March 1945 near Soux-la-willer, France. During a combat patrol into enemy territory to capture prisoners a mine field held up the group. When three Germans came into view, Private Trankle volunteered to move forward and attempt to induce their surrender. Taking up a forward, exposed position, he attracted their attention and in German encouraged them to surrender. Just as he had apparently succeeded an enemy mortar shell drove him off with rifle fire. Moments later, Private Trankle was mortally wounded while attempting to regain his patrol. His courage, initiative and selfless sacrifice were in the best traditions of the Armed Forces. Name and address of nearest relative: Mrs. Martha Trankle, (Mother), 304 South 31st Street, Billings, Montana. Entered military service from Billings, Minnesota.

III. AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL:--- By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Bronze Star is awarded to the following:

Richard A. Kirk, 16 1/2 565, Staff Sergeant (then Private First Class), Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 15 January 1945 near Drusenheim, France. During the enemy attack on Drusenheim one of our machine guns was silenced when the gunner was wounded by enemy fire. Private Kirk advanced across forty yards of open terrain in the face of intense enemy fire to man the gun. Immediately putting it into action, he laid down such accurate fire that the enemy attack was repulsed. Private Kirk's prompt and courageous action enabled his platoon to withdraw to better defensive positions from which they were able to hold off the enemy. Entered military service from Chicago, Illinois.

James L. Lett, 31 563 276, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action, near Reinsweiler, France. Having been informed of two severely wounded men lying in an unexplored mined area, Corporal Lett made his way safely through the mines to the men and administered first aid. He then reconnoitered a safe return route and led his litter squad forward to evacuate the wounded men. Corporal Lett's prompt and heroic actions undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men, and his bravery and initiative prevented casualties among his own squad. Entered military service from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

John J. McNamee, 31 102 447, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 2nd Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 14 April 1945, near Buchdorf, Germany. While landing his troops in the attack on Buchdorf, the commander of Company E was killed by sniper fire. Private McNamee, thinking his company commander to be wounded, advanced through intense enemy fire to render first aid. Finding him dead, Private McNamee and another soldier carried the body approximately fifty yards to a nearby house, only then discovering that the mines and overlays of the attack were still in the open. He then unhesitatingly went back under continued enemy fire to secure the vital documents. Private McNamee's fearless and courageous action enabled the new company commander to lead his men in a successful accomplishment of their mission. Entered military service from Providence, Rhode Island.

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Private T. Searcy, 37 228 311, Private First Class, Infantry, Company I, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 23 April 1945, at Spaltz, Germany. During the attack on the village of Spaltz, the advance of the first platoon was held up by intense enemy machine gun fire from a well dug-in position. Without regard for his own safety Private Searcy moved forward with the mortar of his bazooka team, completely exposing himself to direct fire in order to maneuver into position. Remaining in this exposed position, he fired his bazooka into the machine gun nest, completely destroying it. As a direct result of Private Searcy's courageous action, his platoon was able to advance into the town without further casualties. Entered military service from Coffeyville, Kansas.

Warren J. Sullivan, 36 136 740, Private First Class, Medical Department, Medical Detachment, 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 23 April 1945 in Würzburg, Germany. During the attack on Würzburg, the rifle company to which Private Sullivan was attached was receiving heavy machine gun and small arms fire from enemy concealed behind grave markers in a cemetery. When two infantrymen were seriously wounded by panzerfaust fire, he crawled over seventy-five yards under withering enemy fire to reach them. After treating one man who had lost his right arm, he moved to the second and after giving him first aid, remained at his side until the rifle troops had succeeded in routing the enemy. His courageous and selfless act saved the injured men from possible death. Entered military service from Byron Center, Michigan.

Footnote 29 George E. Sutherland, 35 425 417, Sergeant, Field Artillery, Company C, 42d Tank Destroyer Battalion for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945 near Sinsdorf, Germany. When two infantrymen advancing with his platoon were seriously wounded in a mine field, Sergeant Sutherland dismounted from his tank destroyer and went unhesitatingly to their assistance. Although the field was covered by machine gun and small arms fire and strewn with anti-personnel mines, he removed the men from danger and administered first aid. Sergeant Sutherland's extreme courage and devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of the two injured men. Entered military service from Williamson, West Virginia.

Charles O. Theisen, 12 227 325, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E, 2d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action, on 5 January 1945, near Gernsheim, France. When his Battalion's position at Gernsheim became untenable and it was decided to withdraw to new defensive positions, Private Theisen voluntarily remained at the edge of town to cover the withdrawal. Exposed to intense machine gun and rifle fire, he continued to lay down a steady base of fire with his mortar until all elements of the Battalion had withdrawn out of range. Private Theisen's outstanding courage played a major role in the successful withdrawal of his Battalion with a minimum of casualties. Entered military service from New York, New York.

Ray R. Vaughn, 34 082 302, Technician Fifth Grade, Medical Department, Company B, 122d Medical Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 17 March 1945, near Lichtenberg, France. While Corporal Vaughn and his litter squad were following attacking elements in the Harde Mountains, he noticed a seriously wounded man lying in the center of a mine field directly ahead. He led his litter squad through the heavily mined area to the casualty, who had fallen upon a second mine. Removing the man from the unexploded mine, he treated his wounds, and directed the evacuation to the aid station, leading his squad through the mine field once again. Corporal Vaughn's outstanding courage and leadership saved the injured infantryman from possible death or further injury. Entered military service from Manfreesboro, Tennessee.

Wittrow G. Wessel, 39 834 546, Private First Class, Infantry, Company E 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 8 April 1945 at Arnstein, Germany. While advancing across an open field into Arnstein, Private Wessel was hit in the hip by enemy machine gun fire. When litter bearers came to his aid he refused them, directing them to several of his comrades nearby who were also seriously wounded. Despite the continued machine gun fire, he crawled back to obtain medical aid by himself, at the same time directing litter bearers to the other wounded men. Private Wessel's extreme courage and disregard for his own comfort played a major role in the evacuation of seven of his severely wounded comrades. Entered military service from Glen Beulay, Wisconsin.

James L. Wylie, 33 115 492, Corporal, Infantry, Headquarters First Battalion 232d Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action on 10 April 1945 at Euerbach, Germany. During an intense concentration of artillery fire on Euerbach, Corporal Wylie ran from his sheltered position through the heavy fire to a loaded ammunition truck which was parked nearby. Although the truck was near a burning building and was being perforated by shrapnel, he unhesitatingly drove it to a position far from his company's locality. Corporal Wylie's prompt and courageous action eliminated a dangerous hazard to the lives of his comrades. Entered military service from Houston, Pennsylvania.


Daniel M. Young, 34 163 963, Private First Class, Field Artillery, Company C, 602d Tank Destroyer Battalion, for heroic achievement in action on 27 February 1945, near Sindorf, Germany. When two infantrymen advancing with his platoon were seriously wounded in a mine field, Private Young, a medical aid man, dismounted from his tank destroyer and went immediately to their assistance. Although the field was covered by machine gun fire and small arms fire and strewn with anti-personnel mines, he removed the men from danger and administered first aid. Private Young's extreme courage and unselfish devotion to duty undoubtedly saved the lives of the two men. Entered military service from McKenzie Alabama.

IV. AWARD OF THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL :-... By direction of the President, under the provisions of Army Regulations 600-45, 22 September 1943, as amended, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to:

Michael L. Nutile, 31 312 870, Private First Class, Infantry, Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 242d Infantry Regiment, for heroism not involving actual conflict with the enemy on 5 September 1945 at Krimml, Austria. When a kitchen stove exploded showering one man with burning gasoline Private Nutile immediately knocked the man to the ground and covered him with a mattress to extinguish the flames. Then disregarding his own safety Private Nutile extinguished the burning stove. By his courage and determination Private Nutile saved a man's life and prevented the destruction of valuable government equipment. Entered military service from West Haven, Connecticut.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL COLLINS:

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